THIS IS A STORY THAT WAS TOLD TO ME,
LONG AGO.

ONCE, THERE WAS A HUMAN, AND A POKEMON.

THE HUMAN WAS CRUEL AND THOUGHTLESS, AND TREATED THE POKEMON WITH DISDAIN.

BUT THE POKEMON REMAINED BY ITS PARTNER,
FOR THE POKEMON HAD A FAITHFUL
AND LOVING HEART.

THEN, ONE DAY, SOMETHING HAPPENED...

SOMETHING TERRIBLE.

ON THAT DAY, THE SACRED TRUST BETWEEN HUMANS AND POKEMON WAS BROKEN.

AND AS A RESULT, THE WORLD WAS PUT OUT OF BALANCE.

NOW, THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT THE
HUMAN MANAGED TO EARN REDEMPTION,
AND RESTORE BALANCE TO THE WORLD.

ME...

I DON'T BELIEVE IN HAPPY ENDINGS...

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K-KLINK

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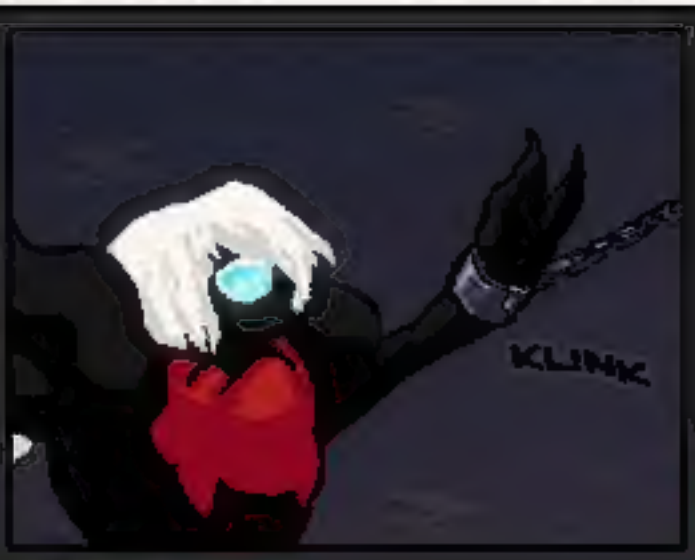
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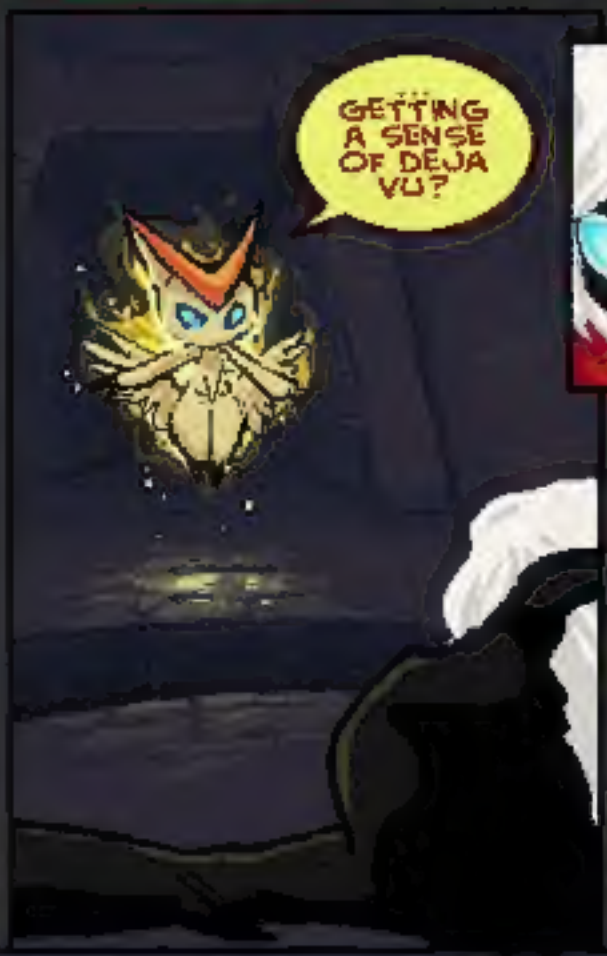
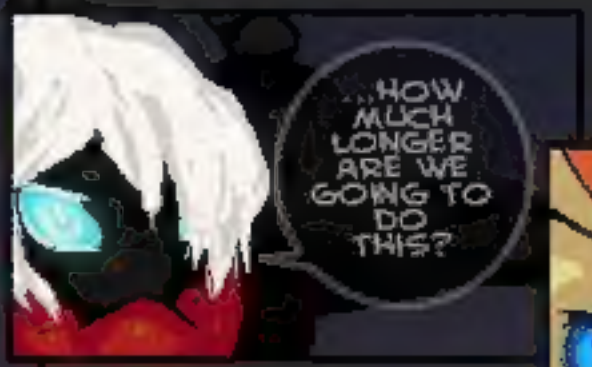

GETTING A SENSE OF DEJA VU?


...HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?

GO AHEAD.
RUN AGAIN

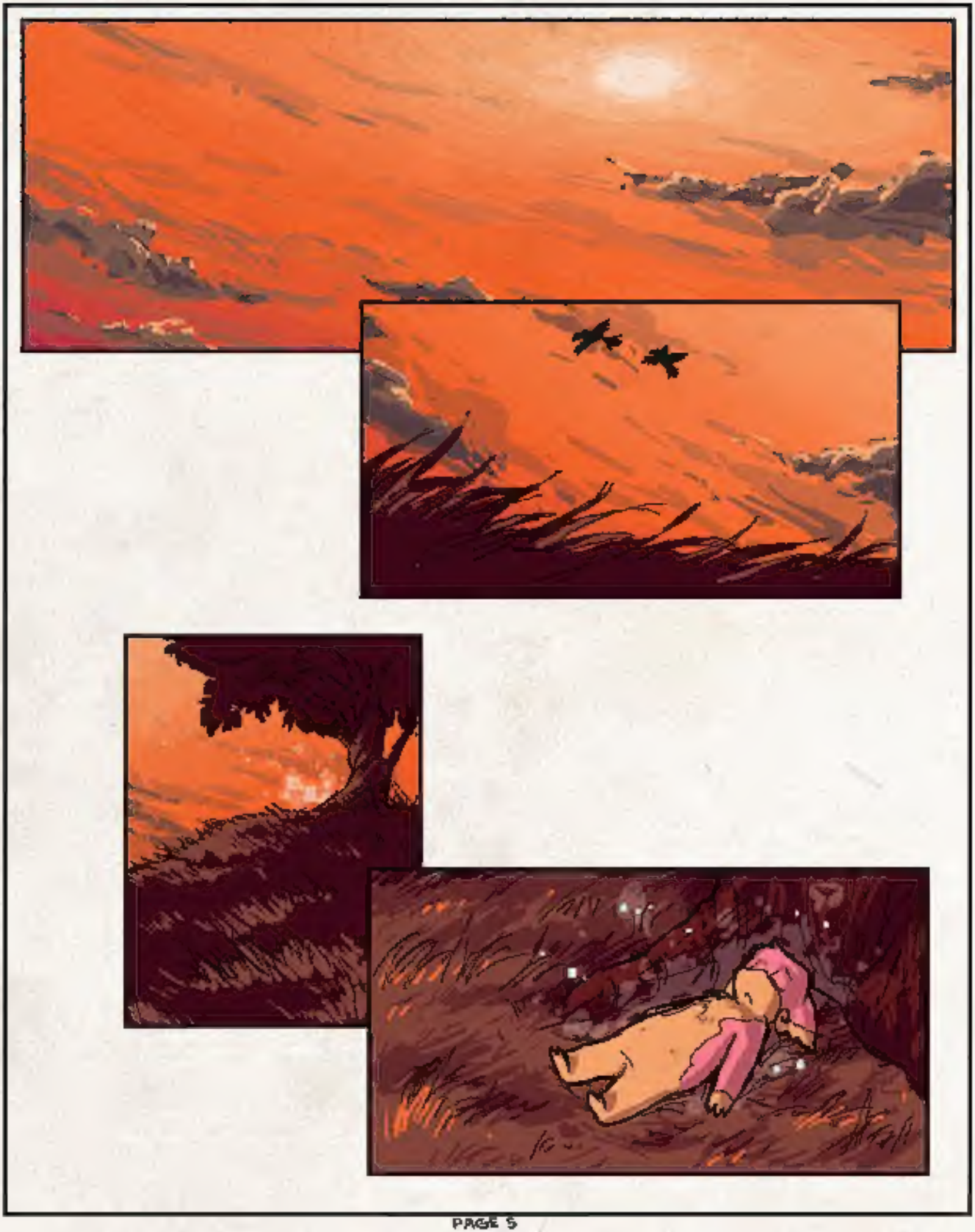
ANY-WAY, I'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS. I'VE FOUND WHAT I NEEDED.
SO I WON'T BE NEEDING YOU MUCH LONGER.
JUST PLAY THE PART FOR A LITTLE WHILE, AND YOU'RE FREE.
DEAL?

WHAT YOU HAVE PROPOSED IS EVIL, AND I WANT NO PART OF IT.

OH CRY ME A RIVER!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. AFTER THAT BUSINESS WITH THE TIME GEARS, YOU DON'T HAVE MANY BRIDGES LEFT TO BURN.

...
PLEASE, I J-
WOW, JUST SHUT UP ALREADY! DON'T YOU GET IT?
I DON'T CARE!
...I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO FIGHT ME.
YOUR INCESSANT WHINING IS STARTING TO GET BORING.
AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S BEING BORED.
...
BETTER.
...YOU REALLY OUGHT TO BE ON MY SIDE, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW IT FEELS? DON'T YOU MISS IT?
NOW, THEN. JUST BE A GOOD BOY, AND DO WHAT I ASK.
AFTER ALL...
WE'RE FAMILY.

Pokemon
Mystery Dungeon
Victory Fire



UH?

...

WHAT'S... HAPPENED... TO ME. ...?
I'M A...

...

ALL RIGHT, IT'S A DREAM.
I'M DREAMING.

LOOK AT THAT, RIGHT ON TIME.
THAT'S ONE WEIRD LOOKIN' ANIMAL.
YOU SURE IT'S THE ONE?

I'M SURE.

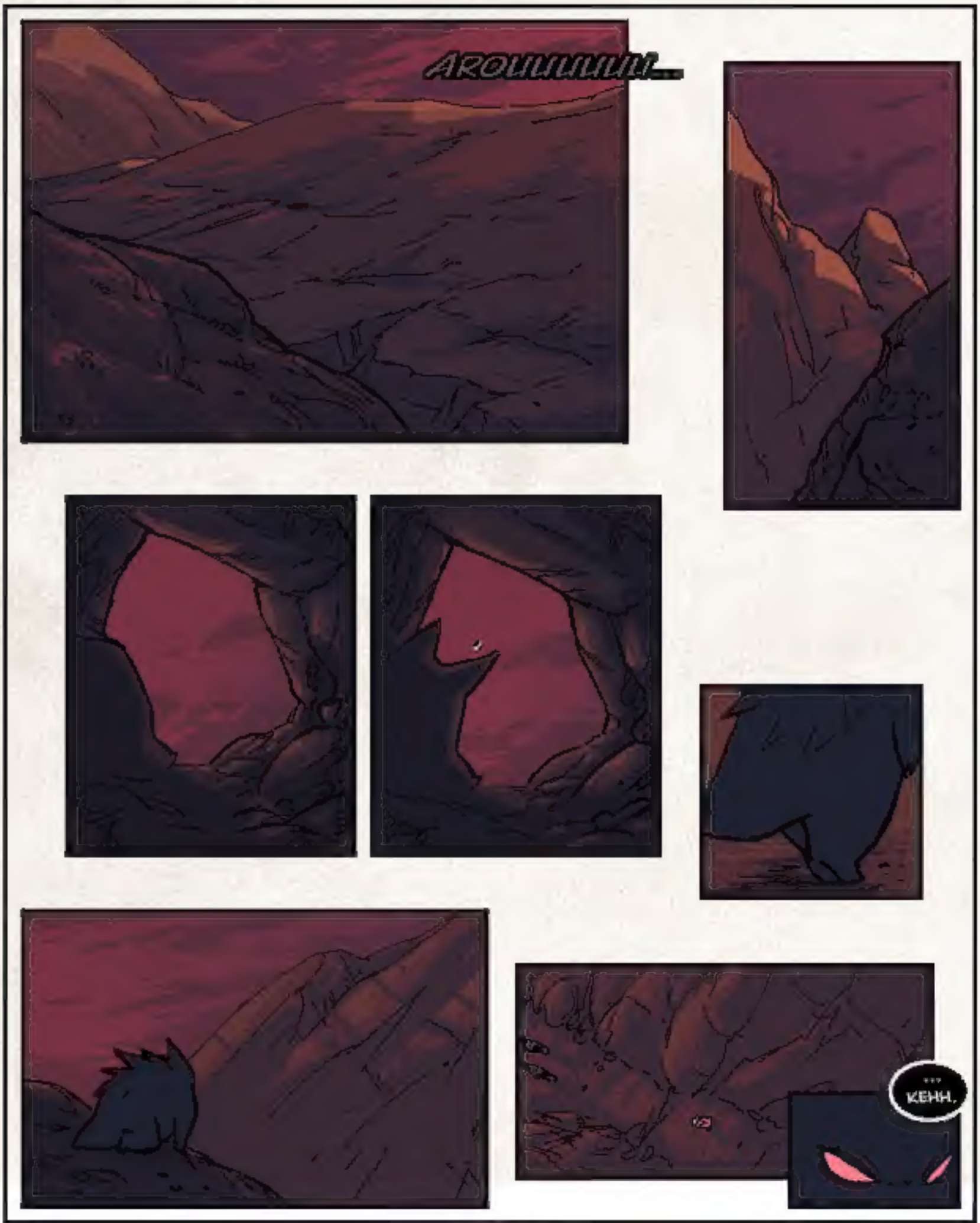
LET'S GO.
...

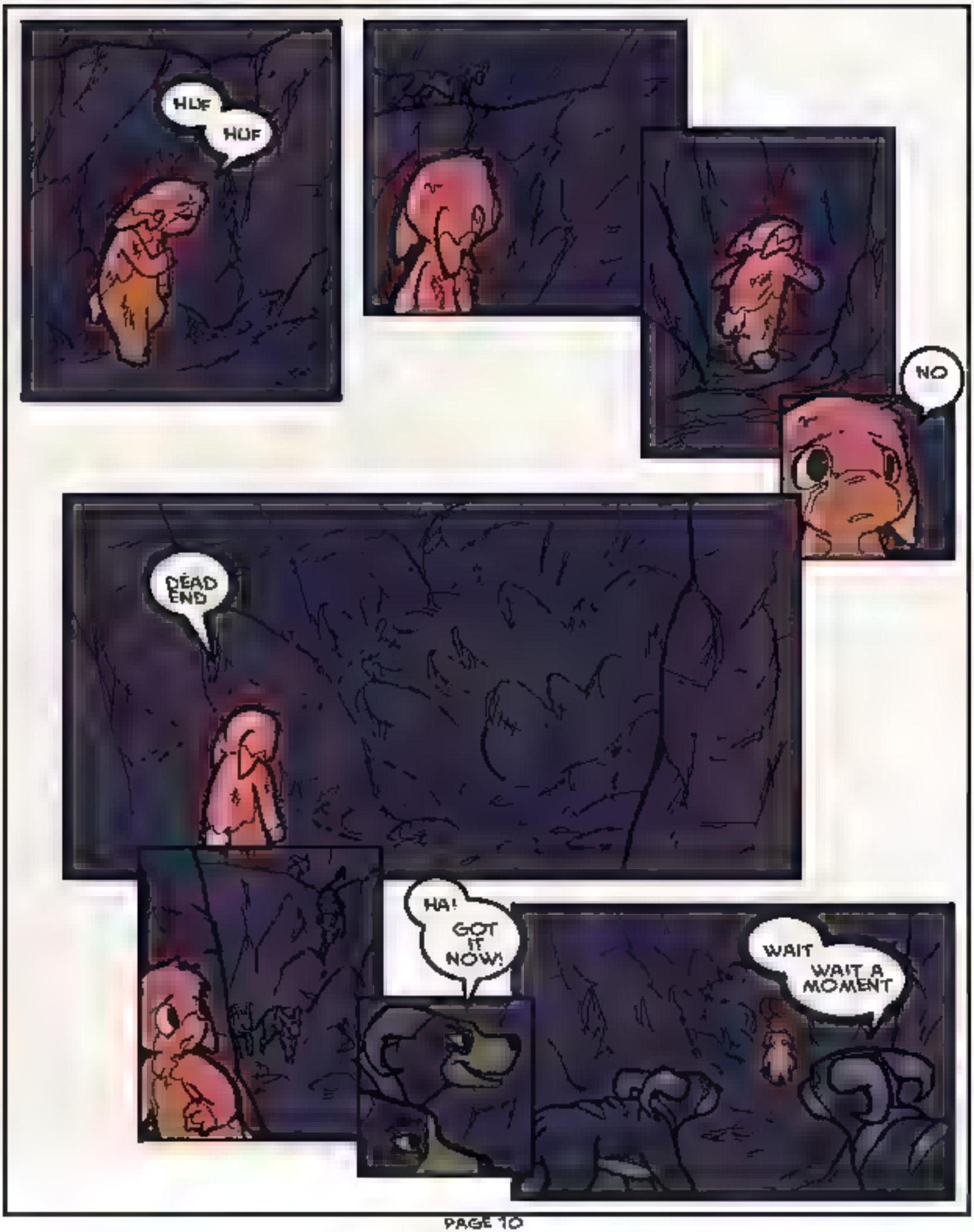
GONNA BOLT.
LOOKS LIKE.

...AND THERE IT GOES.
PFEH.

DO WE CHASE?
WE KEEP PACE. LET IT TIRE.
NICE AND GENTLE.

AROUUUUUUU...


AROUUUUUU...
...
KEHH.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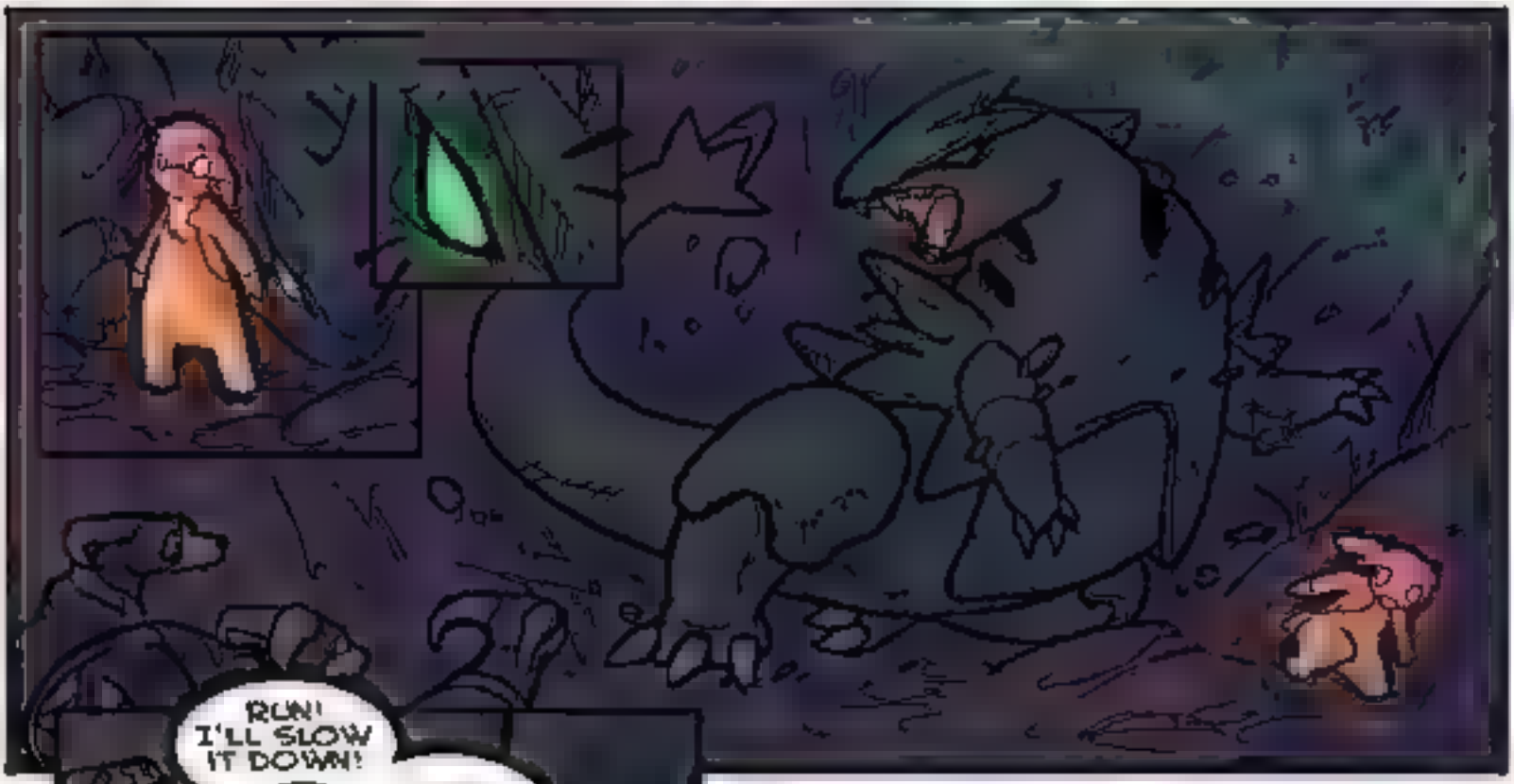
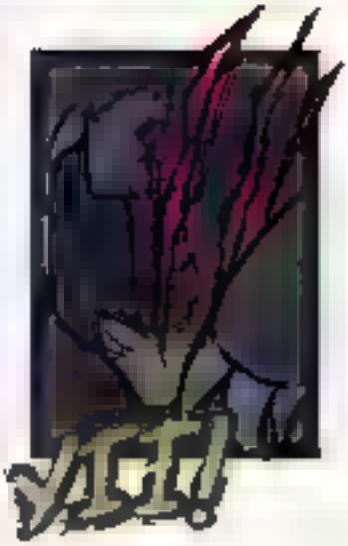
NO
DEAD END
HA! GOT IT NOW!
WAIT
WAIT A MOMENT



RUN! I'LL SLOW IT DOWN!
BUT WH-
JUST GO!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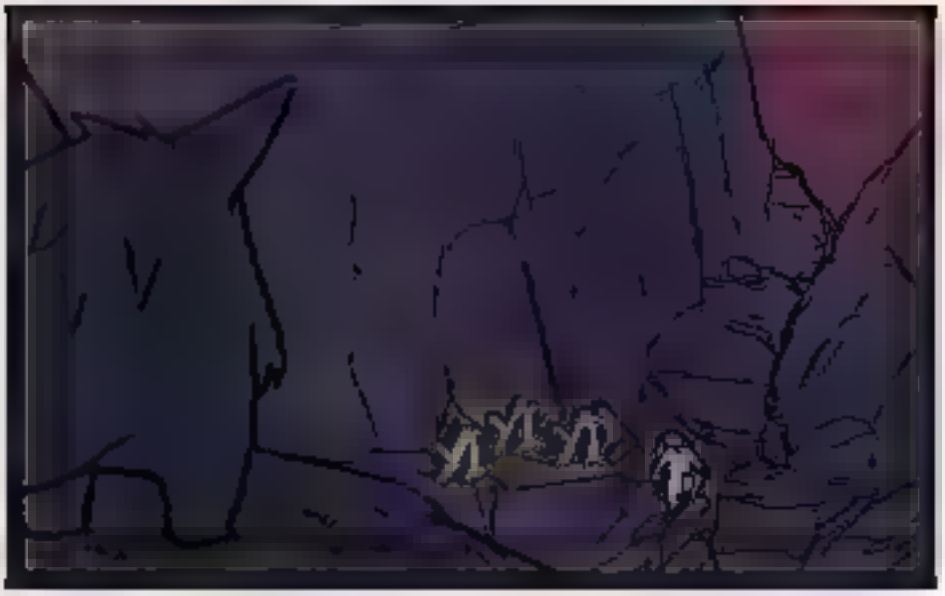


...

THERE.

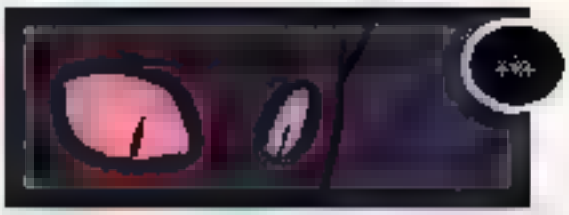
KEHH... SLEEPING?

STUPID.
SLEEPING HERE.
STUPID.

WELL, THEN...
GUESS YOU'RE FAIR GAME.

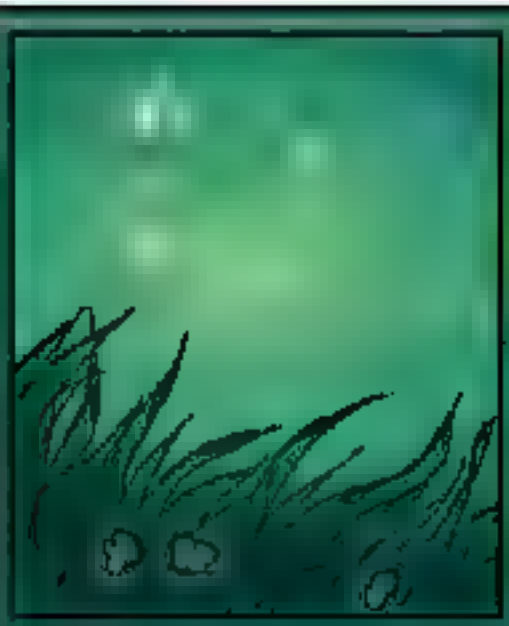
BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE-
WHAT?

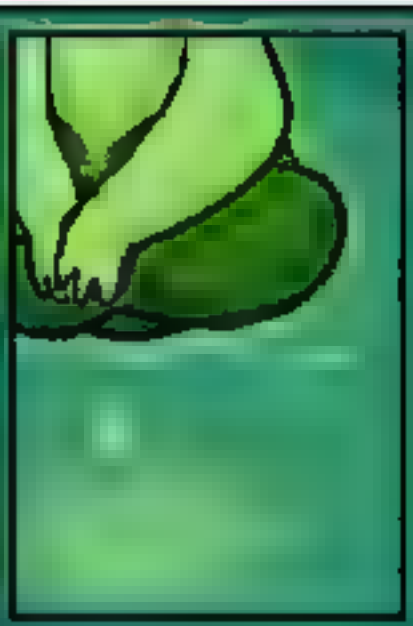
...NIGHT-MARE?
...NO. TOO QUICK.
THAT'S NOT NATURAL ...

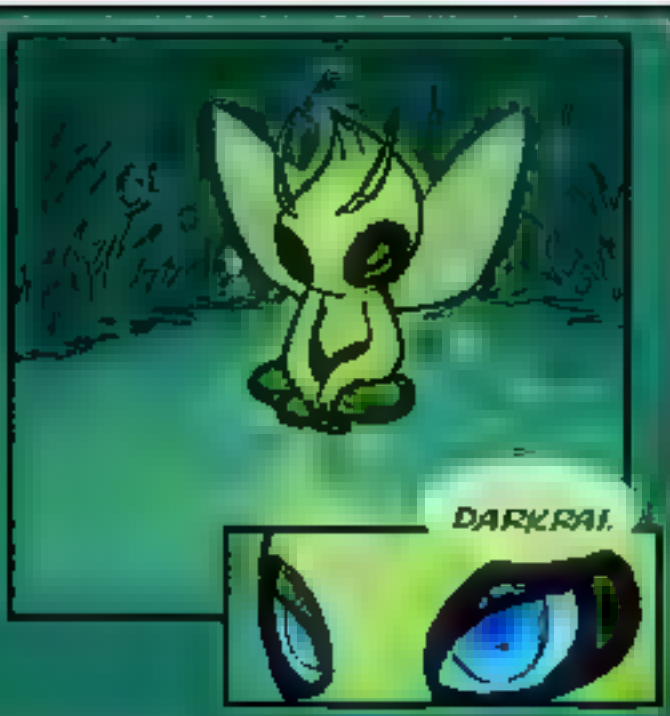


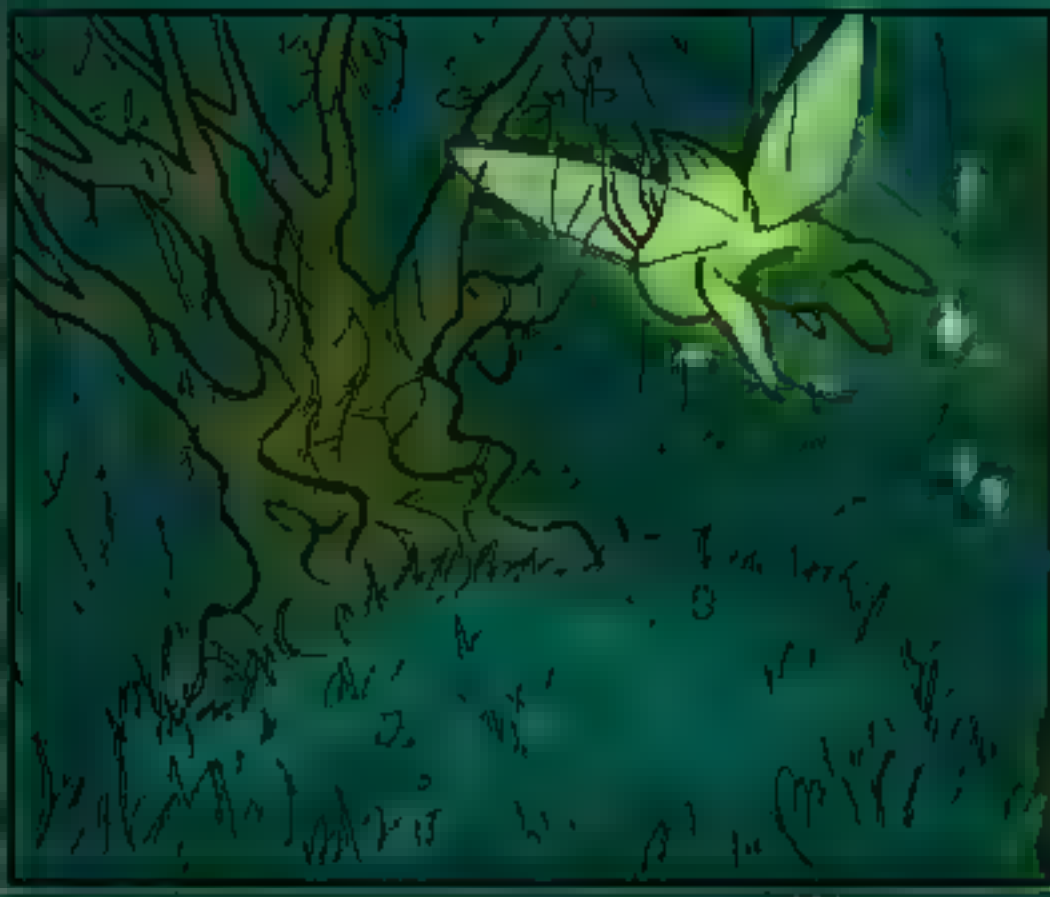
ALL RIGHT...
LET'S JUST STOP THAT, SHALL WE?

WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?





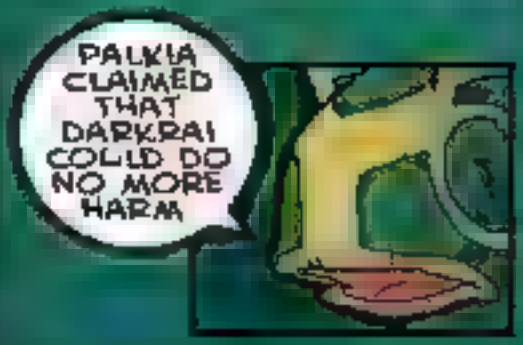

DARKRAI.

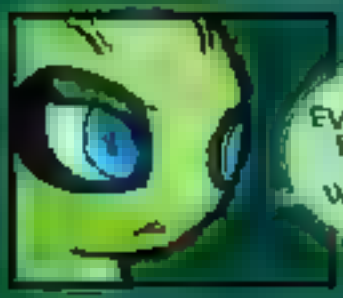


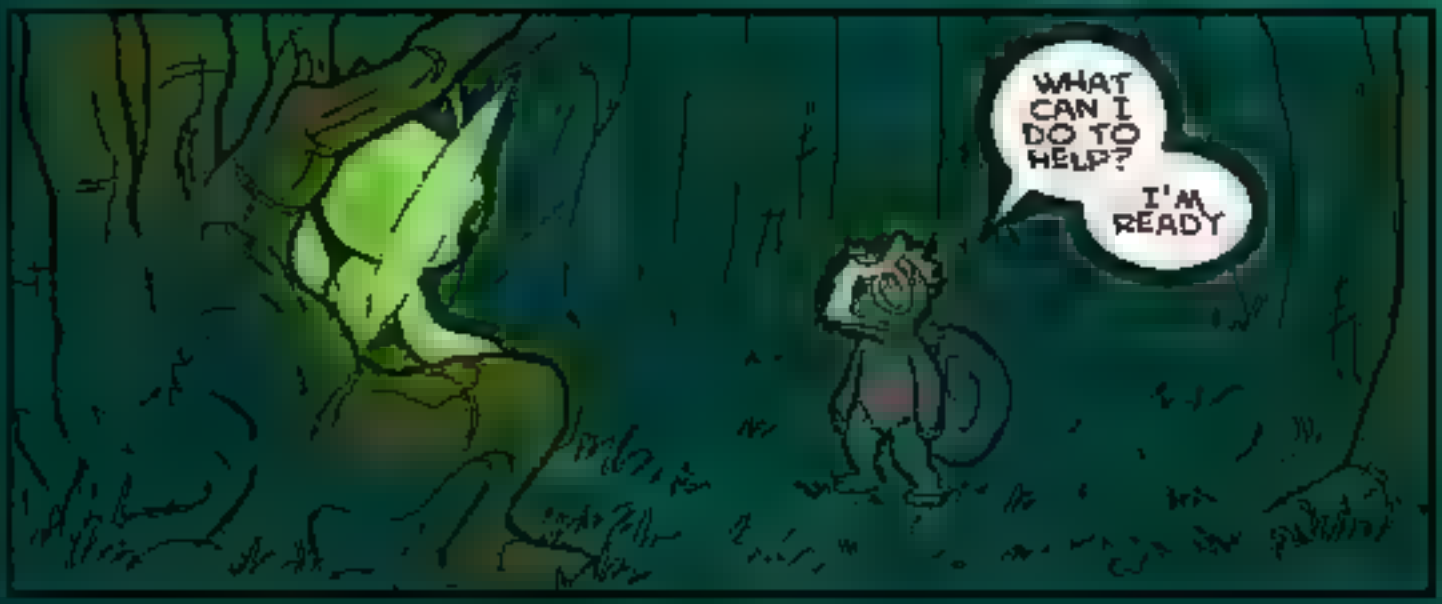
I NEED YOUR HELP

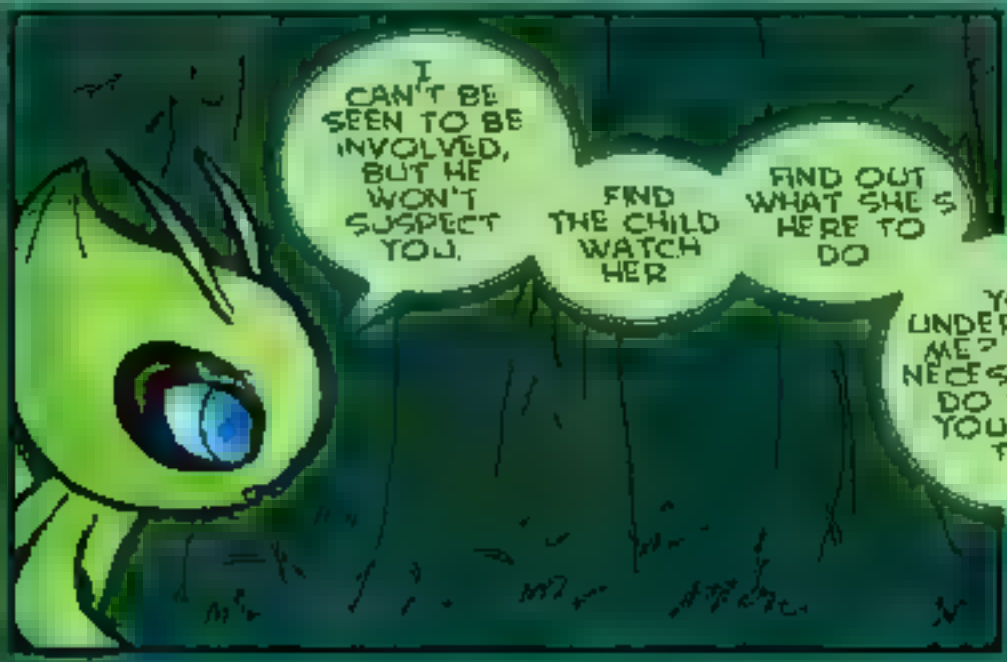
I'M HERE
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

A HUMAN CHILD HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR WORLD
ANOTHER? BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN PEACE-FUL.
IT'S NOT LIKE BEFORE DARKRAI'S STINK IS ALL OVER THIS

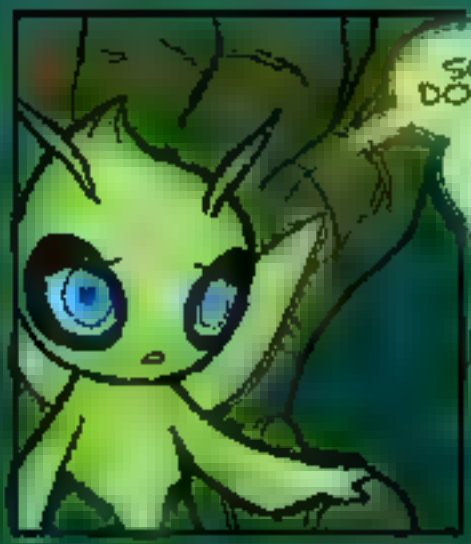

PALKIA CLAIMED THAT DARKRAI COULD DO NO MORE HARM


EVIDENTLY PALKIA WAS WRONG

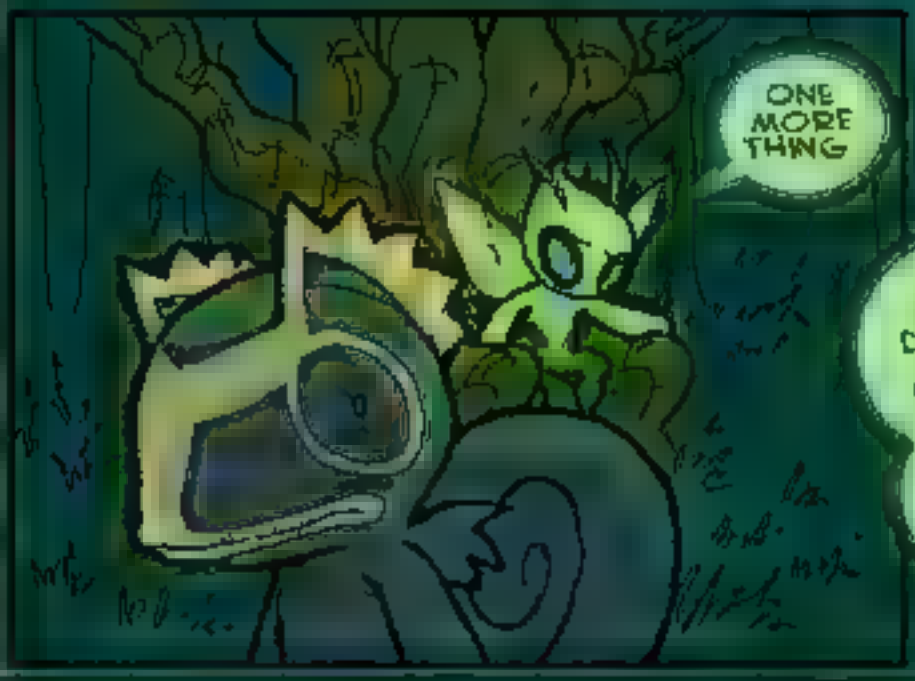

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?
I'M READY

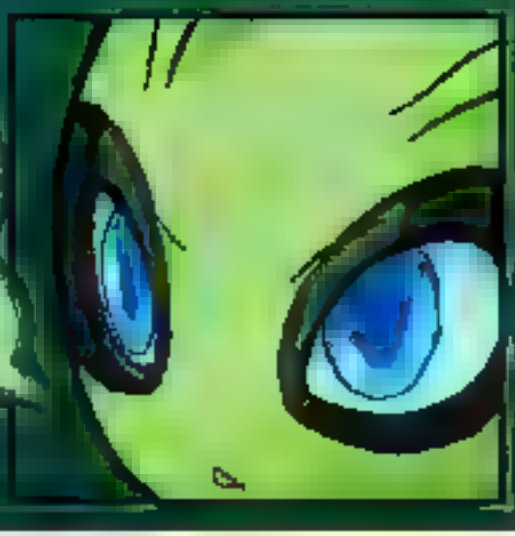

I CAN'T BE SEEN TO BE INVOLVED, BUT HE WON'T SUSPECT YOU.
FIND THE CHILD WATCH HER
FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S HERE TO DO
YOU UNDERSTAND ME? AND IF NECESSARY DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO

I HOPE IT WON'T COME TO THAT

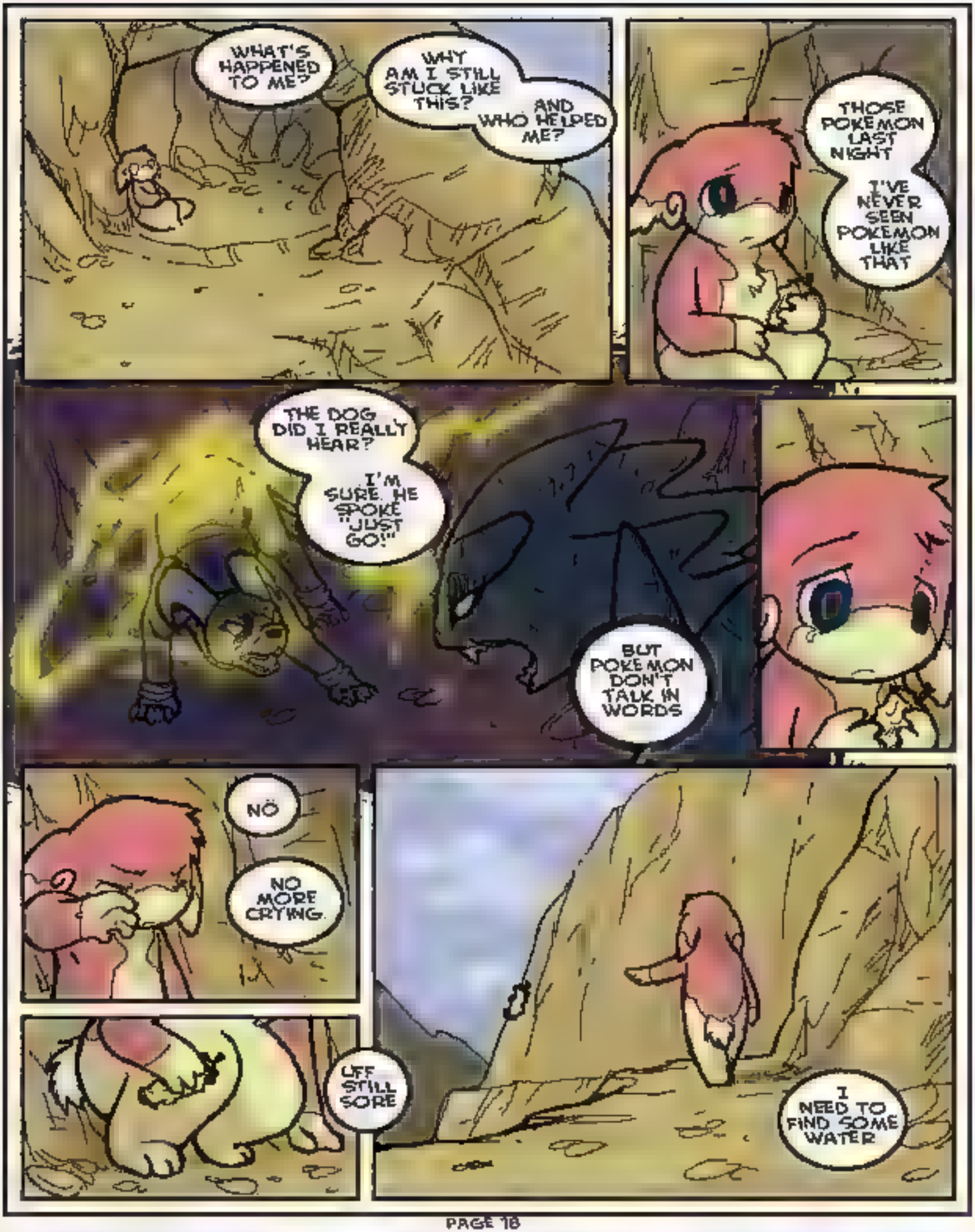

SO DO I
BUT WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT MONSTER TO BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN
HE MUST BE STOPPED, WHATEVER THE COST

I UNDER-STAND

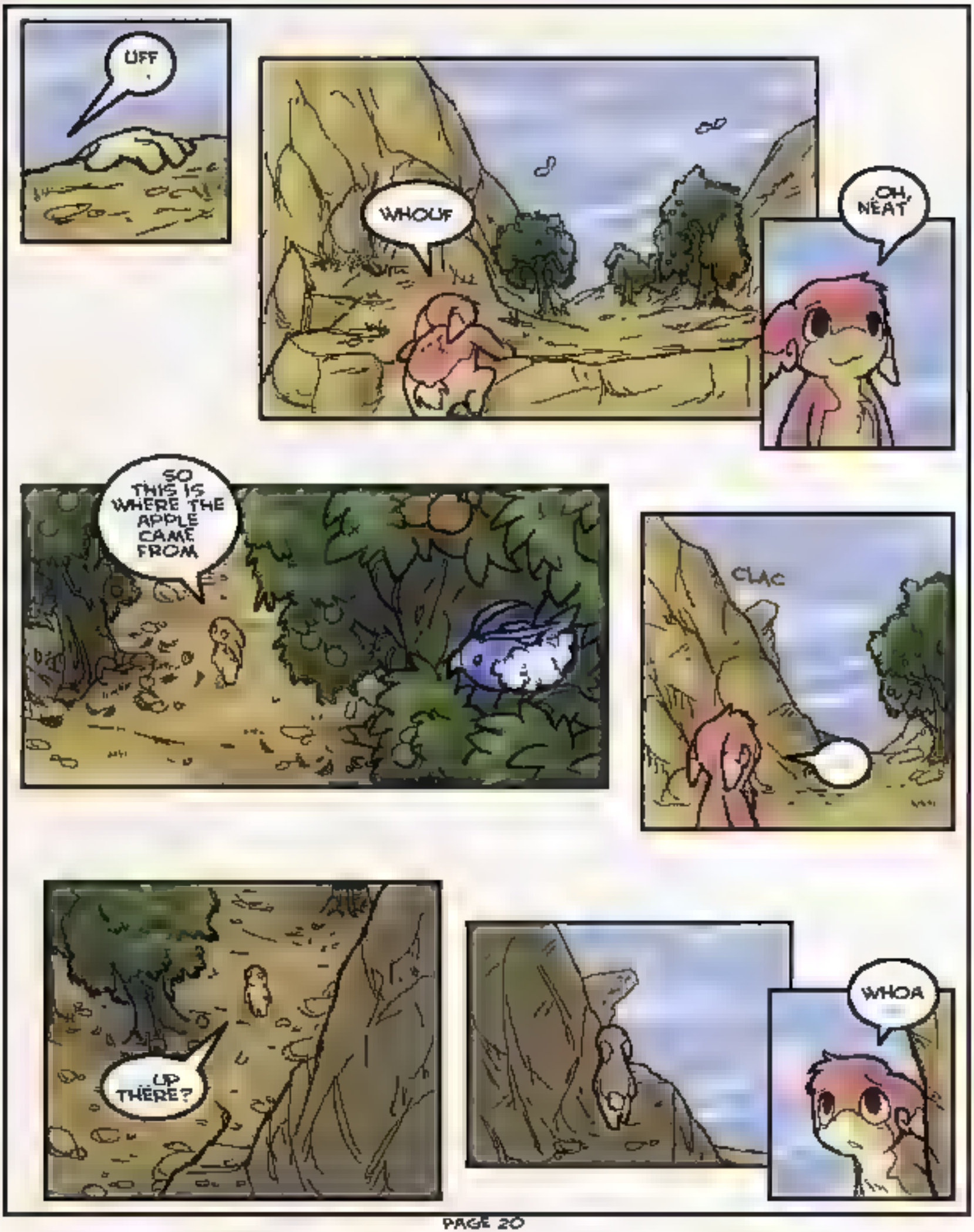

ONE MORE THING


GUARD YOUR DREAMS, MY FRIEND
THIS IS NO COMMON ENEMY

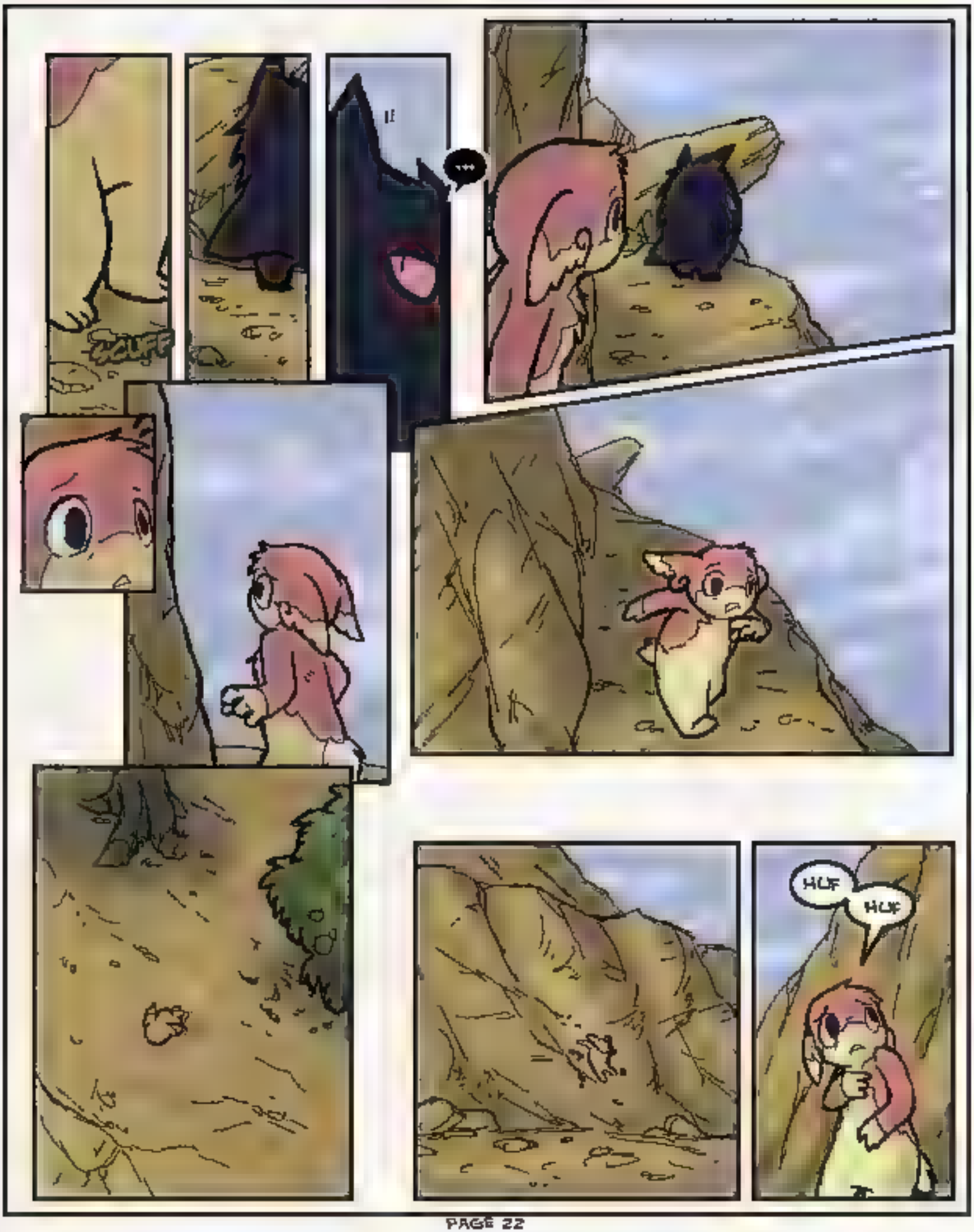
WHA?


WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
WHY AM I STILL STUCK LIKE THIS?
AND WHO HELPED ME?
THOSE POKEMON LAST NIGHT
I'VE NEVER SEEN POKEMON LIKE THAT
THE DOG DID I REALLY HEAR?
I'M SURE HE SPOKE "JUST GO!"
BUT POKEMON DON'T TALK IN WORDS
NO
NO MORE CRYING
UFF STILL SORE
I NEED TO FIND SOME WATER

WHEW
CLAC
CLAC
PLOSH!
WHAA?
SOME-ONE ?
CLAC
CLAC


UFF
WHOUF
OH, NEAT
SO THIS IS WHERE THE APPLE CAME FROM
CLAC
UP THERE?
WHOA

GRHH
AWK!
CUT IT OUT! JERK!
KEHEH.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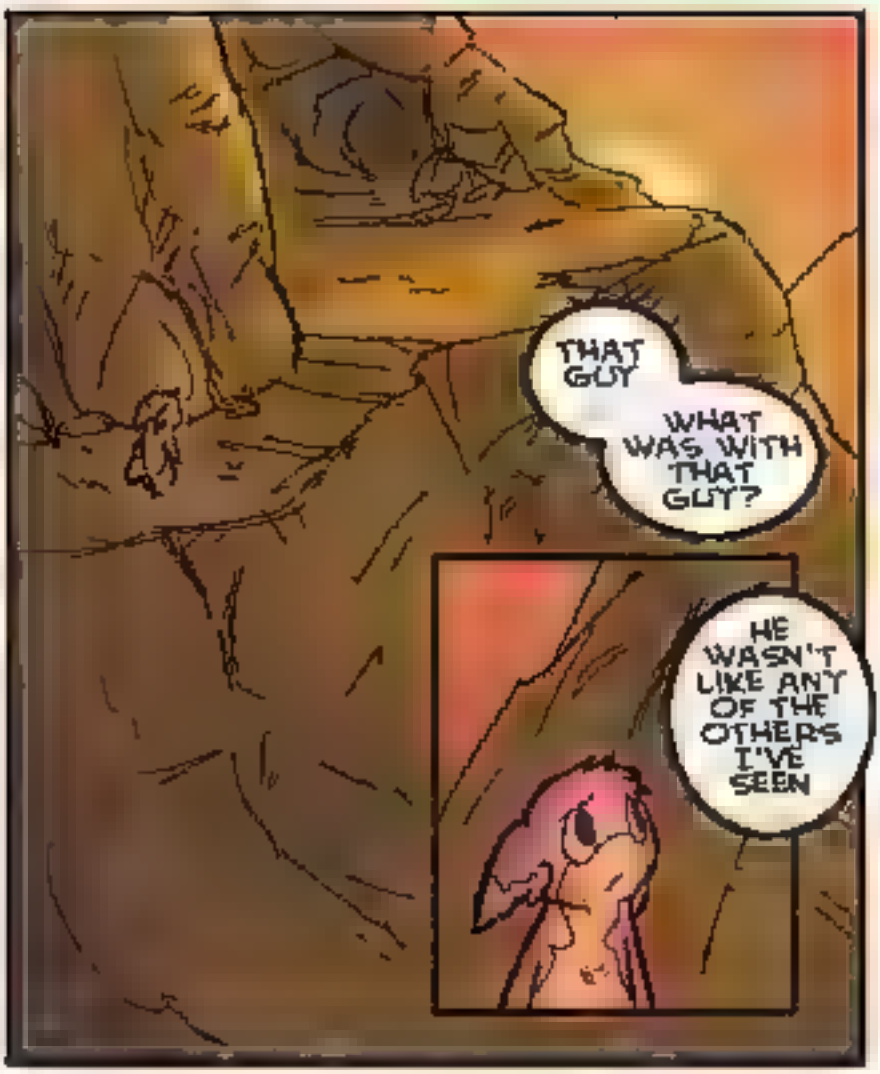
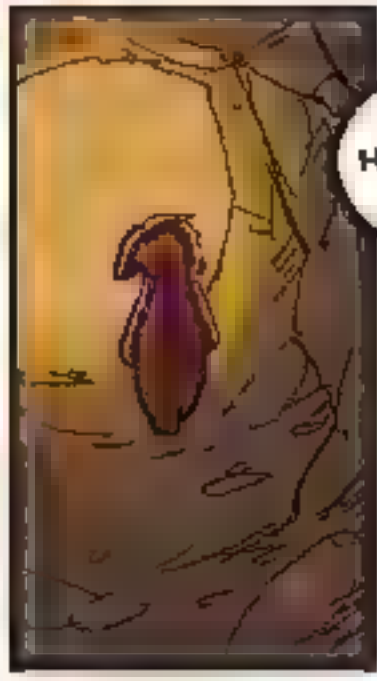
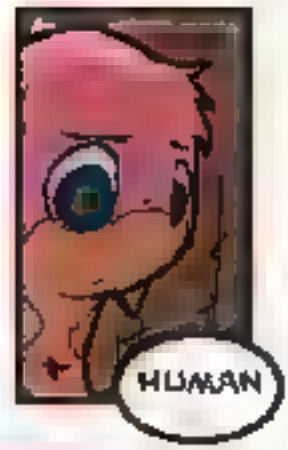
HUF
HUF


THAT GUY
WHAT WAS WITH THAT GUY?
HE WASN'T LIKE ANY OF THE OTHERS I'VE SEEN


THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES. IT WAS SO .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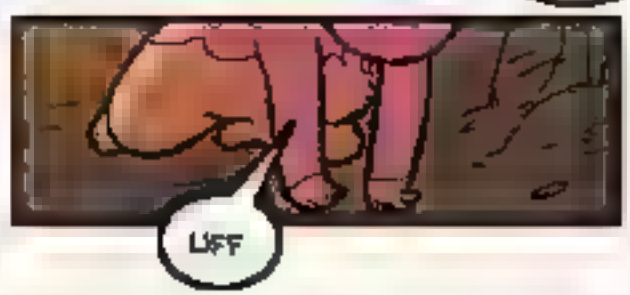
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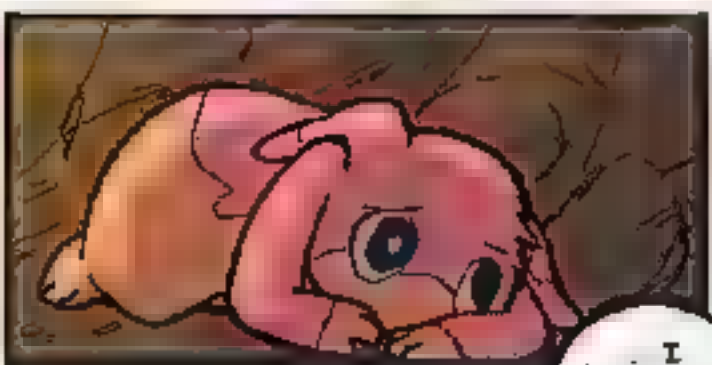
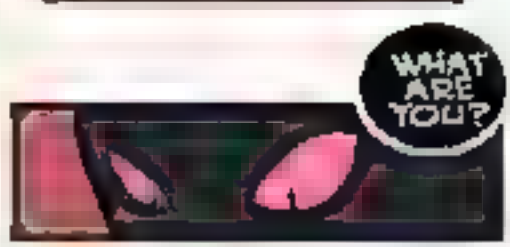
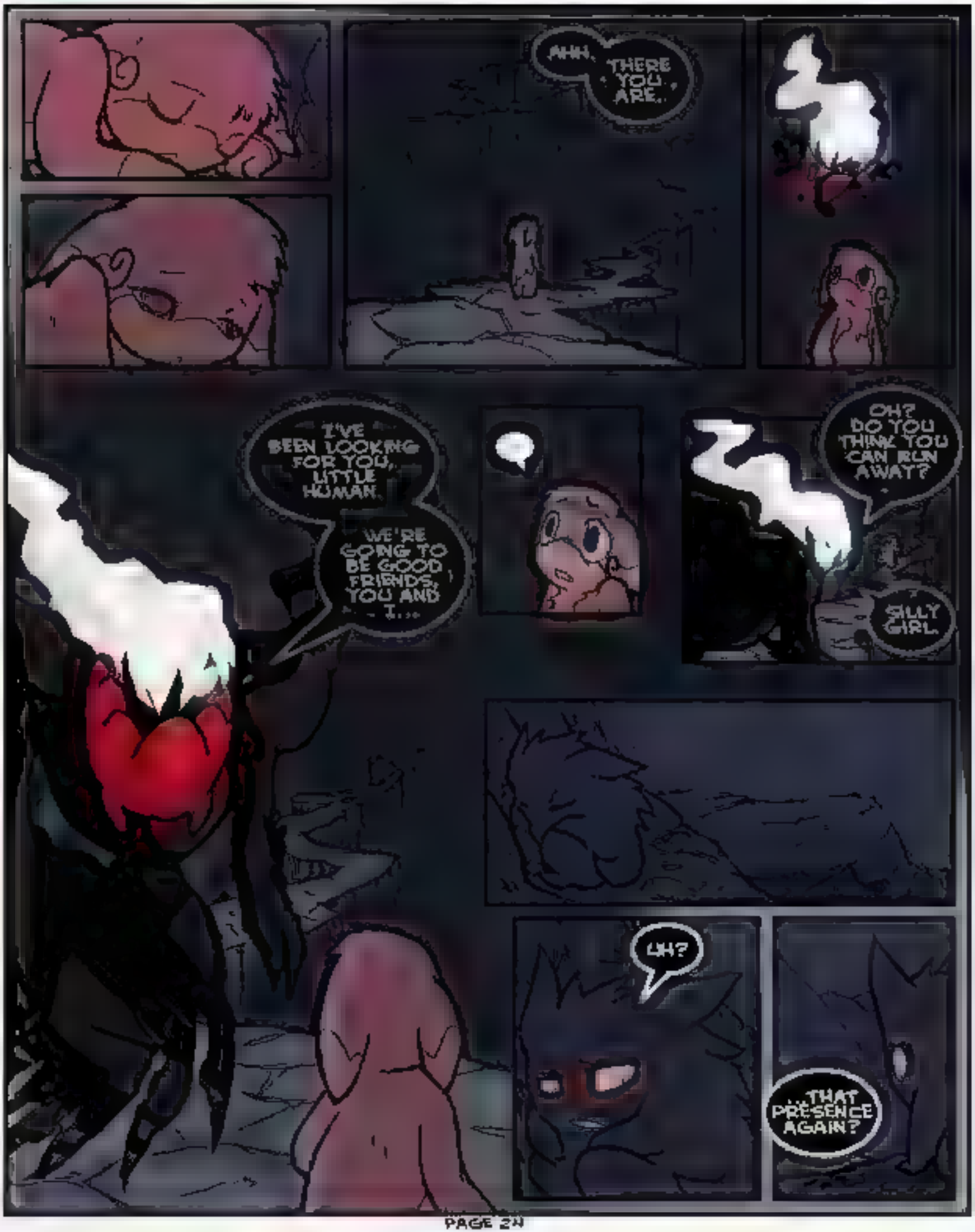
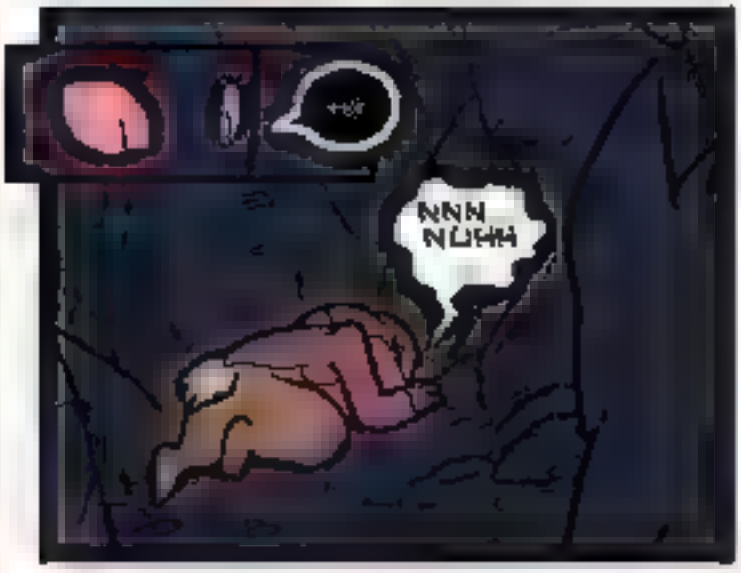

I WANT TO HOME

YOU'RE NOT LIKE THEM.


WHAT ARE YOU?


AHH, THERE YOU ARE...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, LITTLE HUMAN.
WE'RE GONG TO BE GOOD FRIENDS, YOU AND I...
OH? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY?
SILLY GIRL.
UH?
...THAT PRESENCE AGAIN?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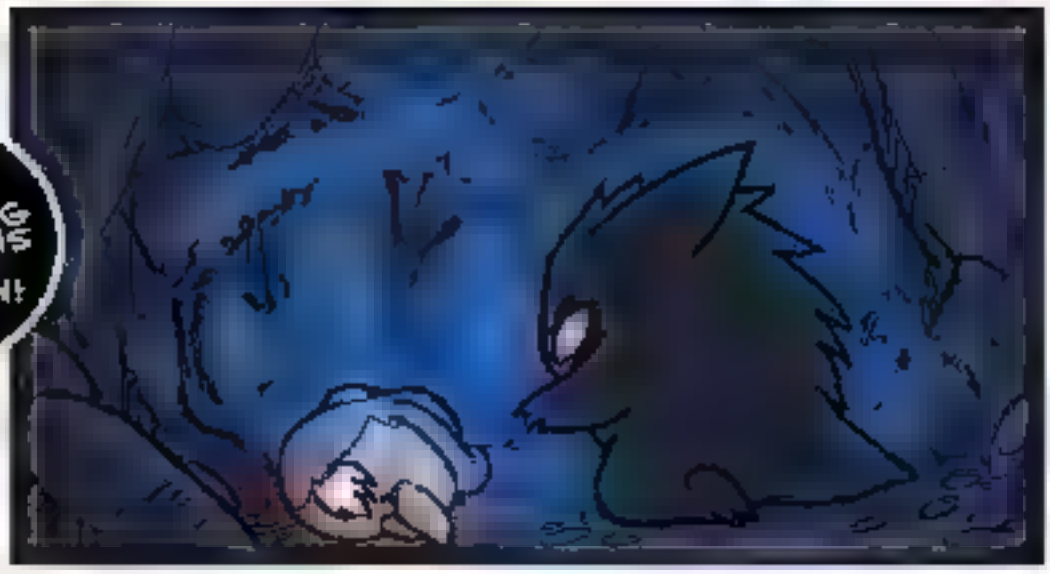
NNN NUHH

...I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT YOU ARE, BUDDY...
...BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THIS ON MY MOUNTAIN!



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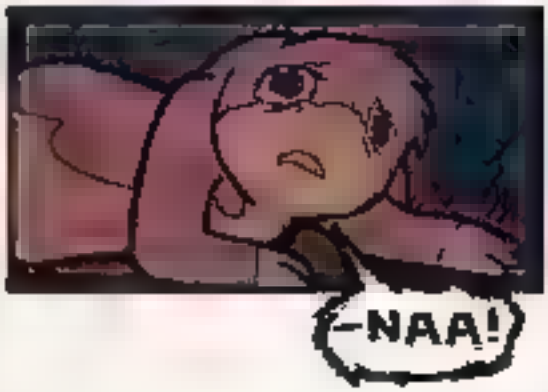
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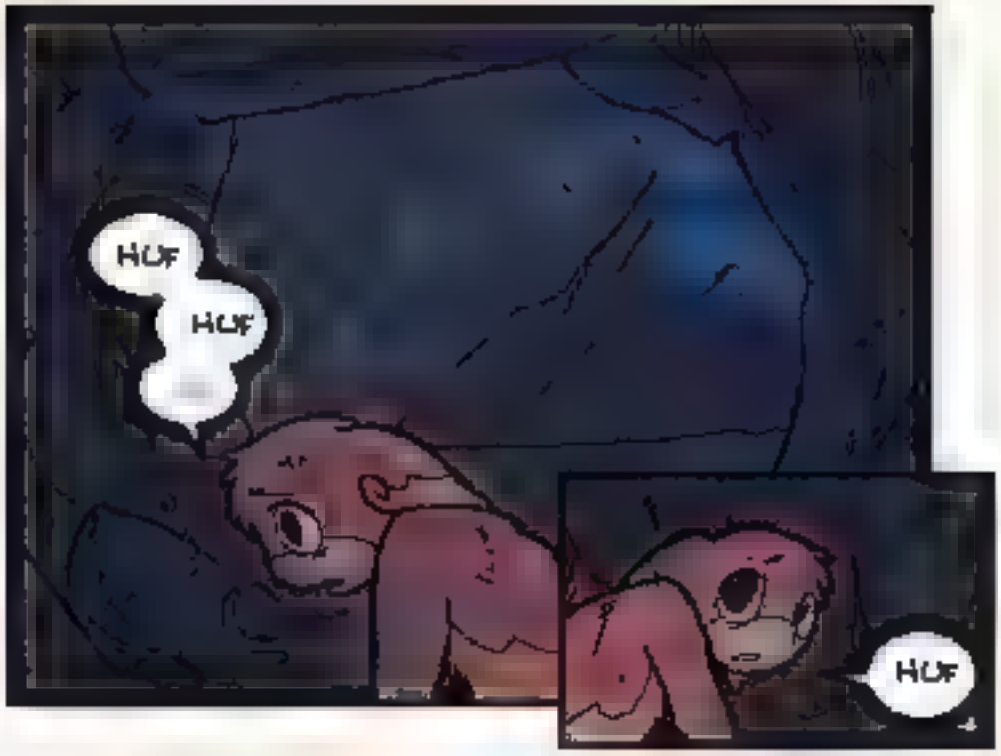
HUF
HUF
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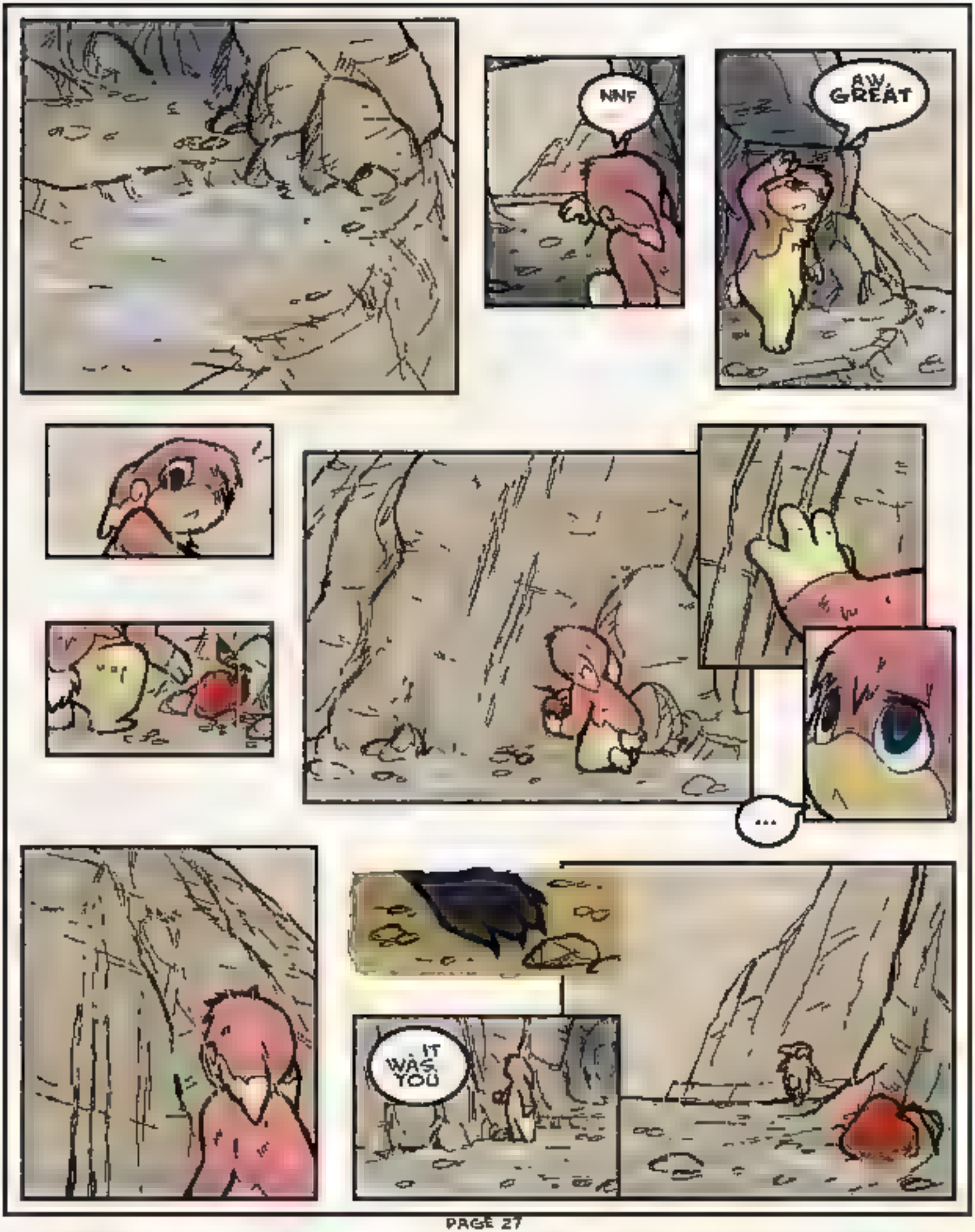
I.... LOST HER.
CARE TO EXPLAIN THAT?
THERE'S SOMEONE INTER-FERING... TWICE NOW.
SO? GET RID OF THEM.
IF YOU WERE TO... TO LET ME GO...
I'M NOT STUPID, O2
I DIDN'T... I JUST...
SHUT UP, I DON'T CARE
IT'S YOUR PROBLEM, YOU DEAL WITH IT
USE THE DOGS. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THERE
KLINK
HUF

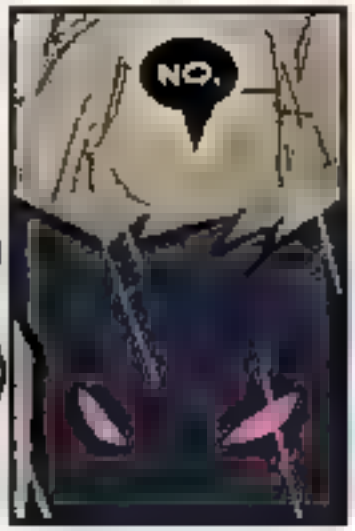

NNF
AW GREAT
...
IT WAS YOU

WHERE ARE YOU?
KRAK
AAA!
WHOA
FLOODED RIGHT OUT
YIKES
WELL, HERE GOES
UH?
HELLO

YOU HAVE CAUSED MY PACK A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE
AND YOU HAVE PERSONALLY INCON-VENIENCED ME.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME? I AM VERY ANNOYED
I WOULDN'T TRY IT NOW-
WHAT?!
BACK OFF.

A GENGAR?

IS THIS YOUR TERRITORY? I APOLO-GIZE
WE JUST WANT THIS GIRL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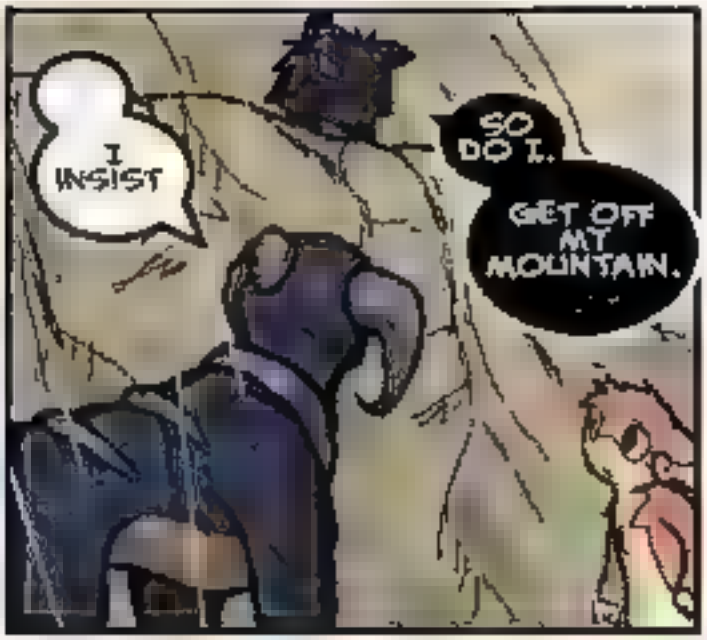
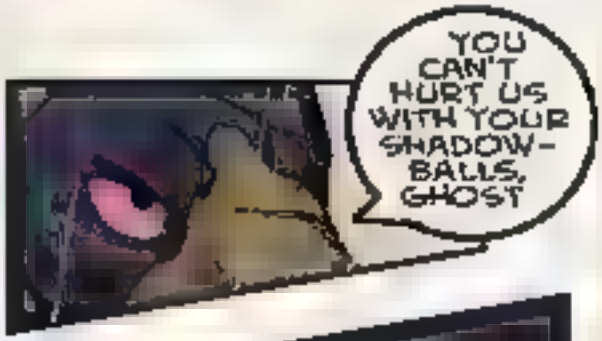
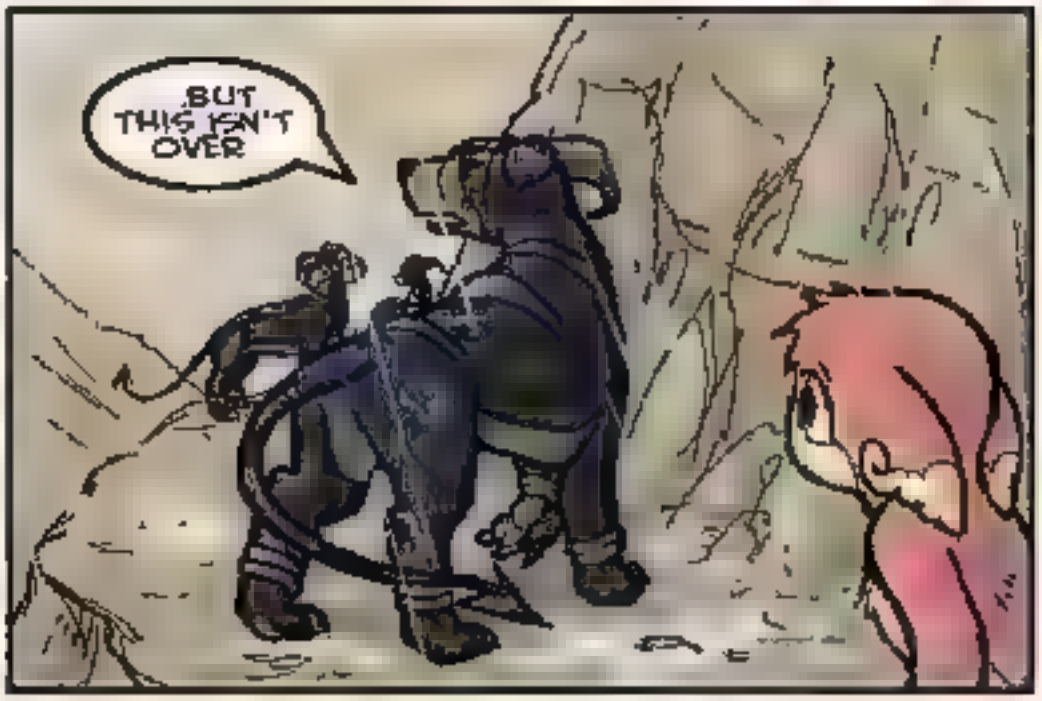

I INSIST
SO DO I.
GET OFF MY MOUNTAIN.


YOU CAN'T HURT US WITH YOUR SHADOW-BALLS, GHOST

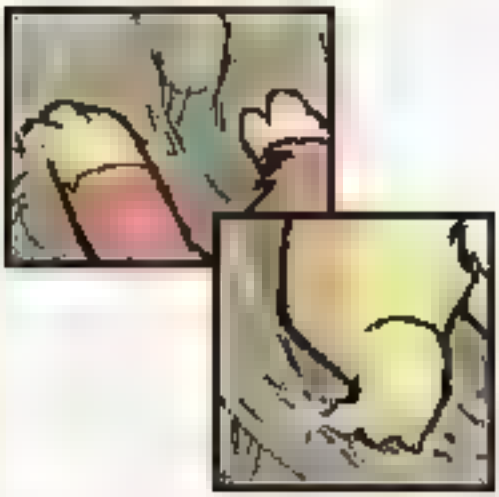
NO?
WET PATH...
LONG DROP.

YOU WIN


BUT THIS ISN'T OVER

H-HEY!
DON'T
DON'T GO!

HELLO?

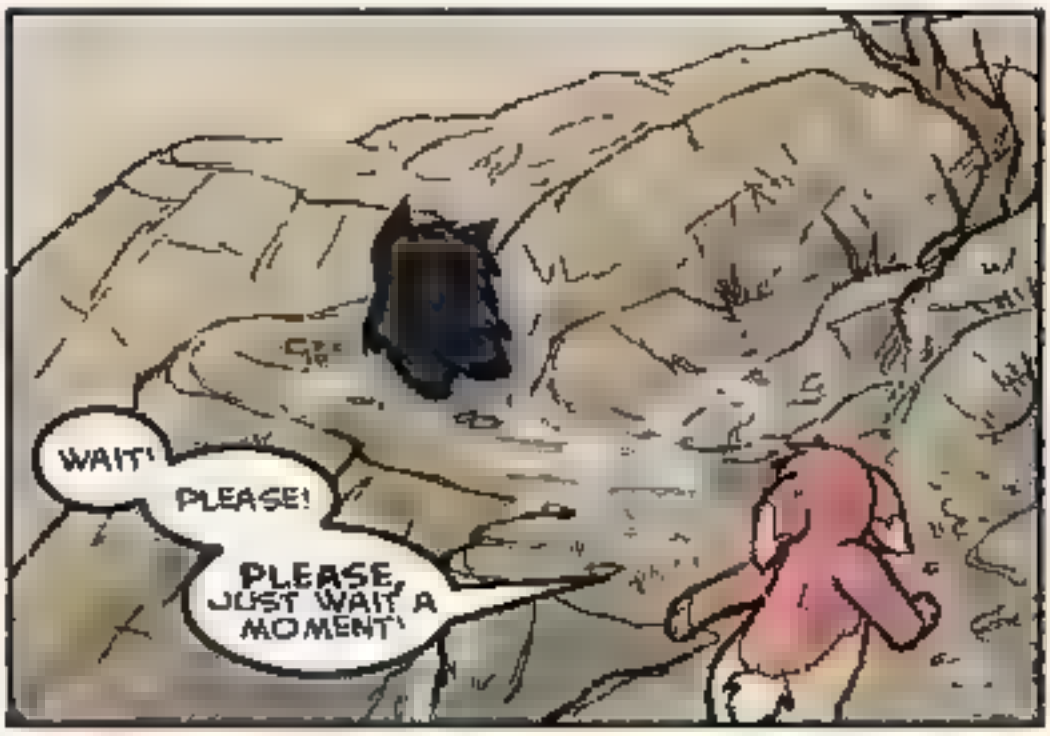


UFF

-COUGH-

HUH. HEY
ARE YOU STILL ?

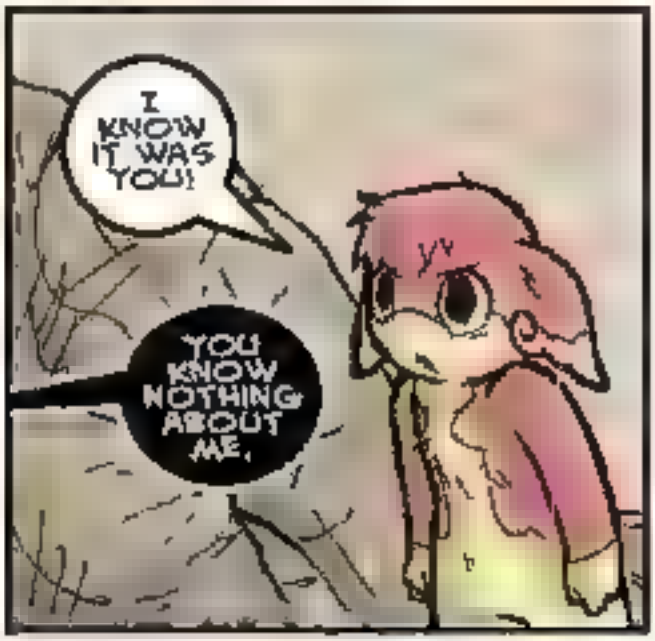
HUF


WAIT!
PLEASE!
PLEASE, JUST WAIT A MOMENT!

WHAT.

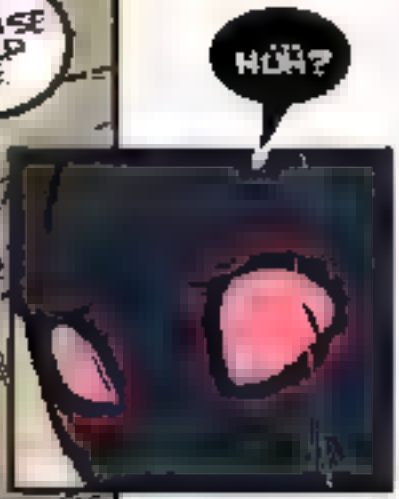
THANKS FOR THE APPLES.

WHAT APPLES.


I KNOW IT WAS YOU!
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME.

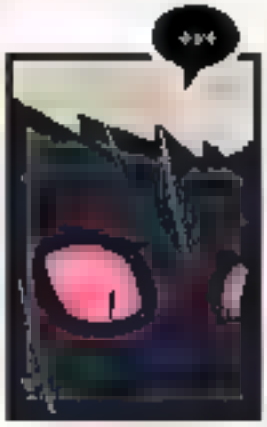
PLEASE

PLEASE, I NEED HELP
PLEASE HELP ME.


HÜH?

HELP YOU?
ARE YOU NUTS? WHY WOULD YOU EVEN ASK ME?

BUT YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE
PLEASE. WHO ELSE WOULD I ASK?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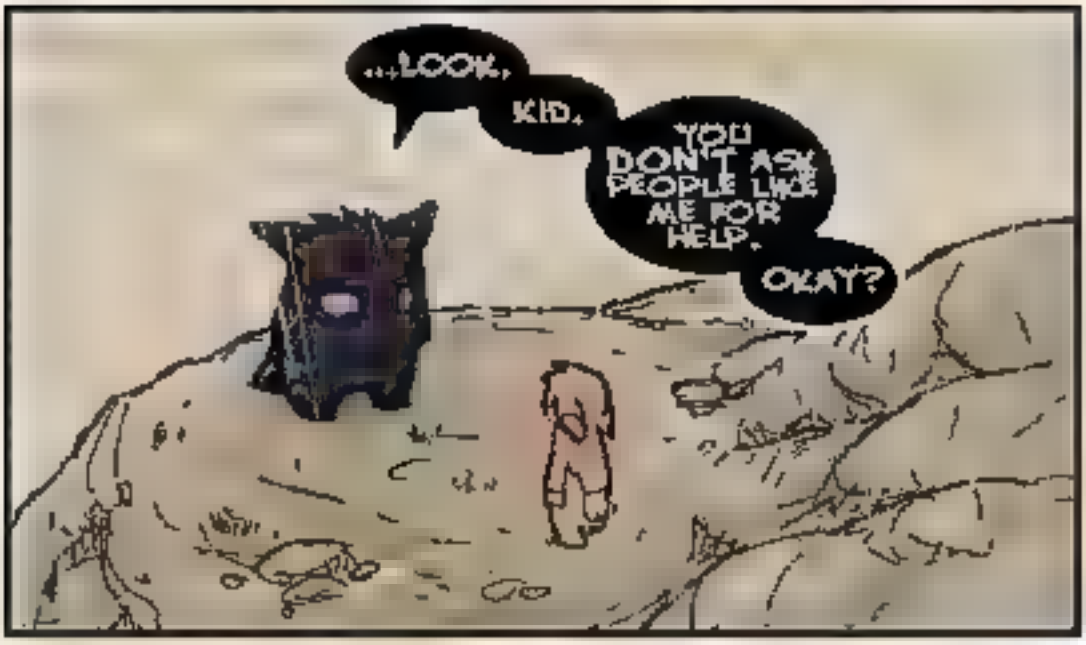

...LOOK, KID.
YOU DON'T ASK PEOPLE LIKE ME FOR HELP.
OKAY?

WHY?

WHAT D'YOU MEAN, WHY?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT I AM?

NO

...YOU'RE HUMAN.

HOW DID YOU ...?
I MEAN, YES.

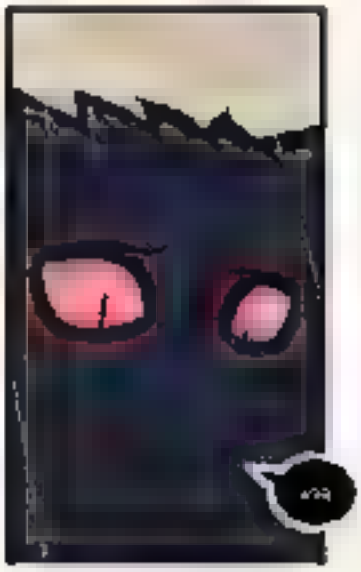
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME

I JUST WANT TO BE BACK TO NORMAL

KEH.
WELL, CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THAT ONE.
SEE YA.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

I ... I'M ONLY ELEVEN
I DON'T KNOW
I CAN'T DO THIS ANY MORE


...

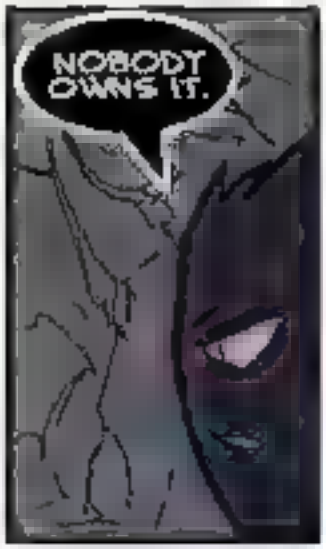
UH.
HEY.
CAN WE...

CAN WE AT LEAST GET OUT OF THE RAIN?

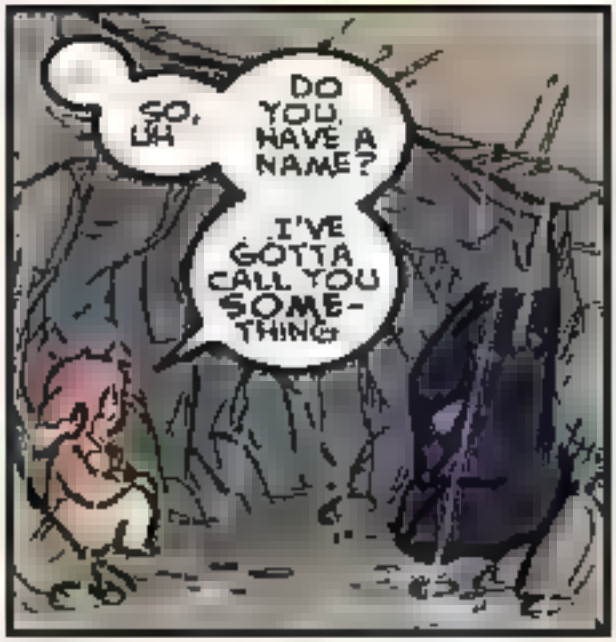
C'MON.

-SNF-
SORRY

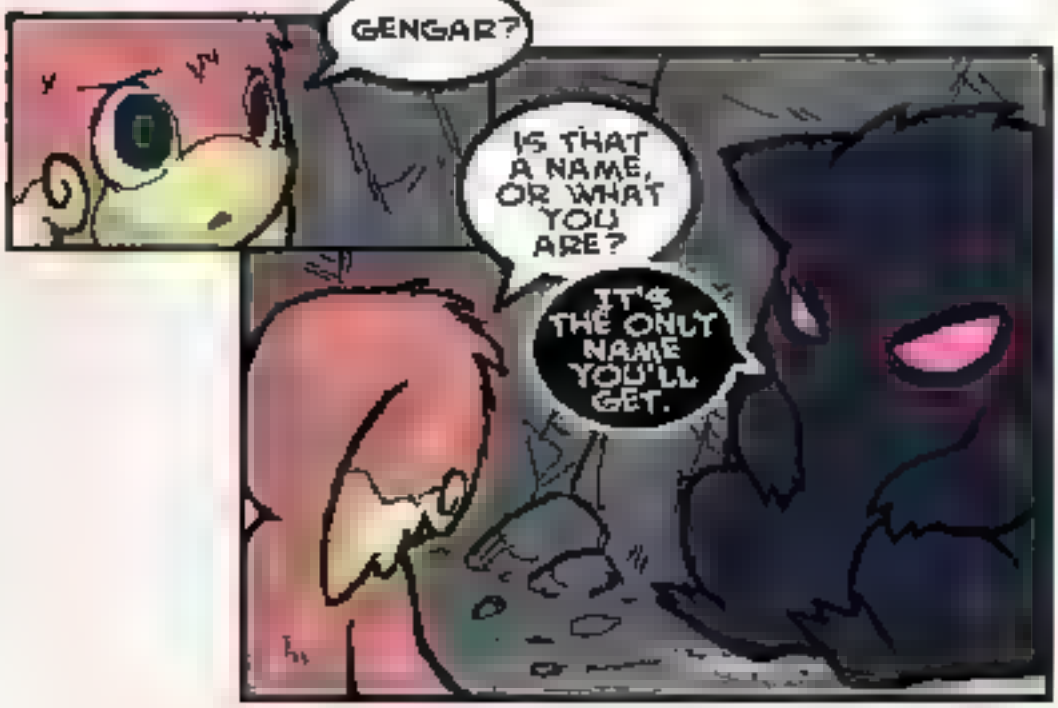
UM.
THIS IS YOUR PLACE REALLY, ISN'T IT?


NOBODY OWNS IT.

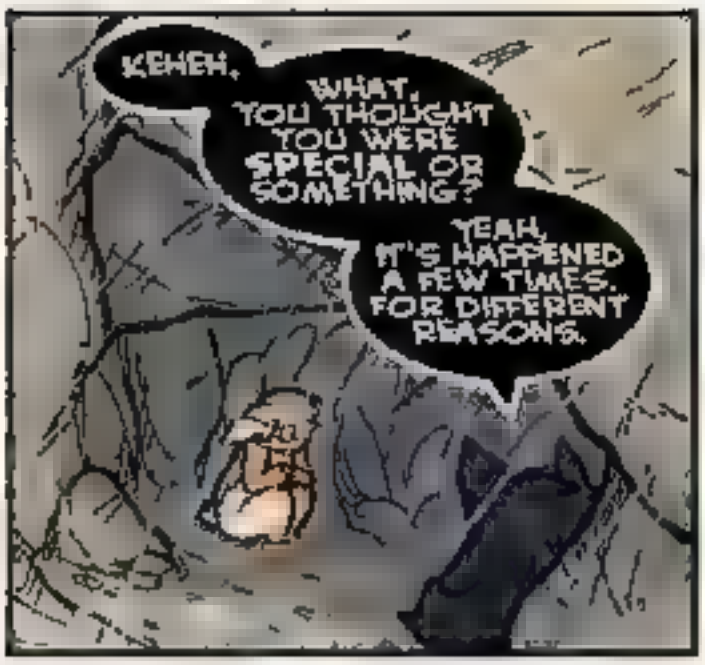
I'M JEN


SO, UH
DO YOU HAVE A NAME?
I'VE GOTTA CALL YOU SOME-THING

...
GENGAR.


GENGAR?
IS THAT A NAME, OR WHAT YOU ARE?
IT'S THE ONLY NAME YOU'LL GET.

OKAY
SORRY
SO HAS THIS HAPPENED BEFORE?
A HUMAN BECOMING A POKE-MON.

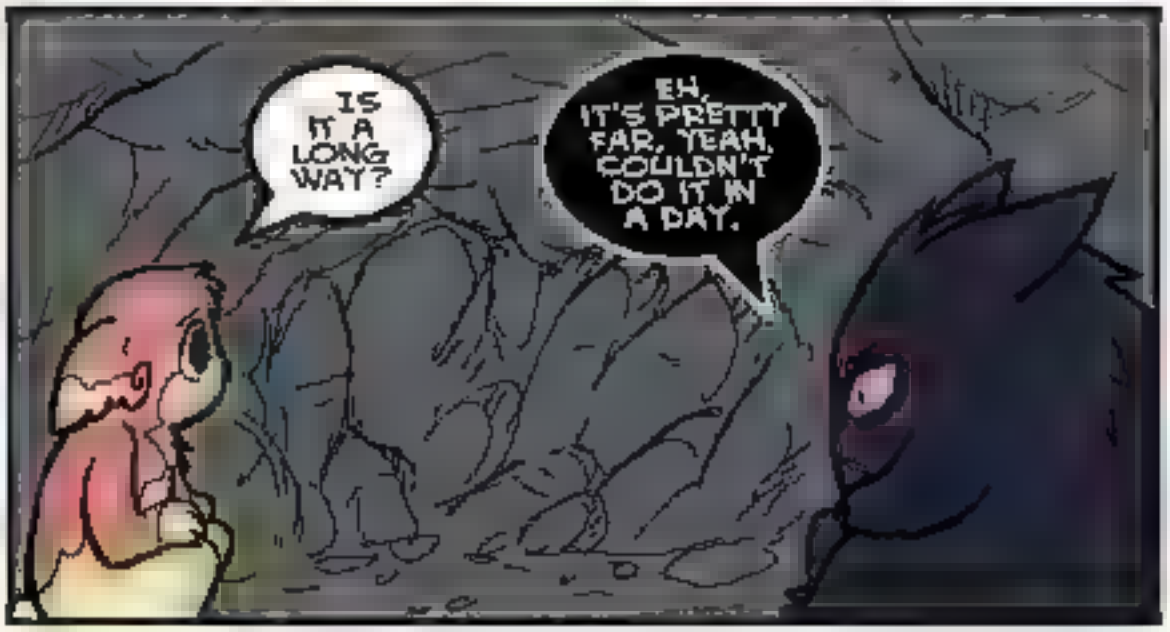

KEHEH.
WHAT, YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SPECIAL OR SOMETHING?
YEAH, IT'S HAPPENED A FEW TIMES, FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

CAN CAN I BE CHANGED BACK?

...I CAN'T HELP YOU.

BUT ...

...THERE IS SOMEONE WHO MIGHT, I GUESS...
XATU. HE LIVES IN THE GREAT CANYON, NORTH OF HERE.
THAT IS, IF HE'S STILL THERE.


IS IT A LONG WAY?
EH, IT'S PRETTY FAR, YEAH. COULDN'T DO IT IN A DAY.

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TRY

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YOU WON'T EVEN MAKE IT ACROSS THE PLAIN IF THOSE HOUNDOOM COME BACK FOR YOU.

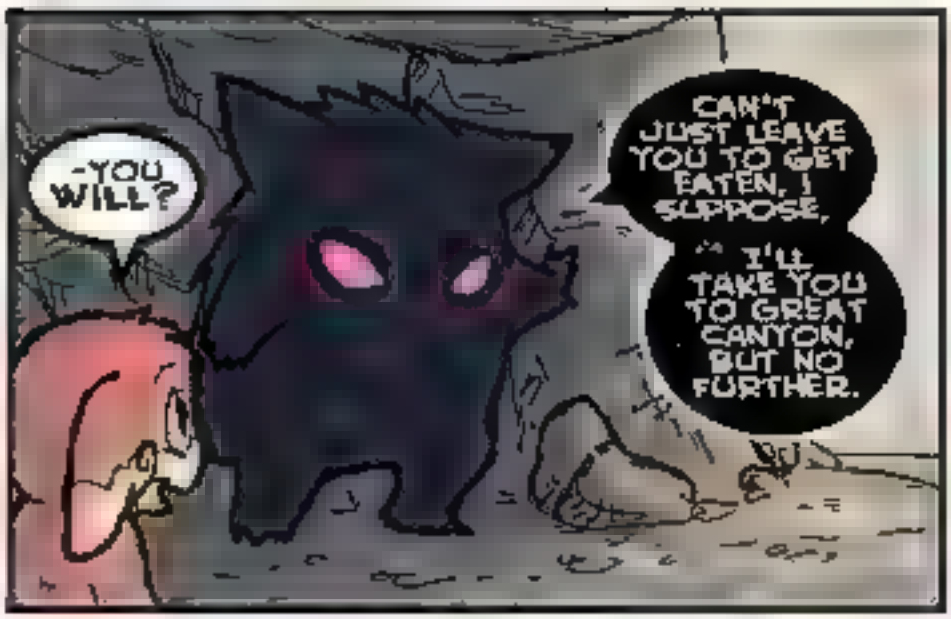
HOUNDOOM?
THOSE DOGS?

...OH MEW, YOU ARE NOT GONNA LAST FIVE MINUTES

BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?
I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING

...

...I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO WITH YOU.


-YOU WILL?
CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU TO GET EATEN, I SUPPOSE.
...I'LL TAKE YOU TO GREAT CANYON, BUT NO FURTHER.

AND I'M LEAVING AT DAWN, SO YOU BETTER BE READY.

YES! OKAY! I WILL!

...
ALL QUIET TONIGHT, HUH?
GUESS THAT GUY FINALLY GAVE UP.
GREAT CANYON ...
NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE GOING BACK ...

WHAP
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BREAK HER!
WHY AREN'T YOU?
CAN'T... CAN'T GET PAST THE GENGAR...
CAN'T?
OR WON'T?
...JUST GIVE ME TIME...
PLEASE.
IF I CAN... IF I CAN JUST SEPARATE THEM SOMEHOW
I JUST NEED TIME.
HEHEH. OKAY
THREE DAYS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO GET RID OF HIM, RIGHT?
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD WITH GHOSTS. I KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO THE OTHER ONE
JUST DON'T KEEP ME WAITING TOO LONG
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE BEING BORED

UH?
HEHEH

GREAT CANYON IS ABOUT THREE DAYS' JOURNEY NORTH OF HERE.

WE CAN GO BY THE PLAINS OR THE FOREST. I'D SAY THE FOREST.

IT'LL BE HARDER GOING, BUT IT'S SHORTER OVERALL AND THERE'S MORE COVER IF THOSE GUYS DO COME BACK FOR YOU.

IS THAT A RIVER?

YEAH. WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS IT, BUT IT'S NOT TOO DEEP HERE.

DO YOU THINK THOSE DOGS ARE GONNA COME BACK?

SEEMS LIKELY.

YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY THEY WANT YOU?

THEIR LEADER GOT HURT BECAUSE OF ME.

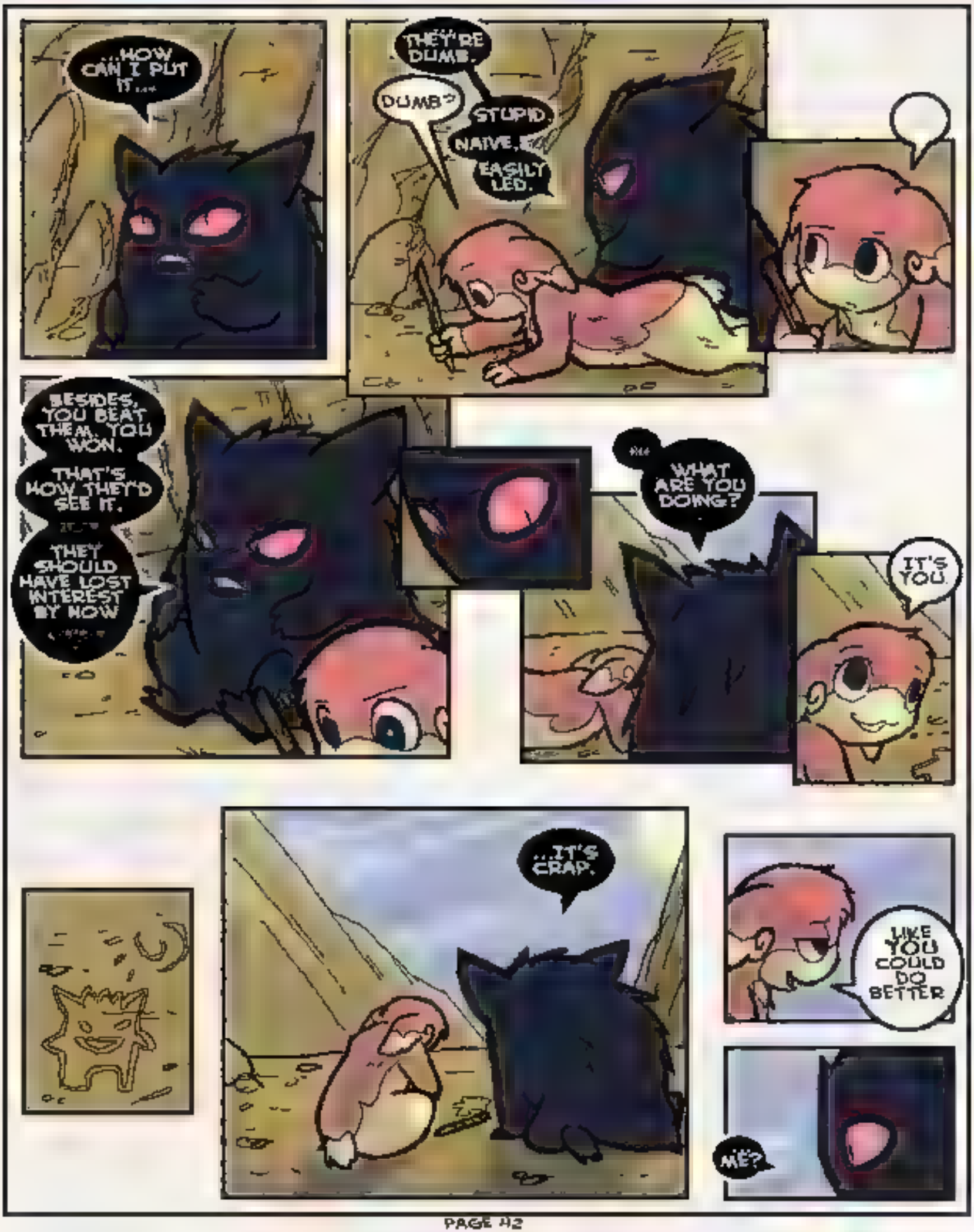
HURT BADLY

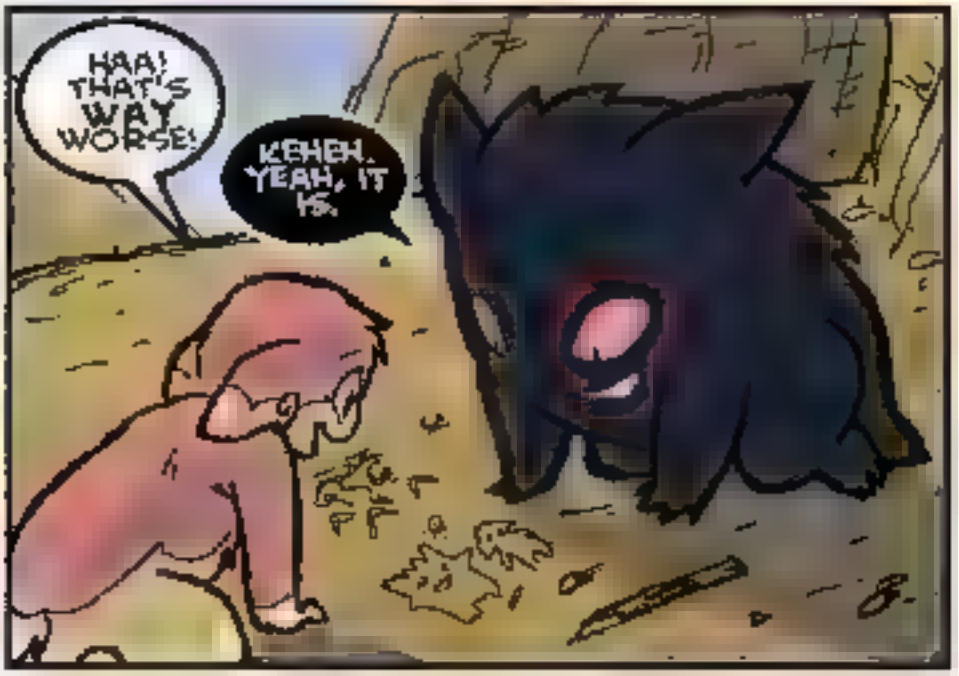
MAYBE IT'S THAT

REVENGE?

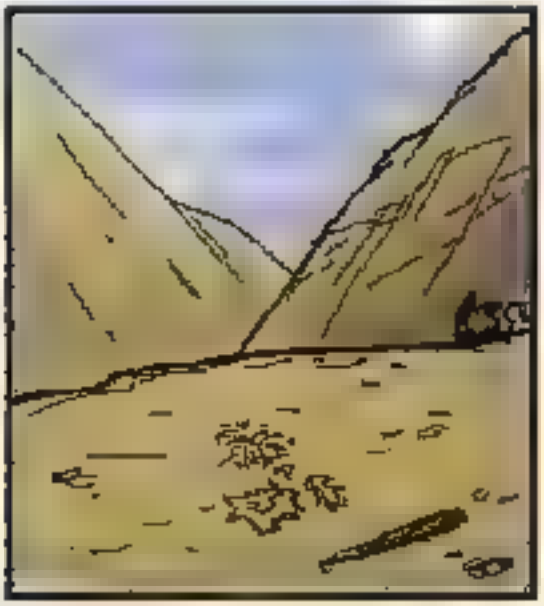
...GEH. NO, IT'S NOT THAT. POKEMON DON'T THINK LIKE THAT.

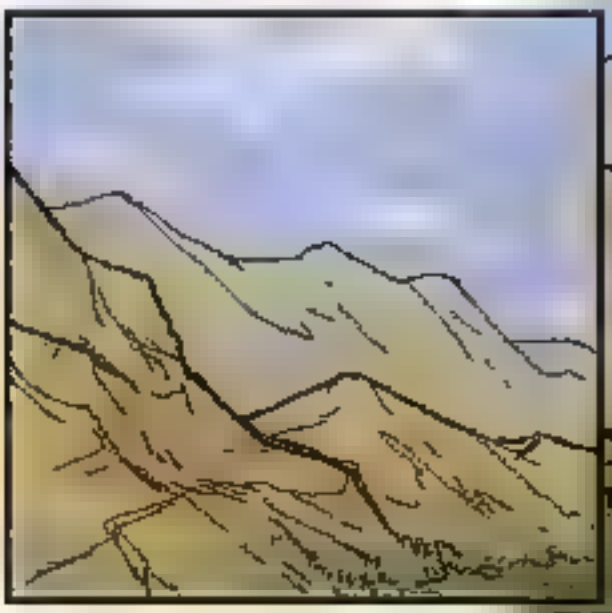
HOW DO THEY THINK, THEN?

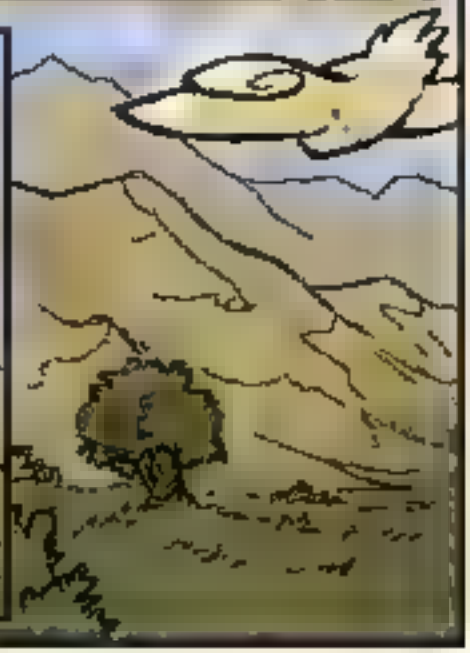

...HOW CAN I PUT IT...
THEY'RE DUMB.
DUMB?
STUPID.
NAIVE.
EASILY LED.
BESIDES, YOU BEAT THEM. YOU WON.
THAT'S HOW THEY'D SEE IT.
THEY SHOULD HAVE LOST INTEREST BY NOW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S YOU.
...IT'S CRAP.
LIKE YOU COULD DO BETTER.
ME?

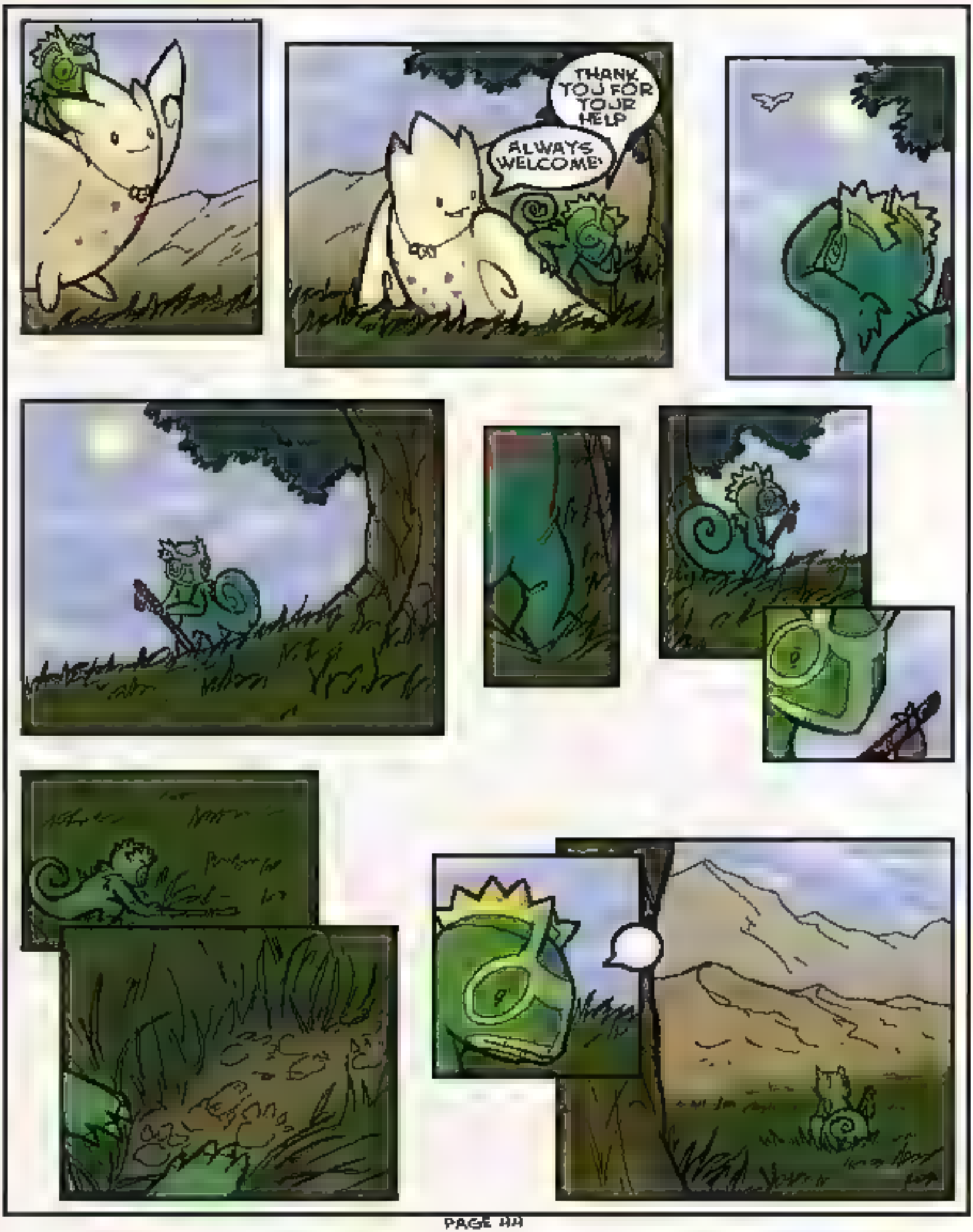

HAA! THAT'S WAY WORSE!
KEHEH. YEAH, IT IS.

...COME ON, WE GOTTA GO.








THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP
ALWAYS WELCOME!

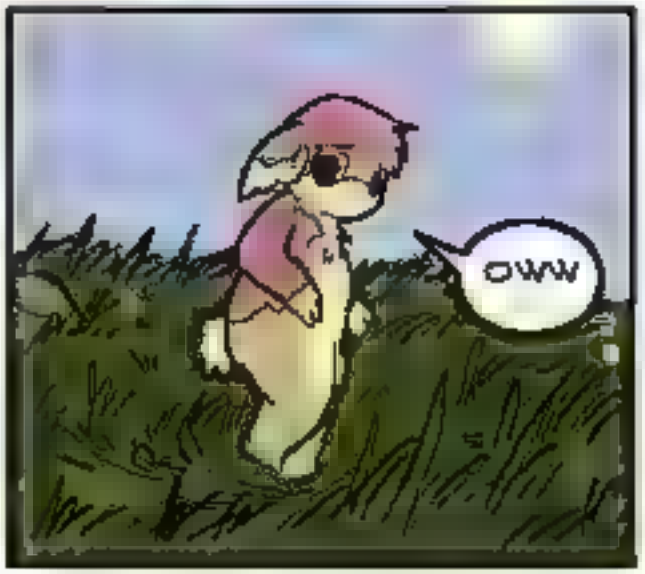
IT'S SO HOT
HEY, CAN WE STOP FOR A BIT?
NO.
BUT MY FEET REALLY HURT!
DEAL WITH IT.
AND I'M THIRSTY

HFF!

GENGAR? I HURT MY FOOT

I'M TIRED!
I'M THIRSTY!
MY FEET HURT!
BUT IF WE DON'T GET TO THAT FOREST BEFORE SUNDOWN, WE'LL BE HOUNDOOM BAIT!
SO JUST SHUT UP!

-BUT IT'S-
ZIP IT!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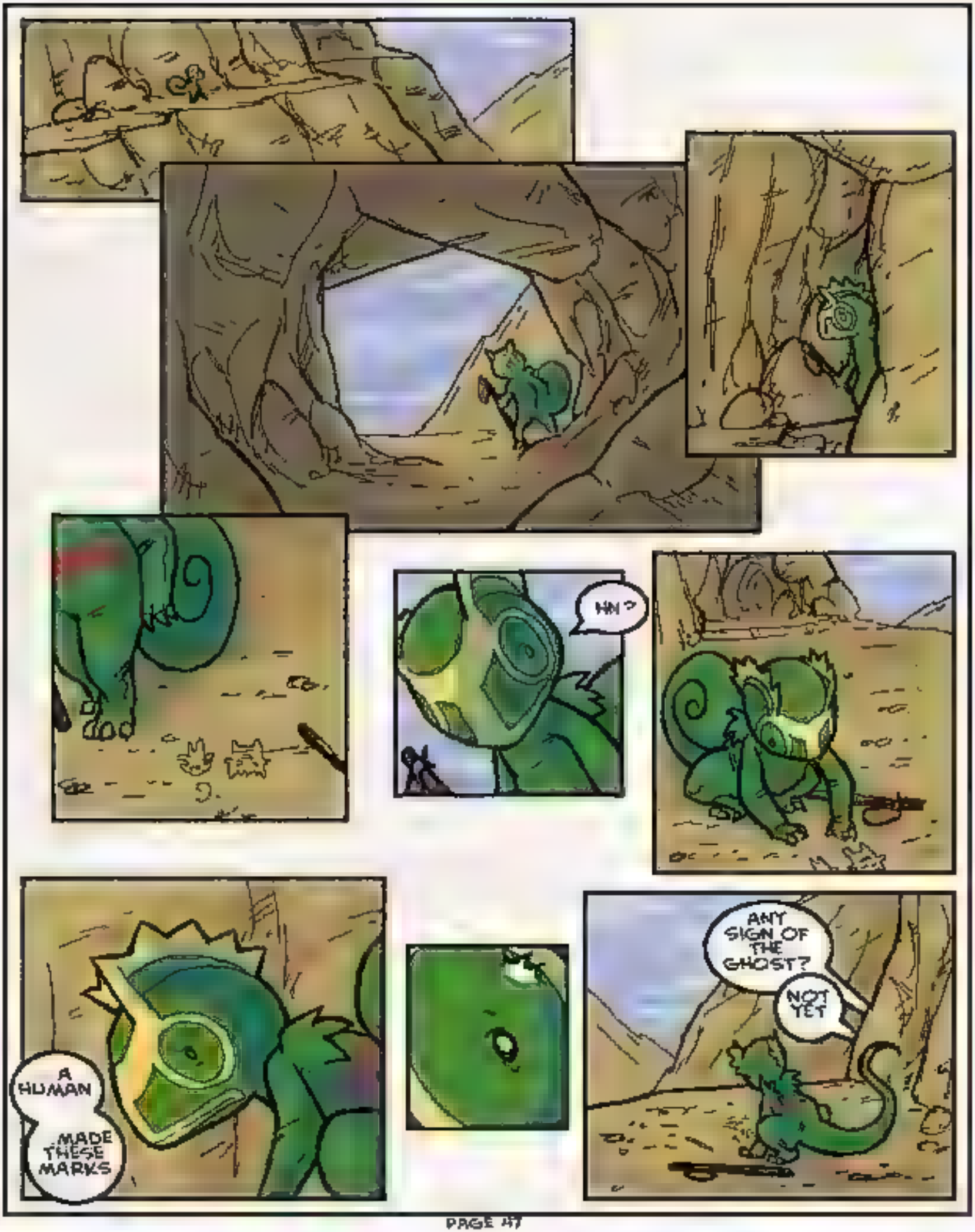
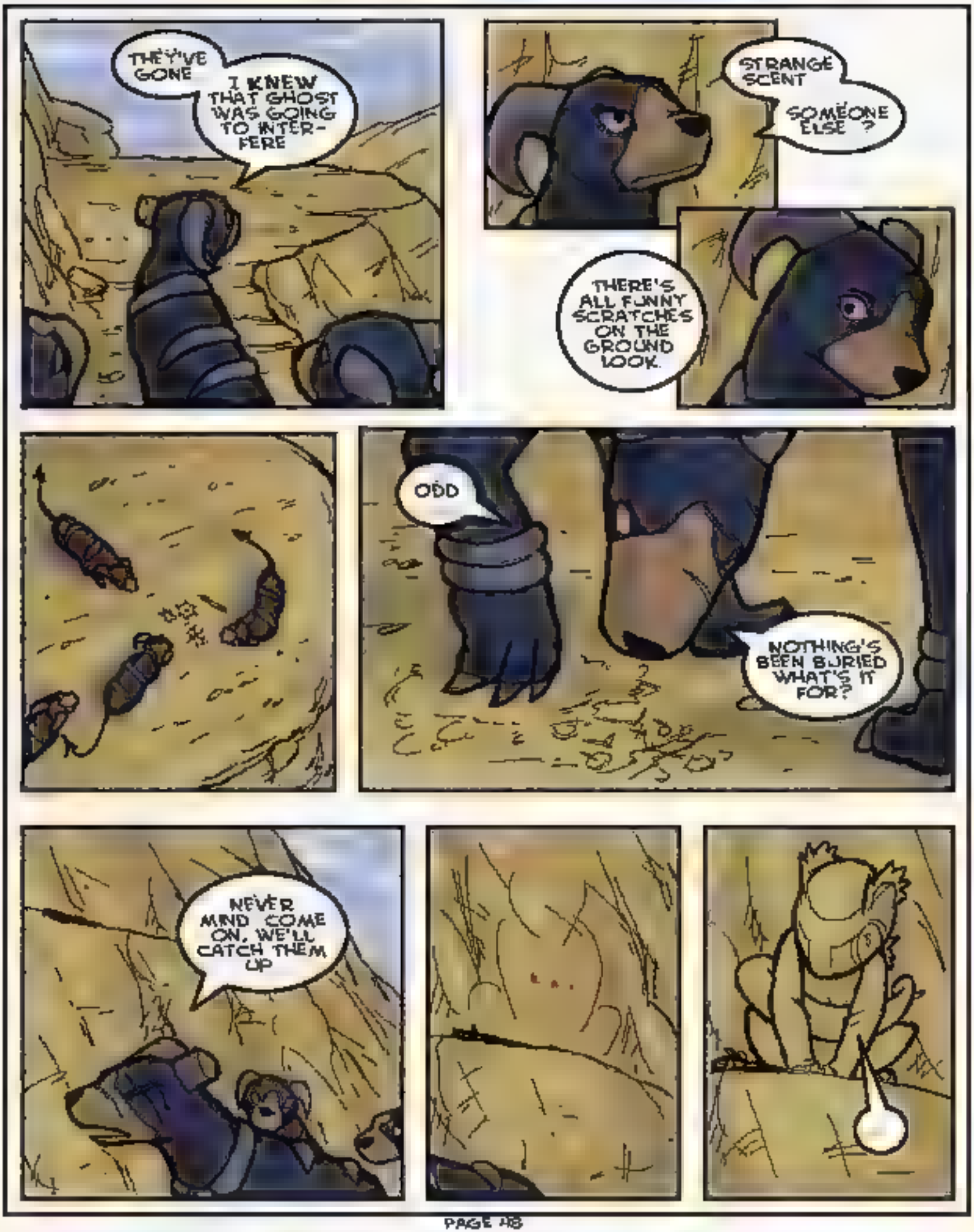
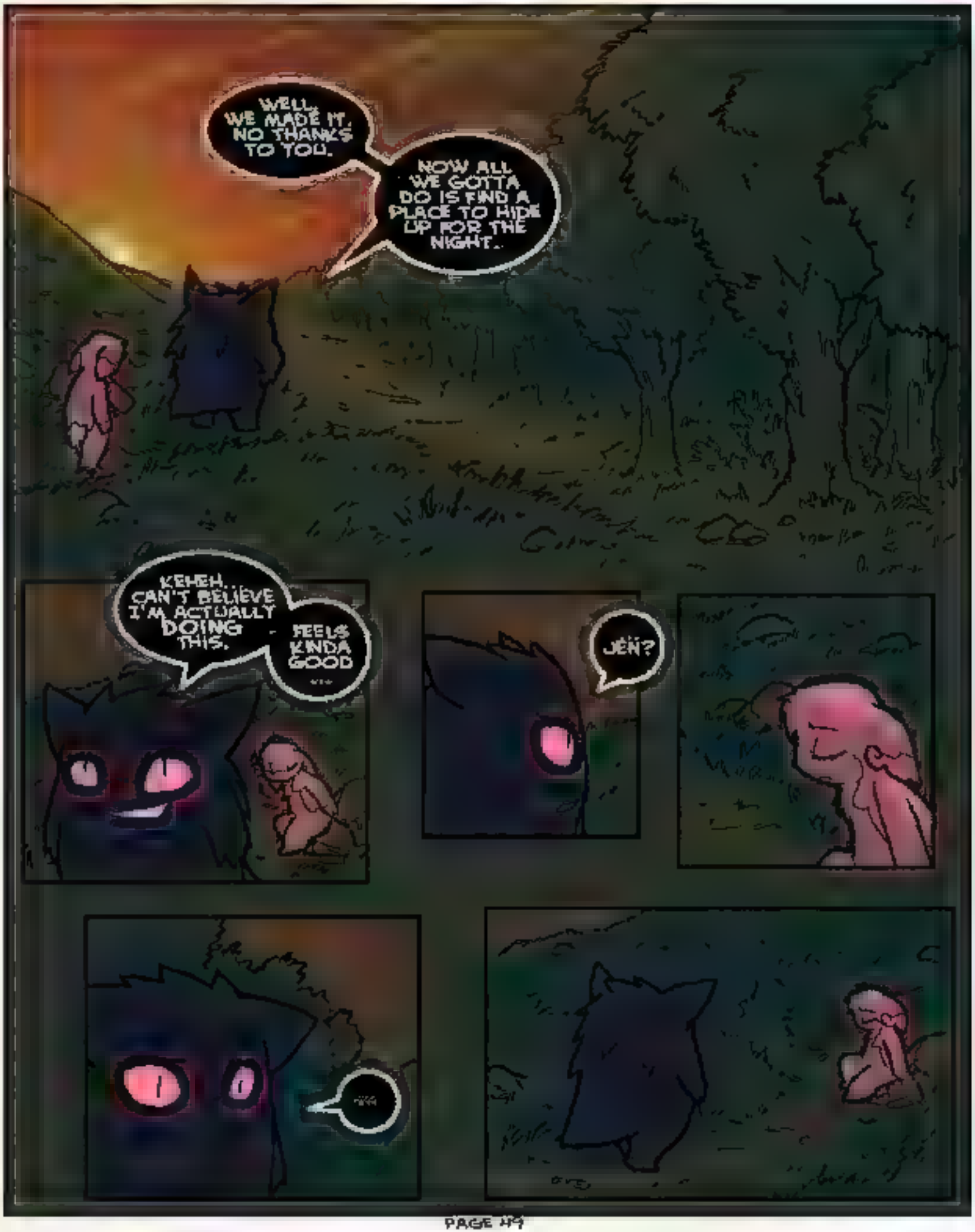
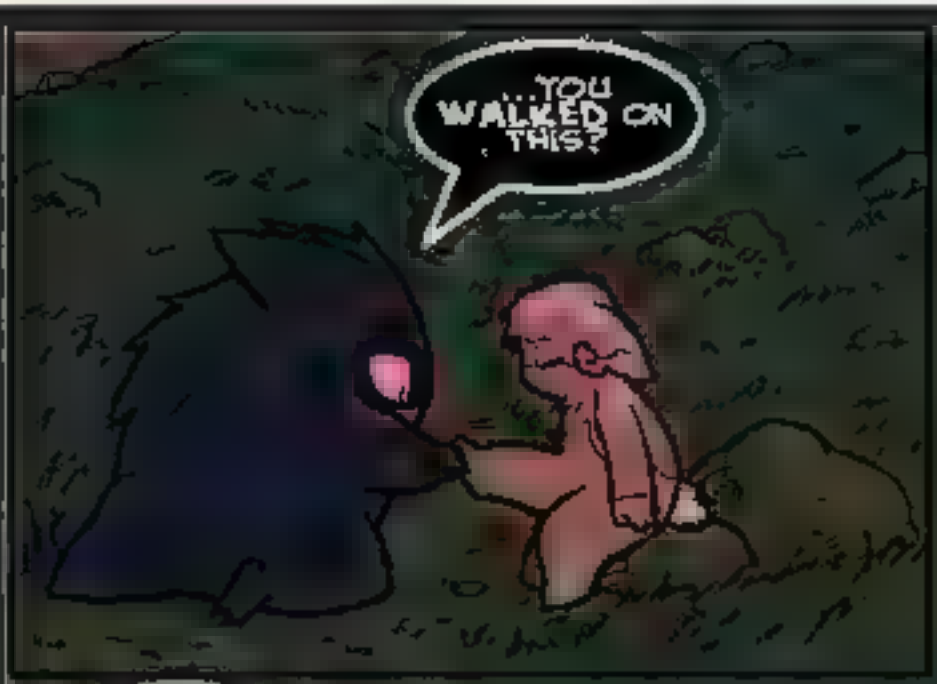

HM?
A HUMAN MADE THESE MARKS
ANY SIGN OF THE GHOST?
NOT YET


THEY'VE GONE
I KNEW THAT GHOST WAS GOING TO INTER-FERE
STRANGE SCENT
SOMEONE ELSE ?
THERE'S ALL FUNNY SCRATCHES ON THE GROUND LOOK.
ODD
NOTHING'S BEEN BURIED WHAT'S IT FOR?
NEVER MIND COME ON, WE'LL CATCH THEM UP


WELL, WE MADE IT. NO THANKS TO YOU.
NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS FIND A PLACE TO HIDE UP FOR THE NIGHT.
KEHEH... CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTUALLY DOING THIS.
FEELS KINDA GOOD
JEN?


...YOU WALKED ON THIS?

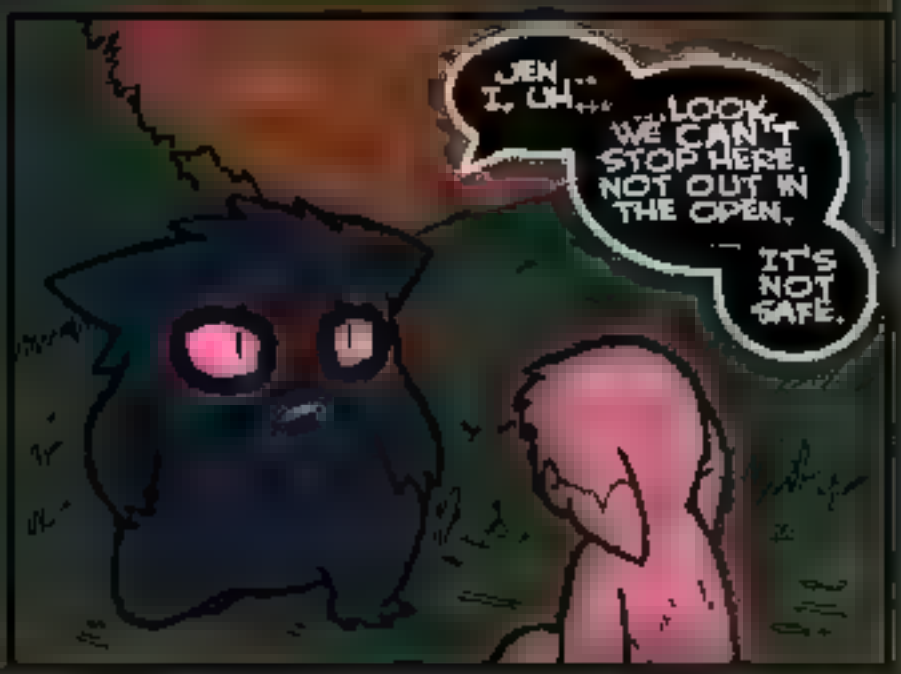
YOU DID?

...YOU... STUPID DUMB KID!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANY-THING?

YOU WOULDN'T LET ME.

...HUH? I...?

AW CRAP

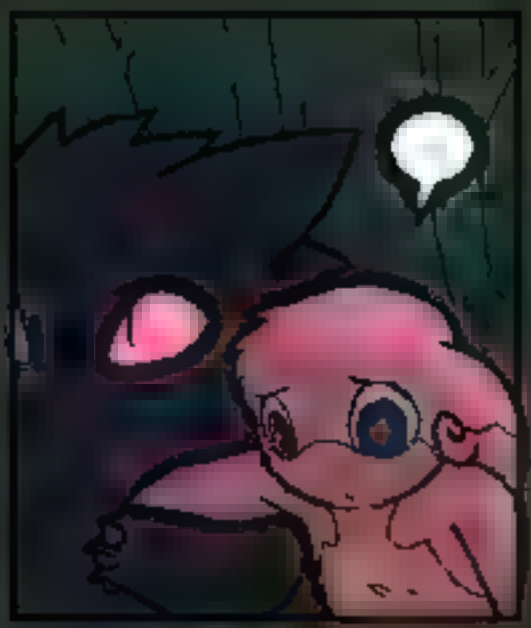

JEN... I, UH...
...LOOK, WE CAN'T STOP HERE. NOT OUT IN THE OPEN.
IT'S NOT SAFE.

I CAN'T.
I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER

YEAH YOU CAN.
I'LL HELP YOU.

C'MON.
LEAN ON ME.
OWW

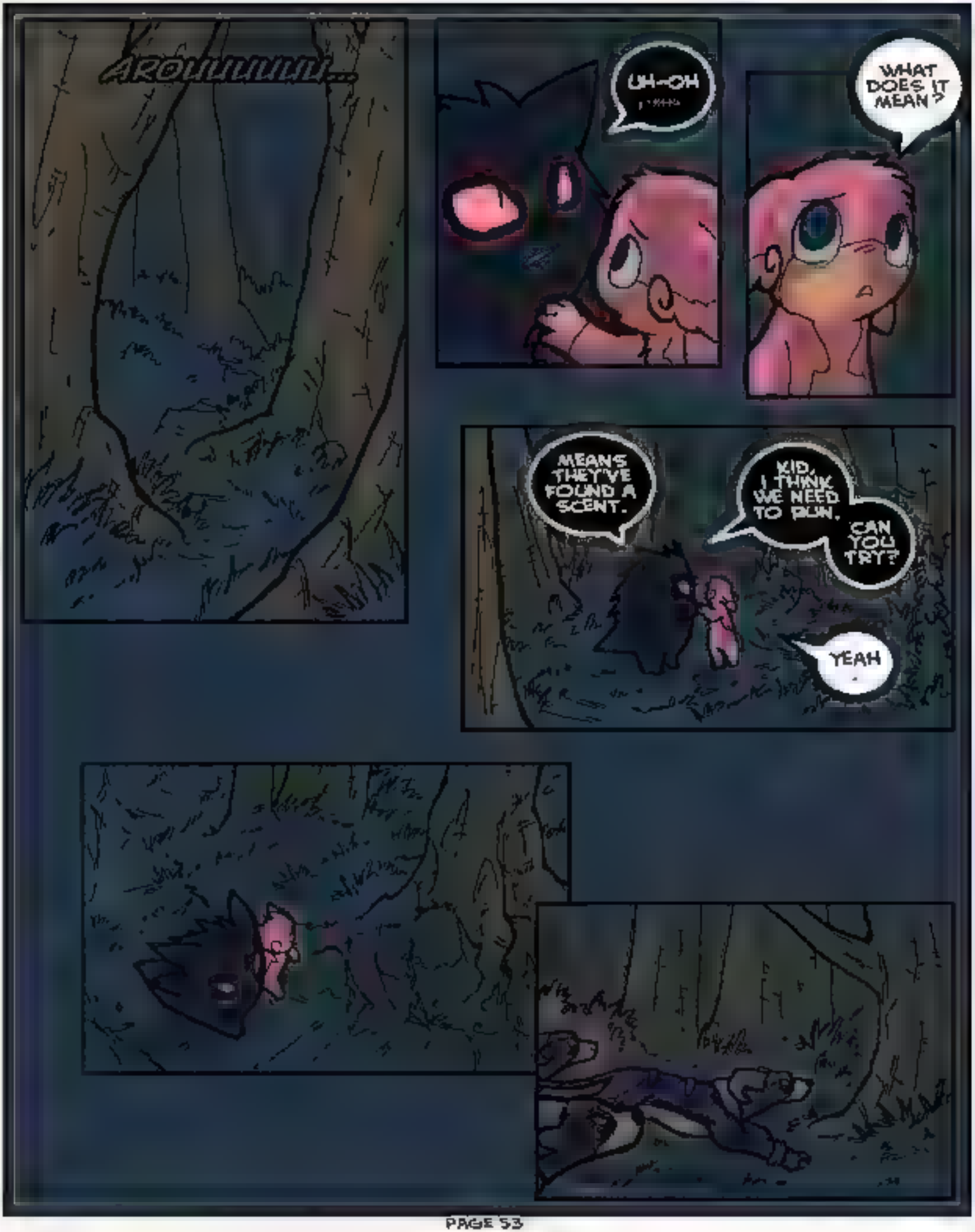
JUST TAKE IT SLOW AND STEADY

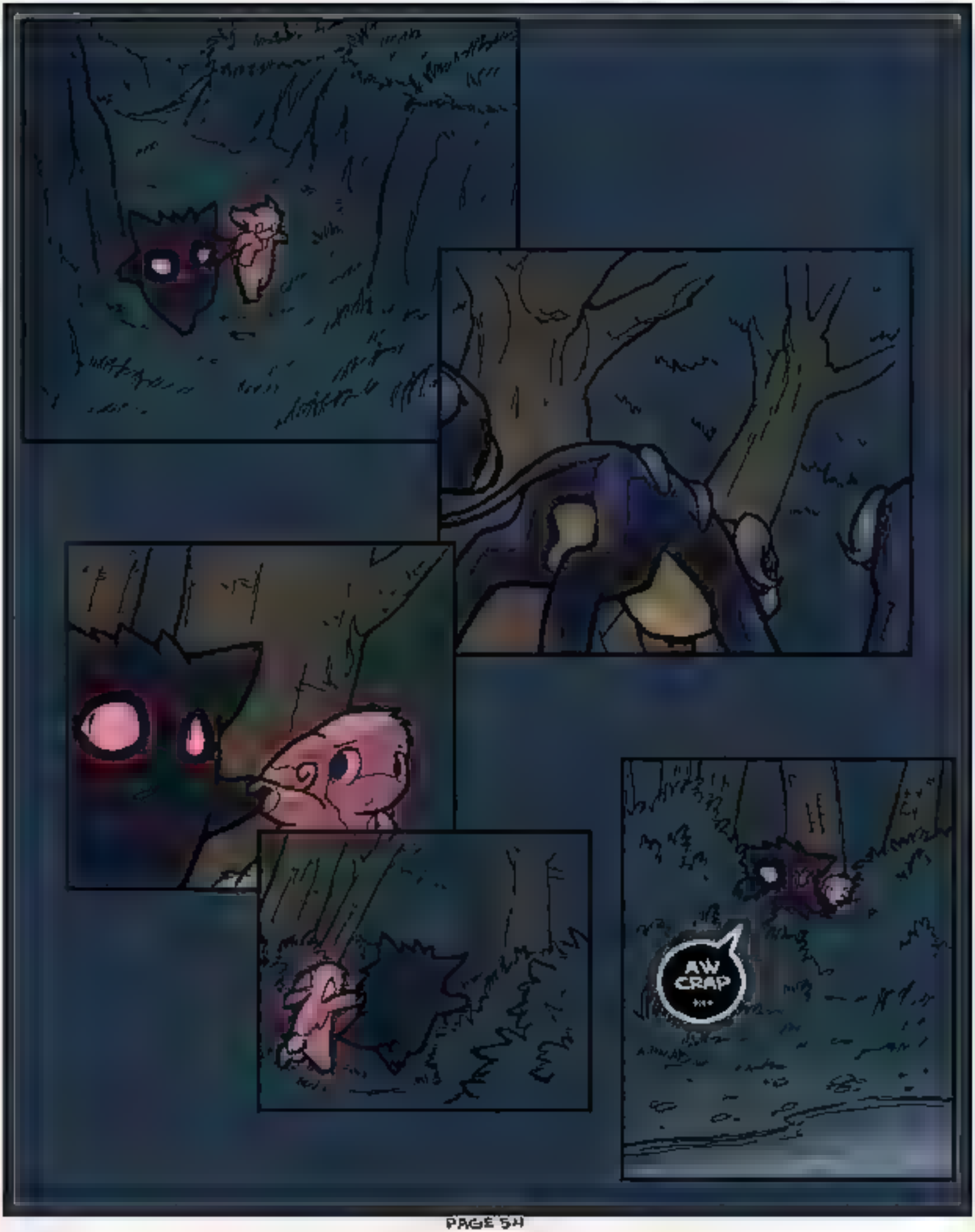


GENGAR?
I'M SORRY
FOR BEING STUPID AND DUMB AND STUFF
I GUESS I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS

IT...
IT WAS MY FAULT, OKAY?
I'M... SORRY.

AROUUUUUU...
HAH
WHAT IDIOTS.


AROUUUUUU...
UH-OH
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
MEANS THEY'VE FOUND A SCENT.
KID, I THINK WE NEED TO RUN.
CAN YOU TRY?
YEAH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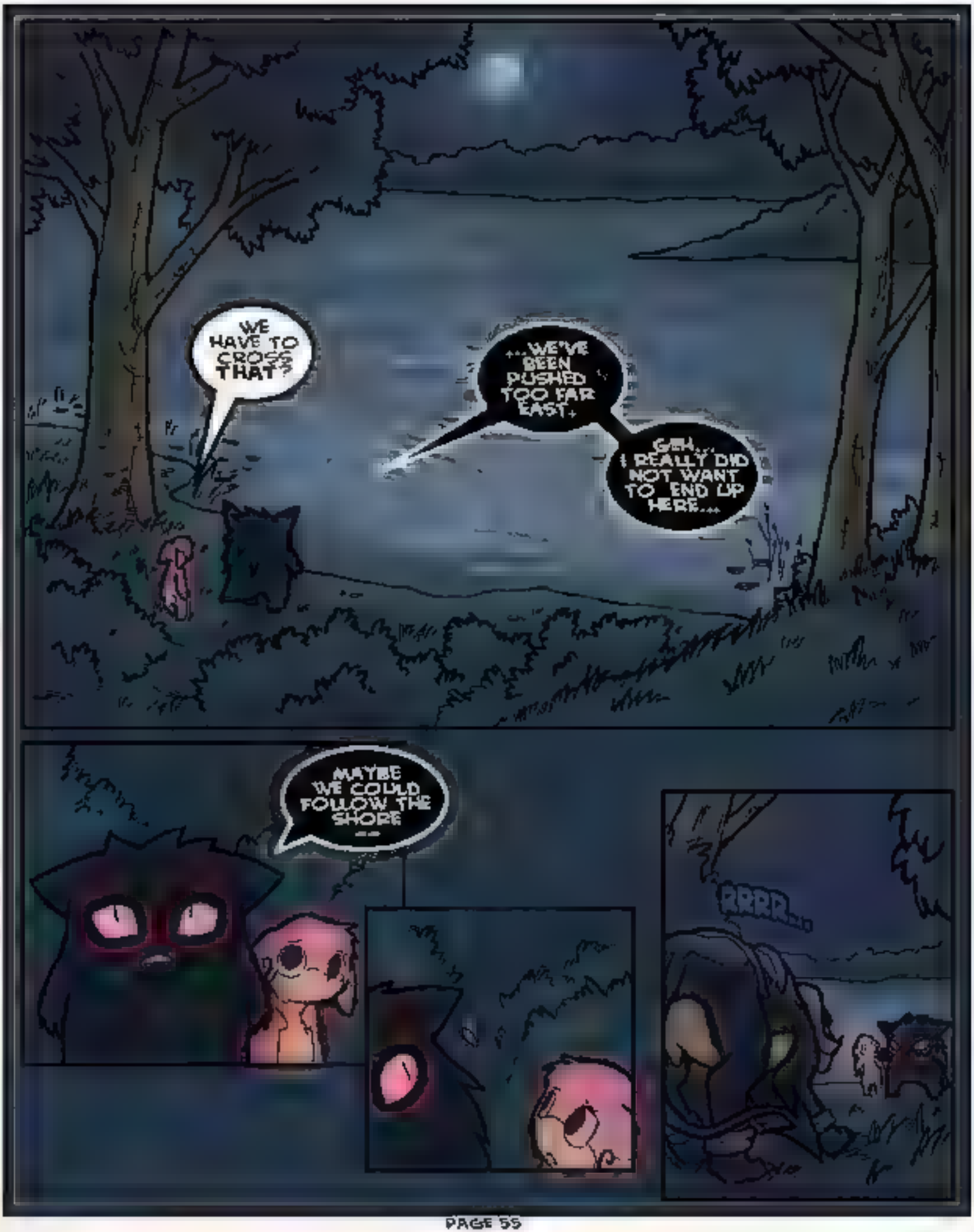
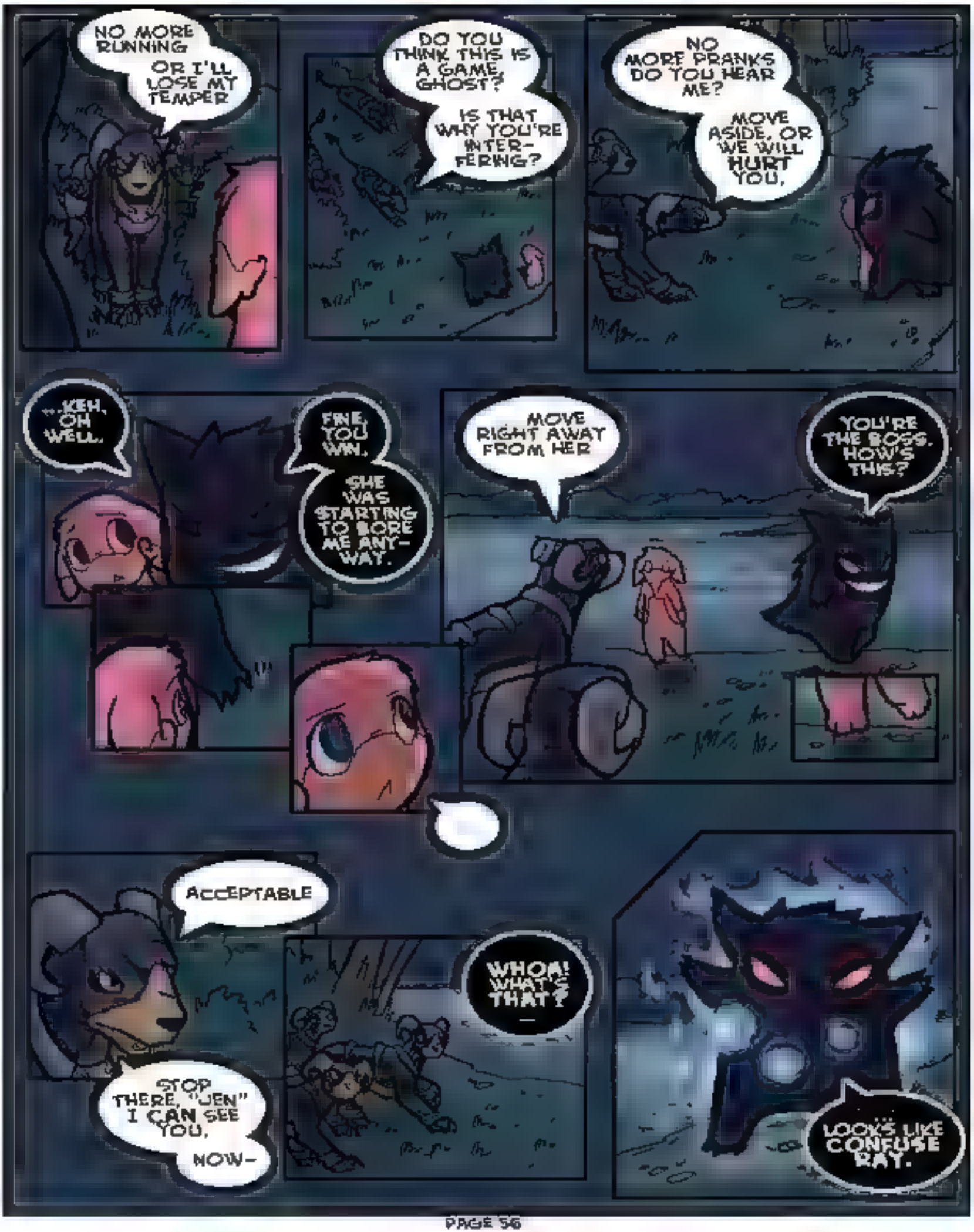
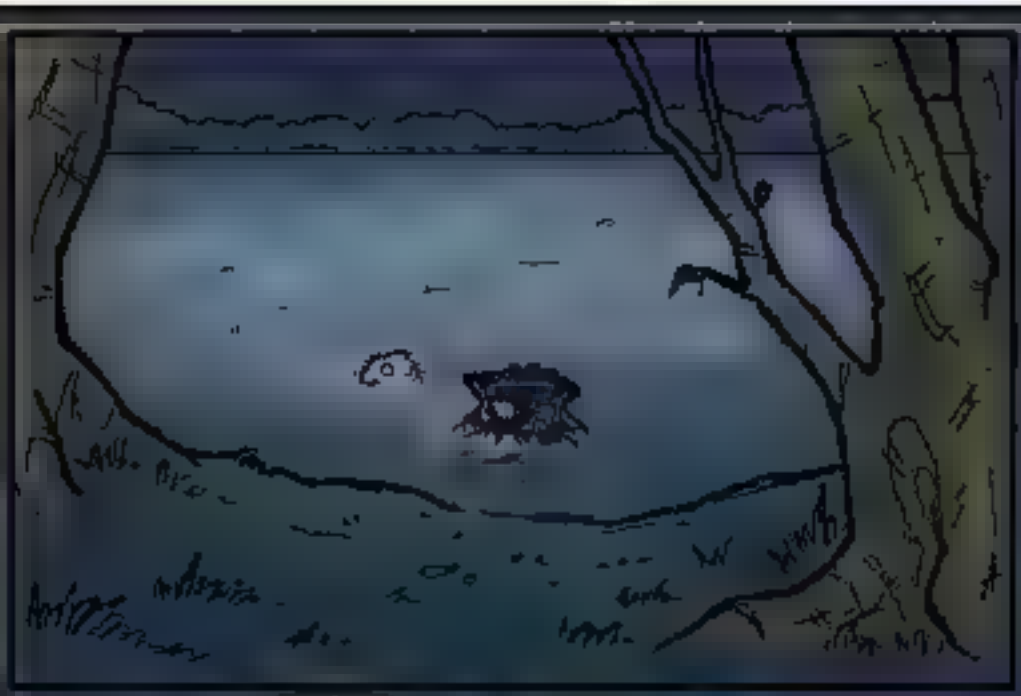

WE HAVE TO CROSS THAT?
...WE'VE BEEN PUSHED TOO FAR EAST...
GEH... I REALLY DID NOT WANT TO END UP HERE...
MAYBE WE COULD FOLLOW THE SHORE...
RRRR...


NO MORE RUNNING OR I'LL LOSE MY TEMPER
DO YOU THINK THIS IS A GAME, GHOST?
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE INTER-FERING?
NO MORE PRANKS DO YOU HEAR ME?
MOVE ASIDE, OR WE WILL HURT YOU.
...KEH, OH WELL.
FINE, YOU WIN.
SHE WAS STARTING TO BORE ME ANY-WAY.
MOVE RIGHT AWAY FROM HER
YOU'RE THE BOSS. HOW'S THIS?
ACCEPTABLE
STOP THERE, "JEN" I CAN SEE YOU, NOW-
WHOA! WHAT'S THAT?
LOOKS LIKE CONFUSE RAY.

AAA–!
SO SO
NO
NNN
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

LET
LET ME THINK FOR A MOMENT
YOU CAN CROSS UP-RIVER
TAKE YOU MOST OF THE NIGHT TO GET THERE, THOUGH.
I CAN SHOW YOU
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO HELP US, BIRD?
WHAT'S THIS TO DO WITH YOU?
I HAD A DREAM.
IS THAT ENOUGH? OR DO I NEED TO SAY MORE?
I UNDER-STAND
SHOW US THE CROSSING

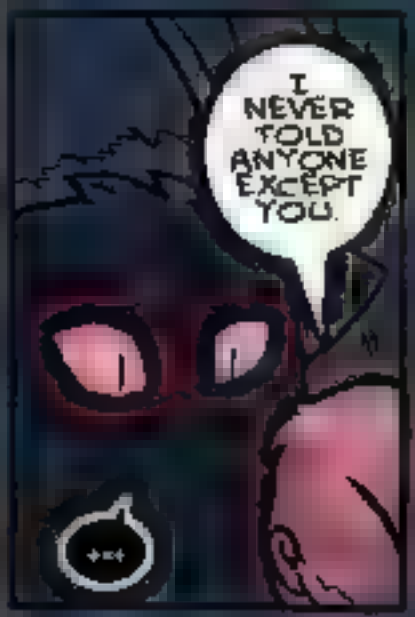


PFEH
HUF

...IS YOUR FOOT OKAY?
YEAH
YOU SURE? LET ME SEE.

WELL, I'M NO BLISSEY, BUT IT LOOKS OKAY.
THE WATER'S CLEANED IT OUT A BIT.

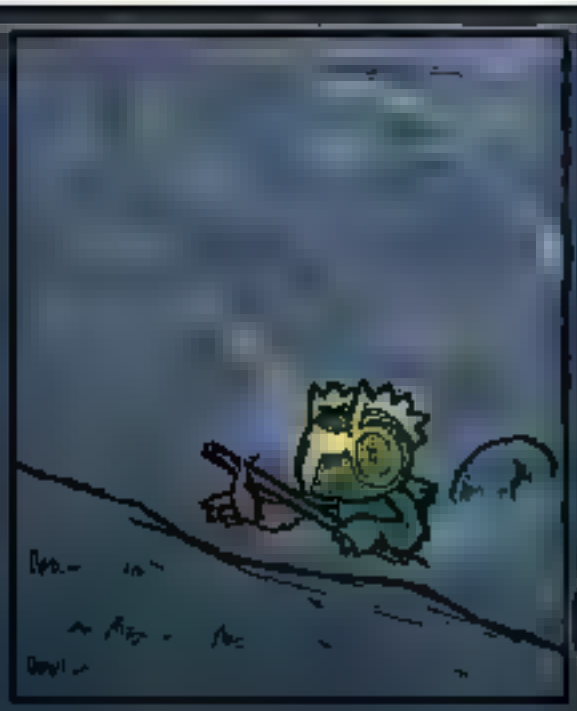
GENGAR, THEY KNEW MY NAME

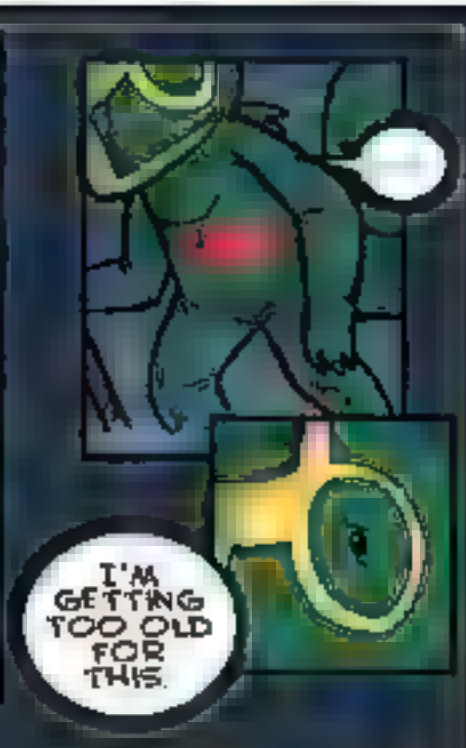

I NEVER TOLD ANYONE EXCEPT YOU.

THAT... IS REALLY WEIRD.

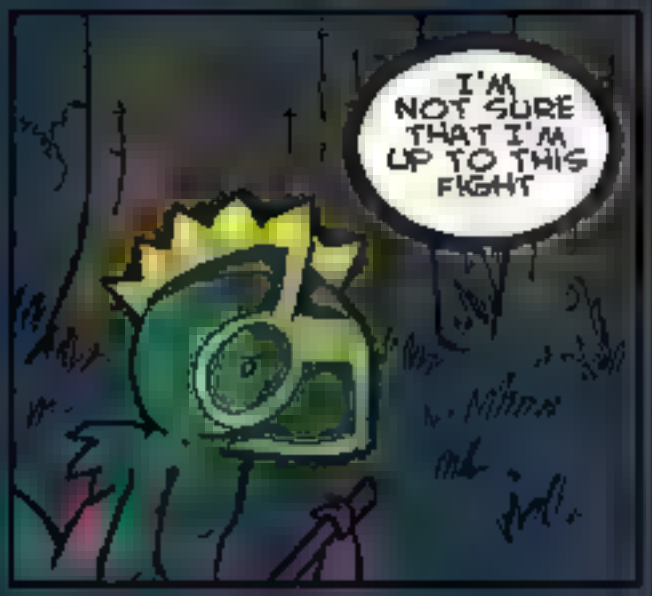
MIGHT AS WELL STOP HERE FOR THE NIGHT, I GUESS.
GEH... I'M ALL DAMP NOW. AND I'M COLD.
ME TOO
WHAT IS WITH THOSE GUTS, ANY-WAY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HOUNDOOM ACT LIKE THIS..
WHY? WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT YOU? ...
YOU OKAY?
JEN?
H-HEY! WHAT- DON'T-
DON'T TOUCH ME-!
C'MON, KID, STOP ...

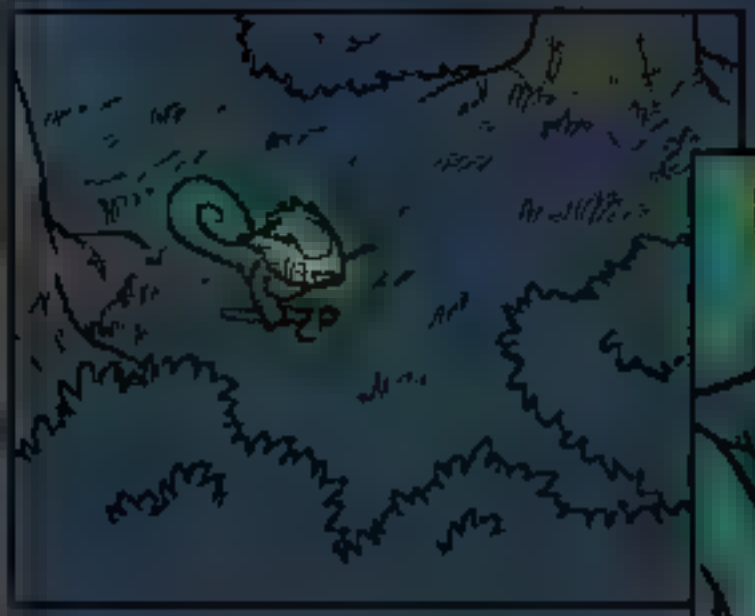
SO THE GIRL HAS ATTRACTED A GENGAR
AND HE'S PROTECTIVE OF HER
UGH, THIS ISN'T GOOD



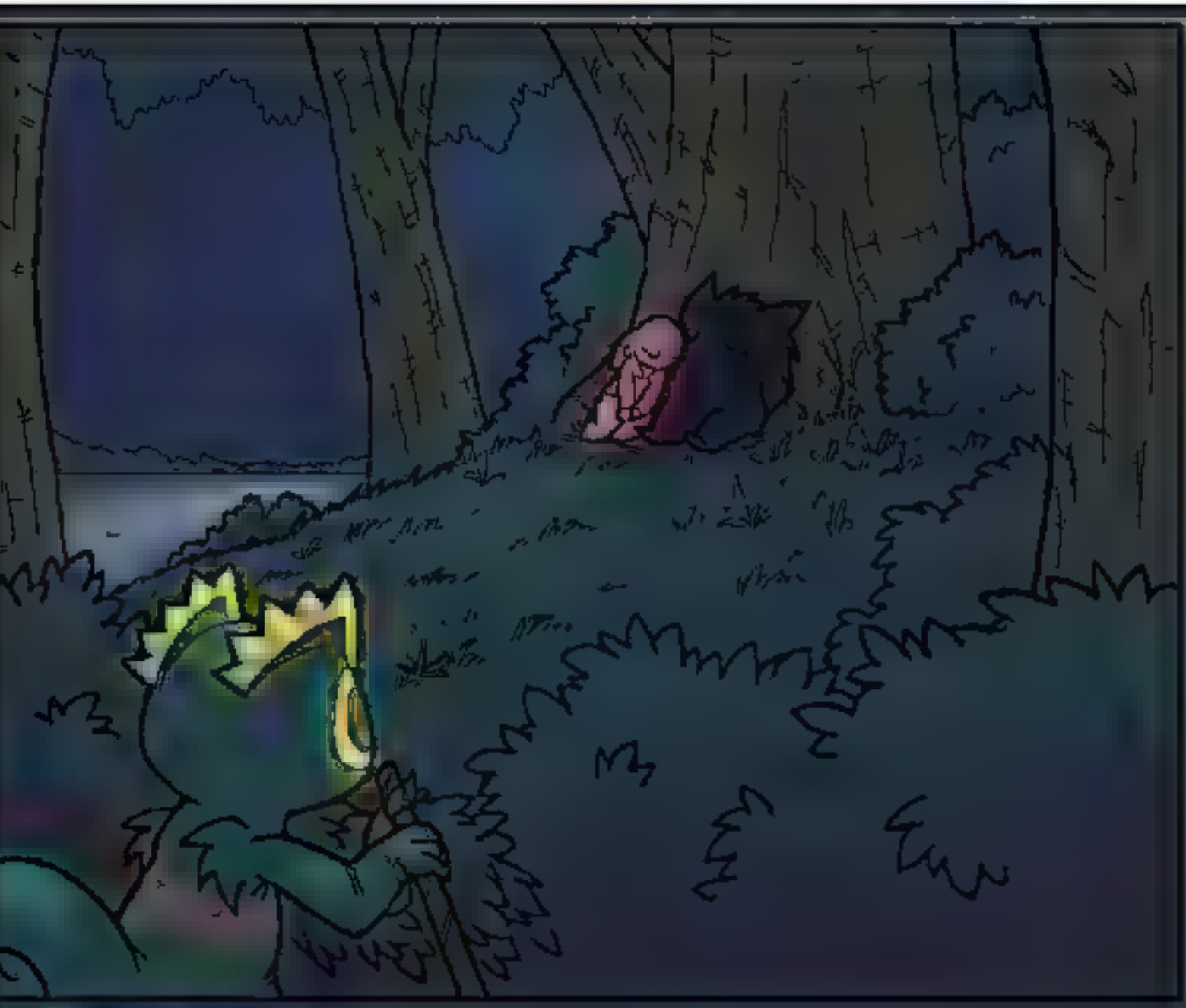

I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS.

IF HE'S TAKING HER DREAMS, HE'LL WANT SOME-WHERE DRY AND SECLUDED
HIGH GROUND


I'M NOT SURE THAT I'M UP TO THIS FIGHT



WH-?!



NO?
YOU'RE NOT AFTER HER DREAMS?
WHAT DO YOU WANT THEN?

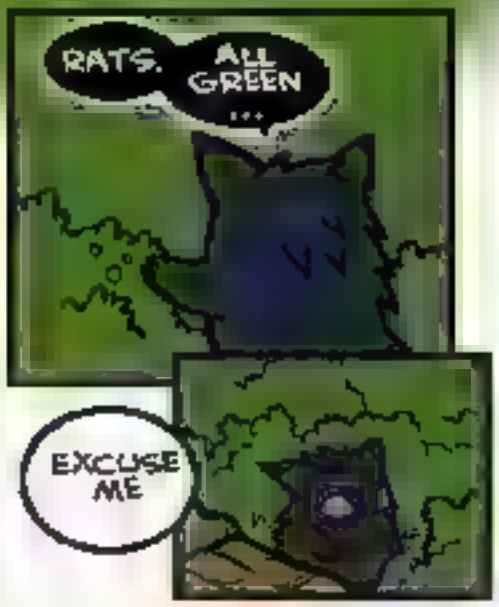
THIS IS STRANGE I'VE NEVER KNOWN A GENGAR DO ANYONE A GOOD TURN BEFORE
WHO ARE YOU REALLY?

...

SO, UH, HOW'S THE FOOT?

IT HURTS A BIT

YOU GONNA BE OKAY TO GO ON?
YEAH I'LL WASH IT IN THE RIVER
OKAY. I'M GONNA LOOK FOR SOMETHING TO EAT.


RATS. ALL GREEN ...
EXCUSE ME

GENGAR? WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE YOU OKAY?

THIS GUY'S BEEN SPYING ON US!
I WAS MERELY GOING TO SAY
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, THERE ARE SOME RIPE ORANS NOT FAR FROM HERE.

I CAN SHOW YOU IF YOU LIKE.

YEAH? AND WHY WOULD YOU WANNA DO THAT?

ONLY TRYING TO HELP

WE DON'T WANT YOUR HELP.

I'LL SPEAK PLAIN THEN
I SAW YOUR ATTACKERS LAST NIGHT THEY'VE CROSSED THE RIVER.
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY NOW I CAN HELP YOU.

UMM. GENGAR? MAYBE WE SHOULD LISTEN TO HIM.

...CAN I HAVE A WORD?
IN PRIVATE?

...LOOK, WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS GUY.

YOU CAN'T JUST TRUST SOMEONE OUT OF NOWHERE.
WHAT IF HE'S WORKING WITH THEM?
I THOUGHT OF THAT BUT, IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE

GEH, WHY AM I EVEN BOTHERING TO TALK TO YOU?
YOU'RE JUST A DUMB KID.
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ...

IF HE'S A GOOD GUY, HE'LL HELP US, AND IT'S OKAY
AND IF HE'S A BAD GUY, HE'S GOING TO FOLLOW US ANYWAY
SO AT LEAST IF HE COMES WITH US, WE'LL KNOW WHERE HE IS.
UMM, DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

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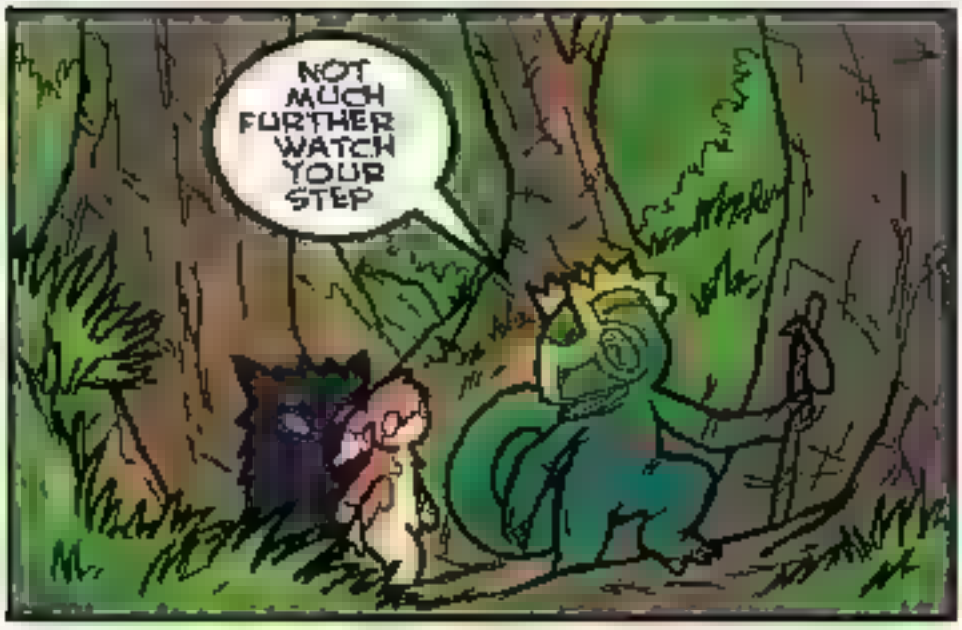
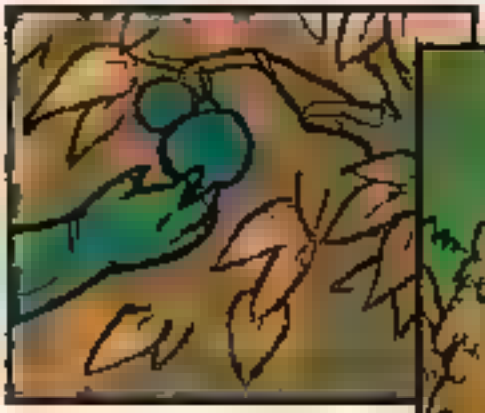
KEH ...
HEH HEH ...

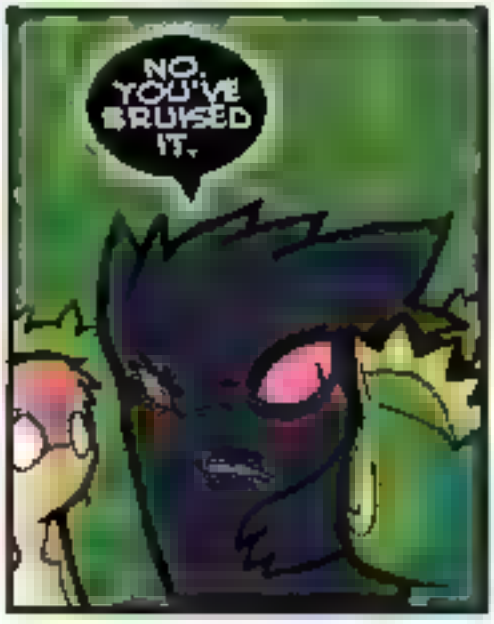
OH, YOU'RE HUMAN ALL RIGHT...
NO POKEMON WOULD FIGURE OUT ALL THAT MESS...
BUT, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.


NOT MUCH FURTHER WATCH YOUR STEP

HERE SEE?



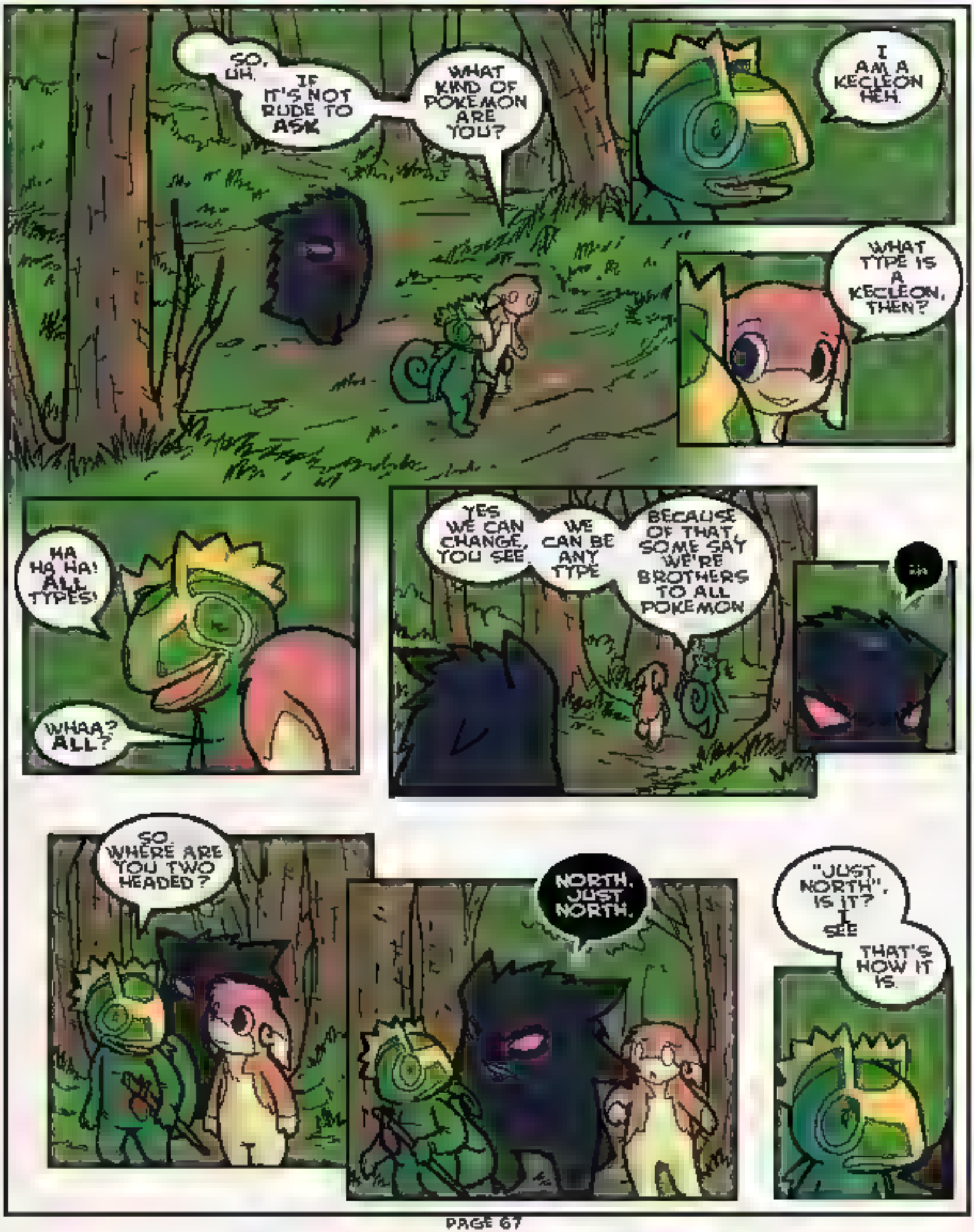
WANT ONE?

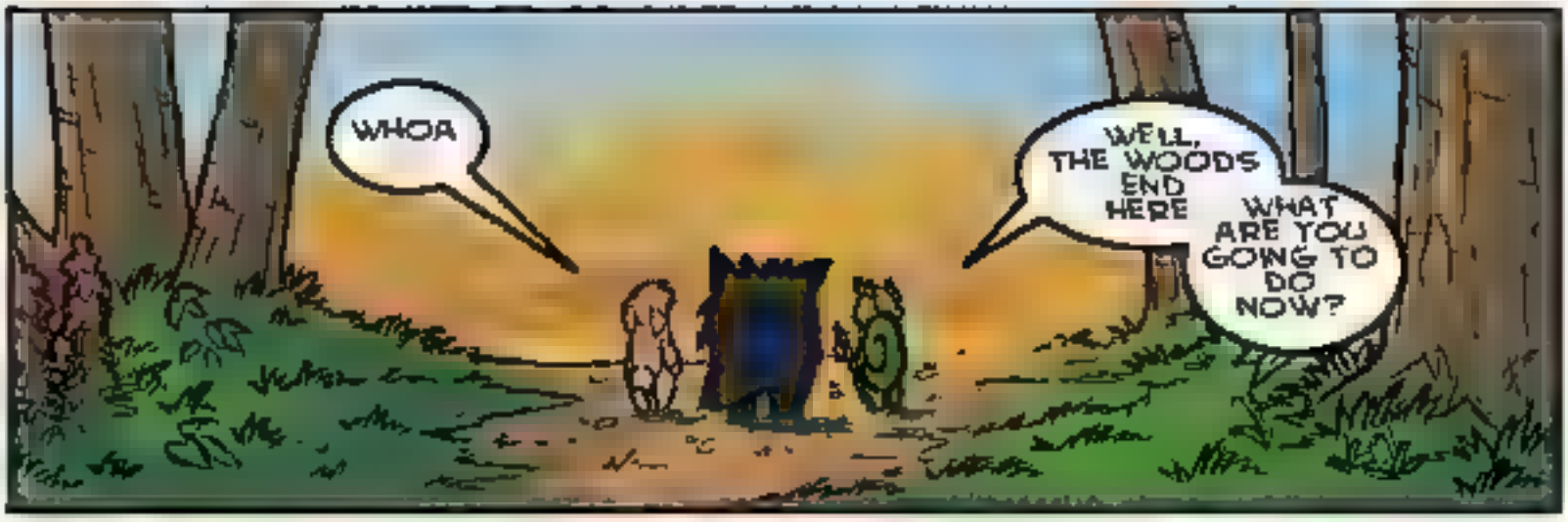

NO. YOU'VE BRUISED IT.

HN. PICKY EATER ?

I'LL HAVE IT. I DON'T MIND A FEW BRUISES.
OF COURSE.

WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU, MAY I ASK?
HEH. JEN


SO, UH, IF IT'S NOT RUDE TO ASK
WHAT KIND OF POKEMON ARE YOU?
I AM A KECLEON HEH.
WHAT TYPE IS A KECLEON, THEN?
HA HA HA! ALL TYPES!
WHAA? ALL?
YES WE CAN CHANGE, YOU SEE.
WE CAN BE ANY TYPE
BECAUSE OF THAT, SOME SAY WE'RE BROTHERS TO ALL POKEMON
SO, WHERE ARE YOU TWO HEADED?
NORTH, JUST NORTH.
"JUST NORTH", IS IT? I SEE
THAT'S HOW IT IS.

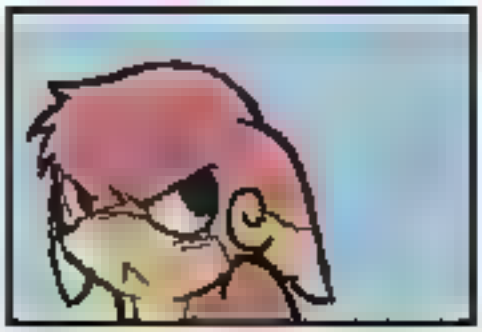

WHOA
WELL, THE WOODS END HERE
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

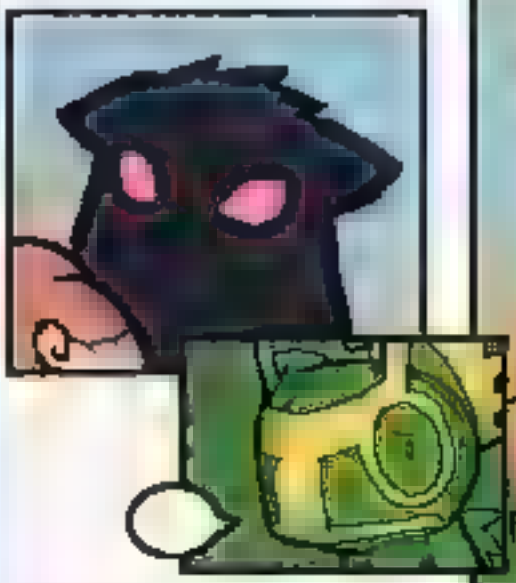
WE'RE GOIN' ON.
BYE.

EXCUSE ME BUT YOU'RE HEADING INTO THE BADLANDS? NOW?
YEAH, SO WE'RE DONE.

I'M GOING WITH YOU.

I SAID WE'RE DONE.
GENGAR? CAN'T HE–
WILL YOU SHUT UP?
IT'S ALREADY AFTER NOON
YOU MIGHT MAKE IT ACROSS BEFORE NIGHT, BUT THE CHILD WON'T
I'M GOING WITH YOU





LISTEN. I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME
THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD

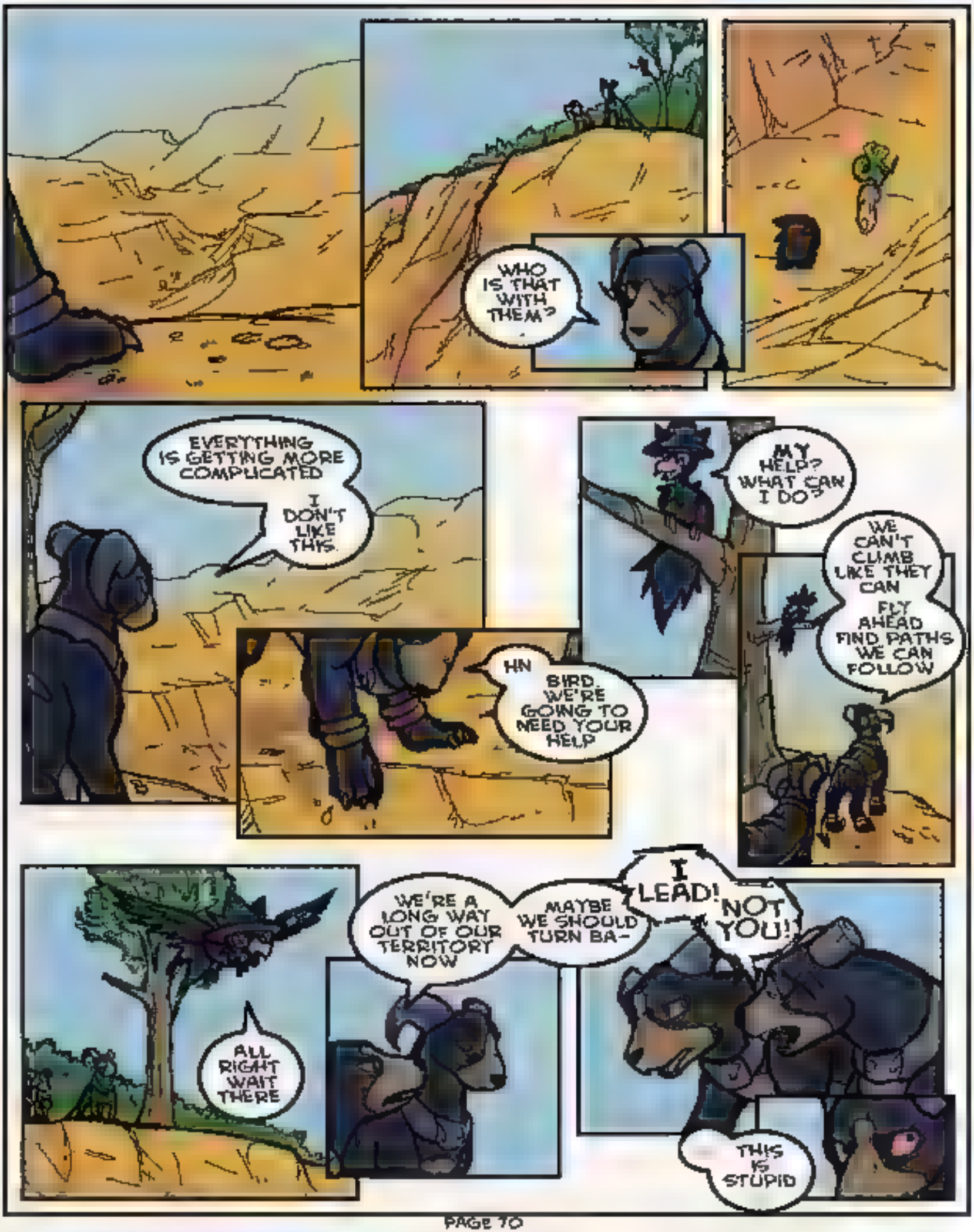
BUT I CAN'T JUST STAND BY
THE CHILD IS INJURED, AND THAT'S HARD COUNTRY TO CROSS AT THE BEST OF TIMES
WHAT WILL YOU DRINK, WHERE WILL YOU SLEEP?

NOT YOUR BUSINESS.

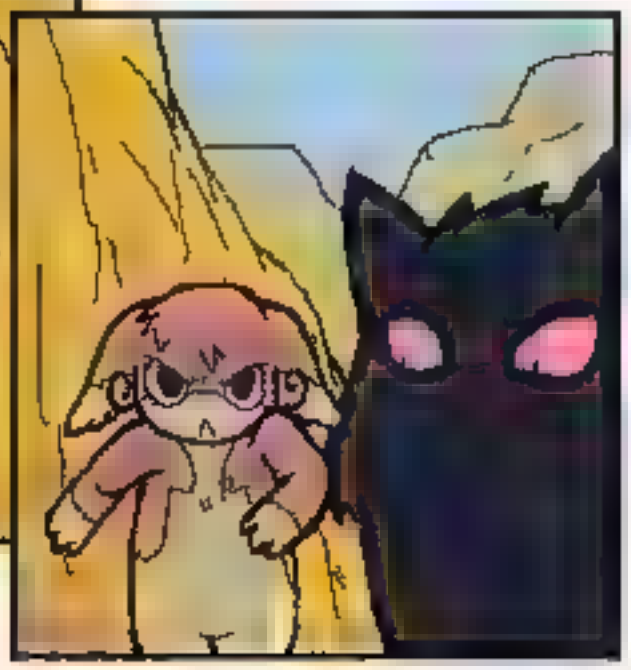
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M MAKING IT MY BUSINESS

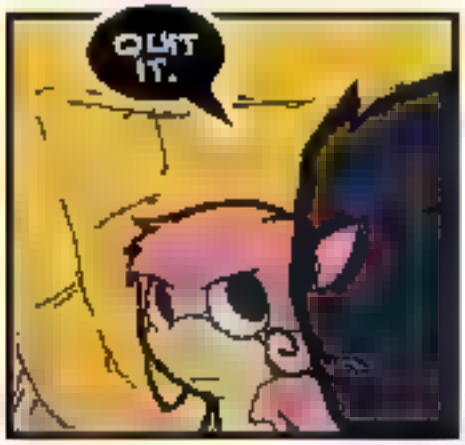
IF YOU STILL WON'T TRUST ME, YOU CAN MAKE ME WALK IN FRONT
BUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M COMING WITH YOU

WHATEVER.


WHO IS THAT WITH THEM?
EVERYTHING IS GETTING MORE COMPLICATED
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
MY HELP? WHAT CAN I DO?
WE CAN'T CLIMB LIKE THEY CAN
FLY AHEAD FIND PATHS WE CAN FOLLOW
HN
BIRD. WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP
ALL RIGHT WAIT THERE
WE'RE A LONG WAY OUT OF OUR TERRITORY NOW
MAYBE WE SHOULD TURN BA-
I LEAD! NOT YOU!
THIS IS STUPID

WHAT.
HE!

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YOU QUIT IT

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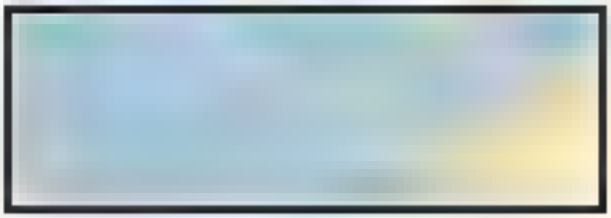
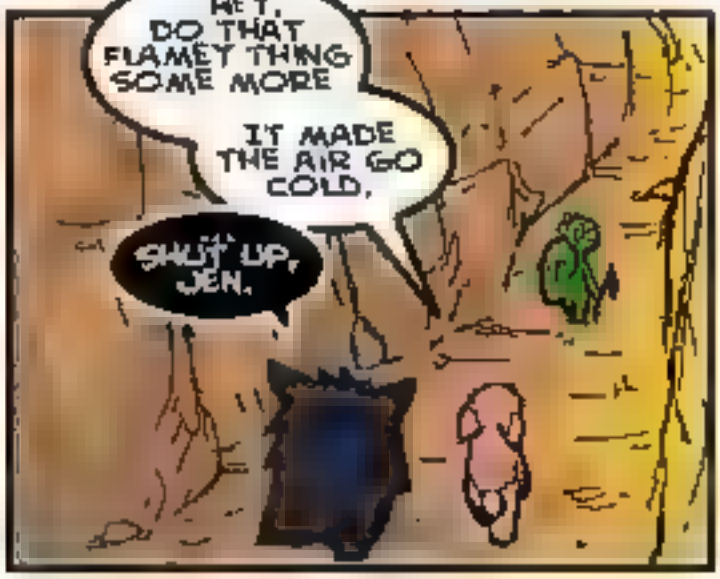
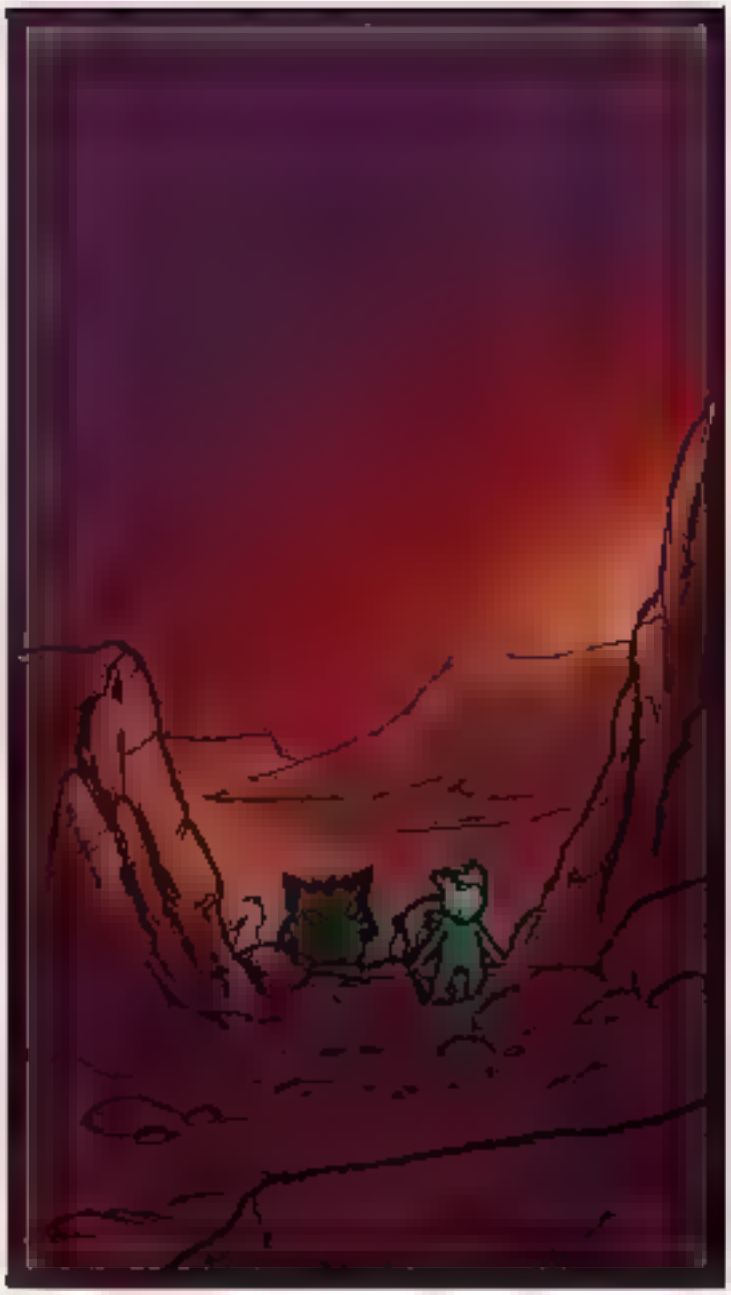
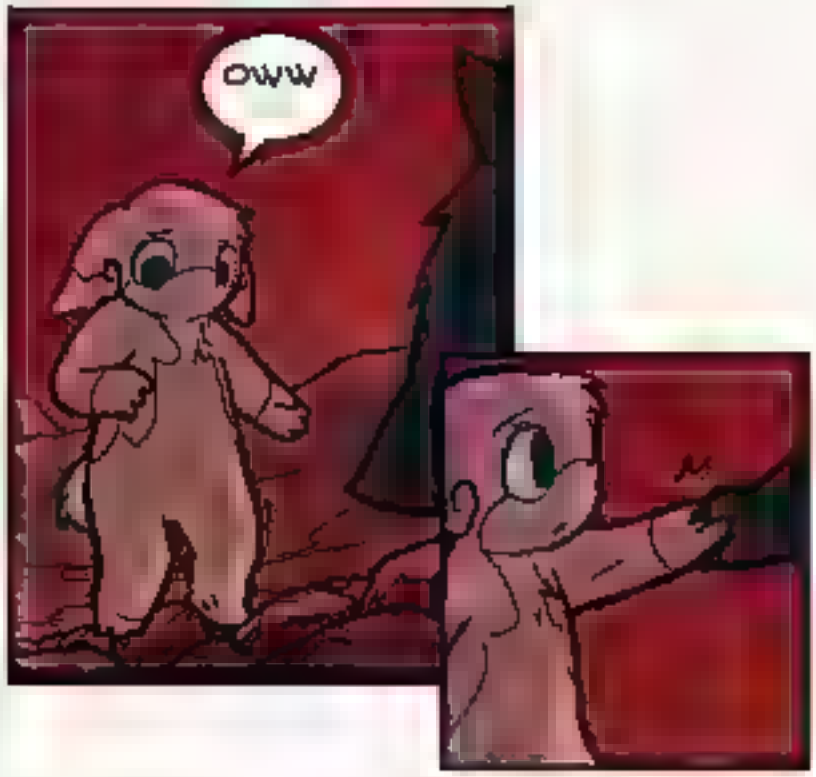
QUIT IT!
YOU QUIT IT



OKAY. I'VE QUIT IT.
...
OKAY


HEY, DO THAT FLAMEY THING SOME MORE
IT MADE THE AIR GO COLD.
SHUT UP, JEN.

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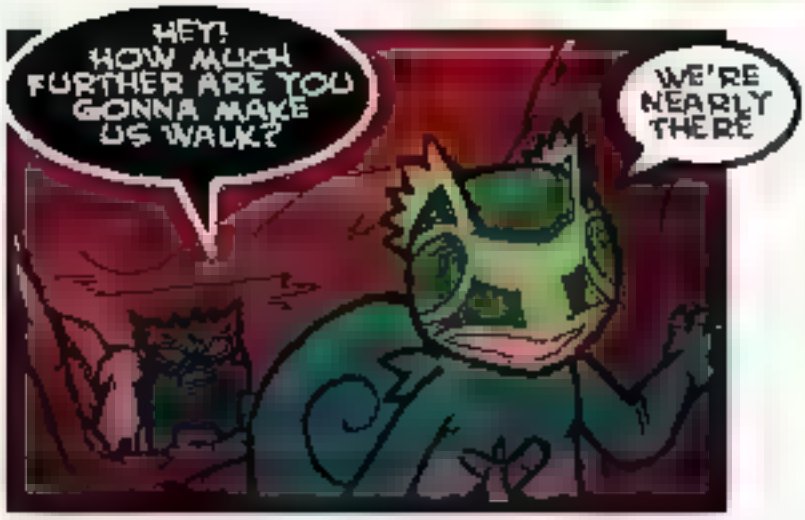

HEY! HOW MUCH FURTHER ARE YOU GONNA MAKE US WALK?
WE'RE NEARLY THERE

NEARLY WHERE?
...
HEY!
I'M TALKING TO YOU!

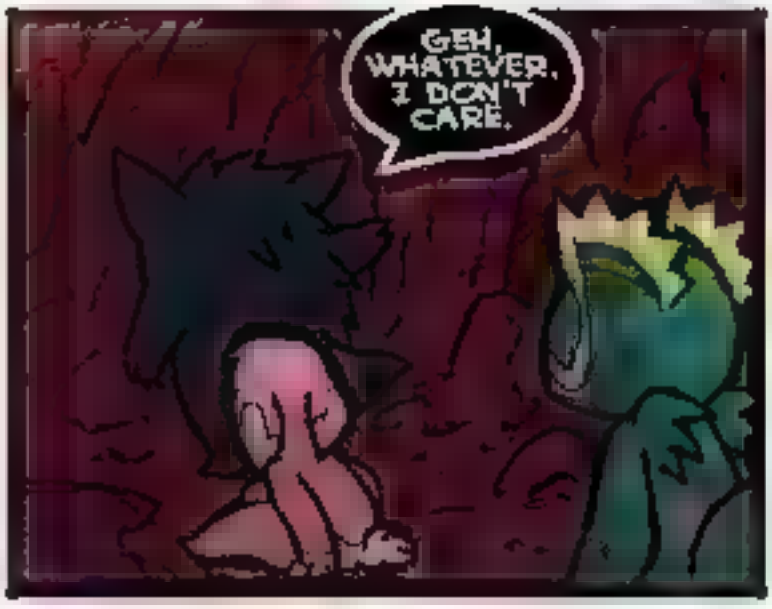
HERE

OH!

I SUGGEST WE STOP HERE FOR THE NIGHT
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DO I HAVE A CHOICE?

WELL YES THAT'S WHY I ASKED


GEH, WHATEVER. I DON'T CARE.

HEY, UM, MR KECLEON? WHAT'S IN THE BAG?
HM?

OH
SEEDS.
SEEDS?

YES.
WHEN I EAT, I LIKE TO SAVE THE SEEDS, TO PLANT LATER.
THAT WAY, I GIVE BACK WHAT I TAKE. YOU SEE?

OH! HAHAHA THAT'S COOL

PFF

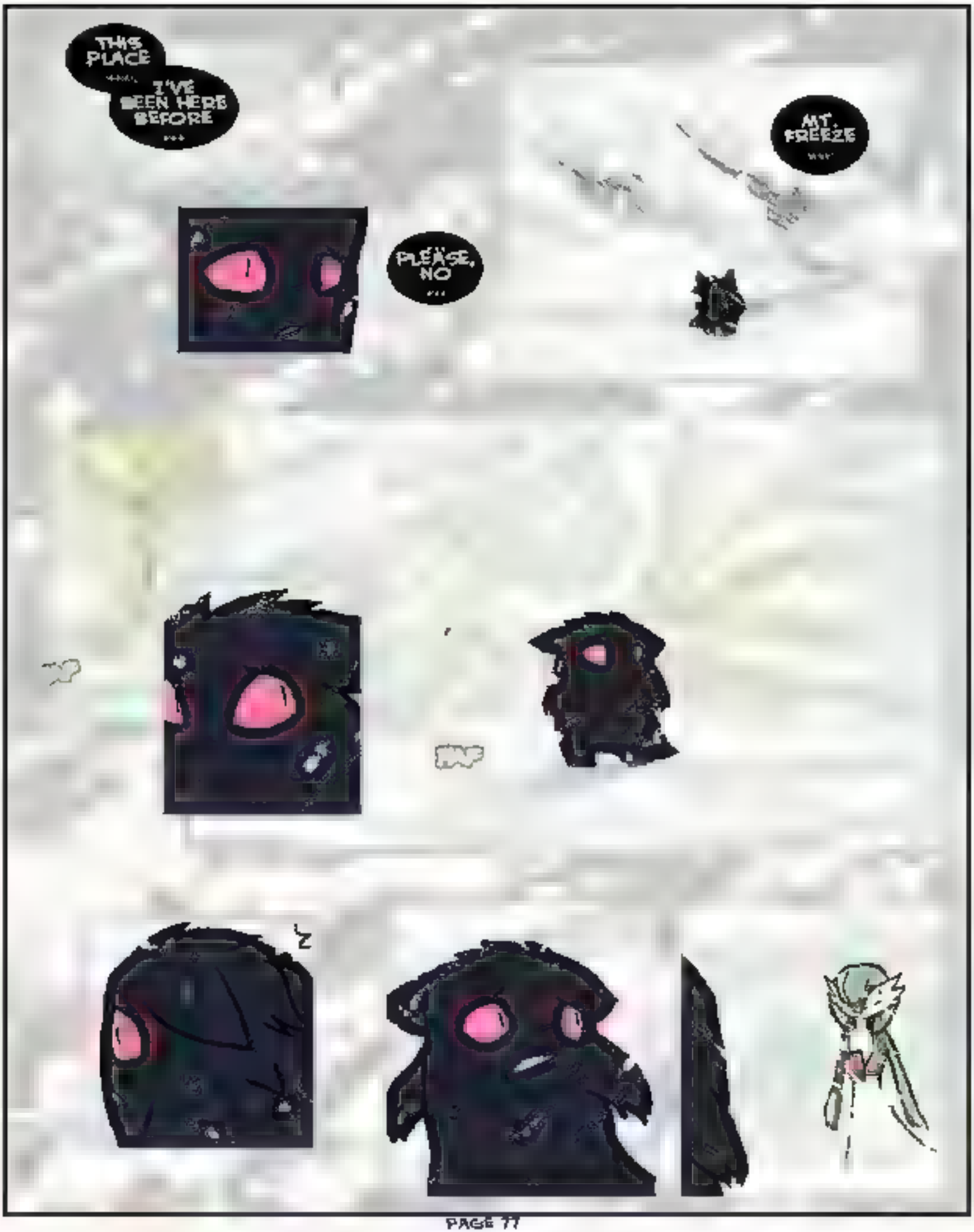
IT WON'T GROW HERE.

IT MIGHT GIVE IT A CHANCE, EH?

MORON.

OW!

KEHH ...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING?
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ASLEEP.
... I ALWAYS KNOW.
GOT MY EYE ON YOU.
...BUT I'M SO TIRED
LIGGH
I CAN'T DO THIS ANY MORE.
GOTTA REST ...


THIS PLACE
I'VE SEEN HERE BEFORE
MT. FREEZE
PLEASE, NO

YOU LEFT ME HERE TO DIE.
NO... I... I WAS AFRAID...
...I CAME BACK...
NOTHING CAN UNDO WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
A THOUSAND YEARS.
I'D GLADLY WAIT A THOUSAND MORE IF I COULD MAKE YOU SUFFER AS I HAVE.
BULLY.
COWARD.
I TRIED TO SAVE YOU!
I DID SAVE YOU...
YOU'RE NOT HER.

KYAAA–!
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE TRYING IT ON ME NOW.
KEH! YOU'RE A PIECE OF WORK!
...IT'S JUST SNOW.
YOU BETTER TRY HARDER THAN THAT.
NOW SHOW YOUR REAL FACE.
AS YOU WISH.

WHO... ARE YOU...?

I AM DARKRAI.

YOU- YOU LEAVE THAT KID ALONE!
YOU HEAR ME?

WHAT AN UNUSUAL MIND YOU HAVE...
NOT LIKE A POKEMON'S MIND AT ALL... IS IT?
ALMOST HUMAN...

LEAVE, TONIGHT..
OR I'LL SHOW HER WHAT YOU ARE, AND WHAT YOU DID...

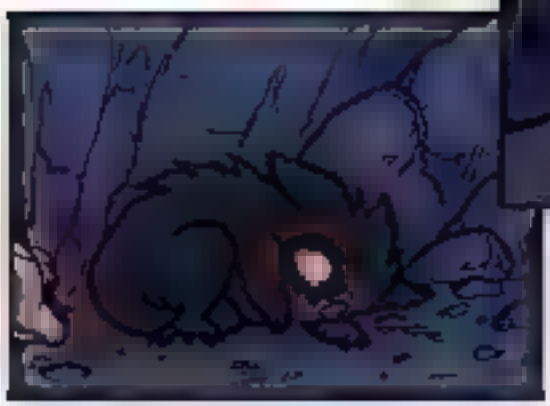
I... I CAN BLOCK YOU.
YOU KNOW I CAN.

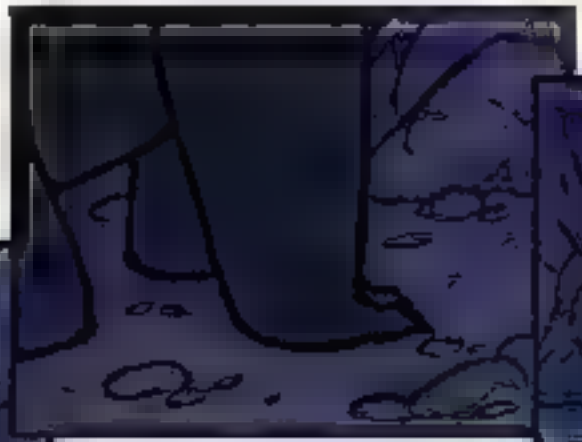
...THEN I HOPE YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON SLEEPING ANY TIME SOON.

BY THE WAY.

...IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN.
BUT YOU KNOW THAT FROM EXPERIENCE, DON'T YOU?
...HUH?
KYAAA

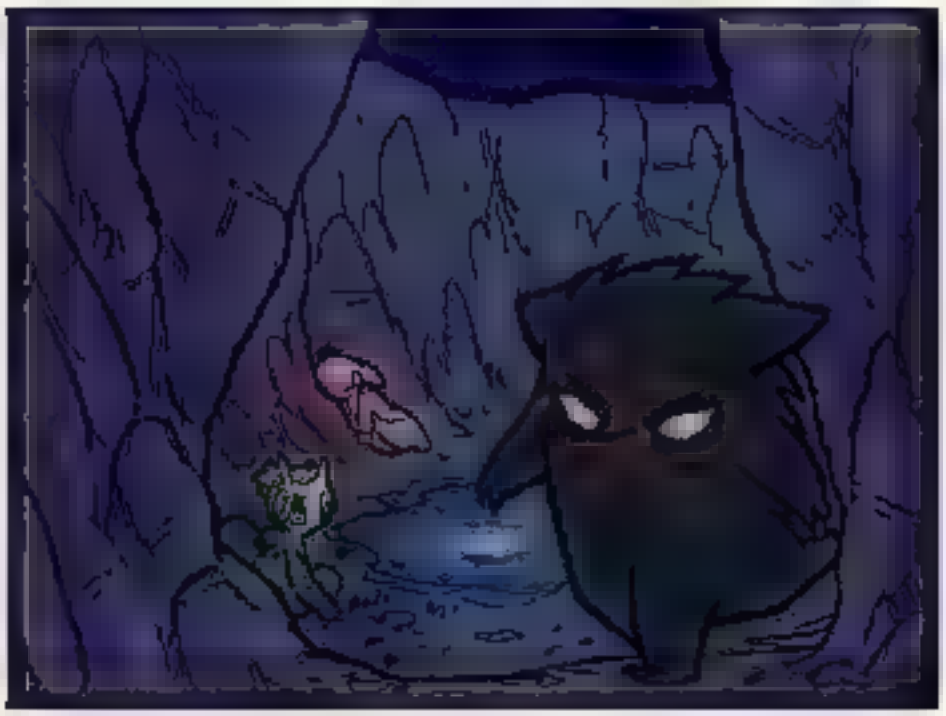
HI!





DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM?

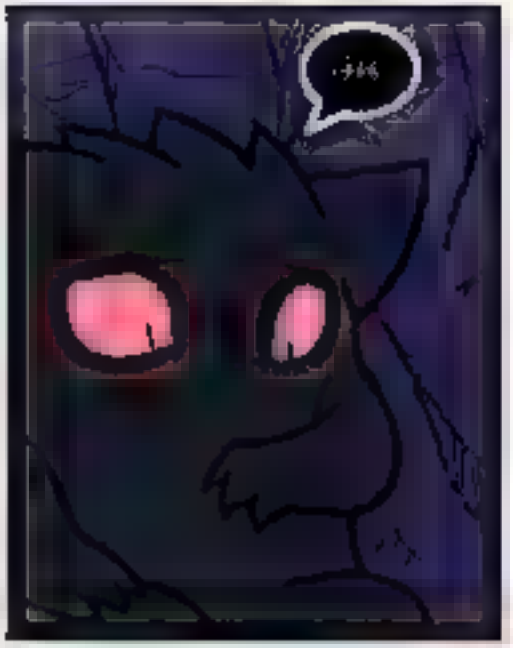
...MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.



HUH
HUH

WAS... WAS THAT REAL?
...IT WAS REAL. THAT POWER....
IT WAS THE SAME AS BEFORE.

...COME ON, GET IT TOGETHER. HE DIDN'T HURT YOU, DUMBASS.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WHAT WAS THAT ...SCAR?
BURN ON HIS ARM?

I THINK HE WANTED ME TO SEE THAT.

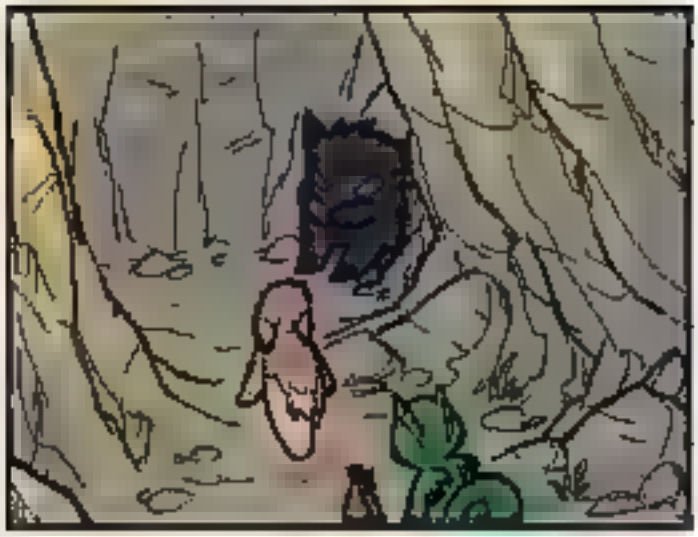
SO...
WHAT THE HECK IS IT?

JEN? WAKE UP
NN?
THERE'S NOT MUCH AROUND HERE, BUT I FOUND THESE

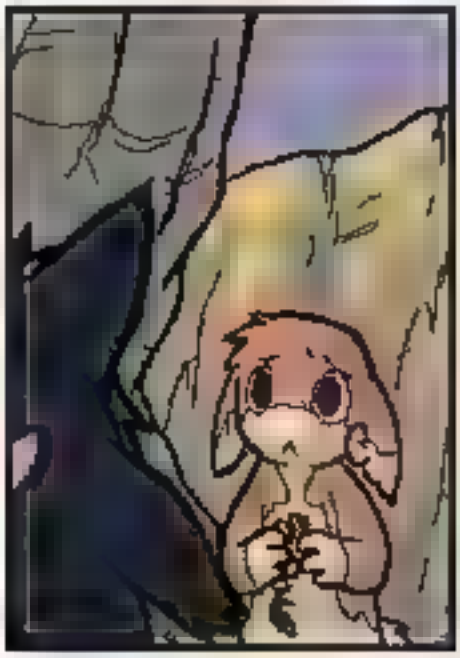
OH, THANK YOU

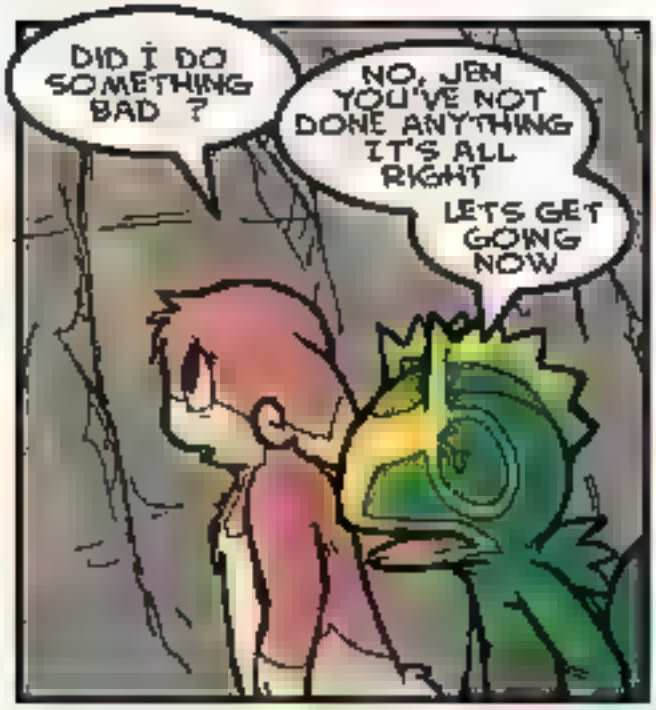
WHERE'S GENGAR?

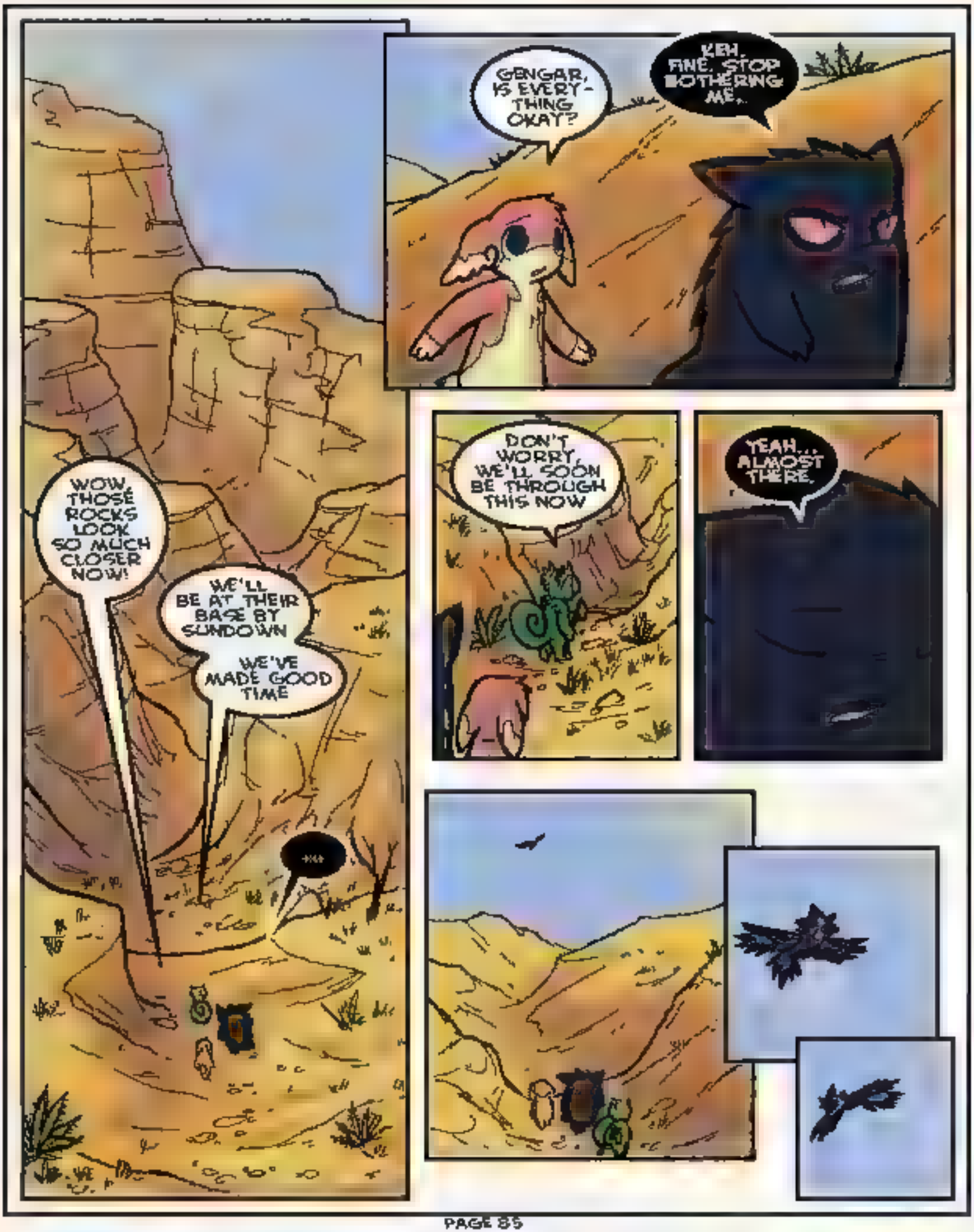
UP THERE WAITING FOR US.
OH.

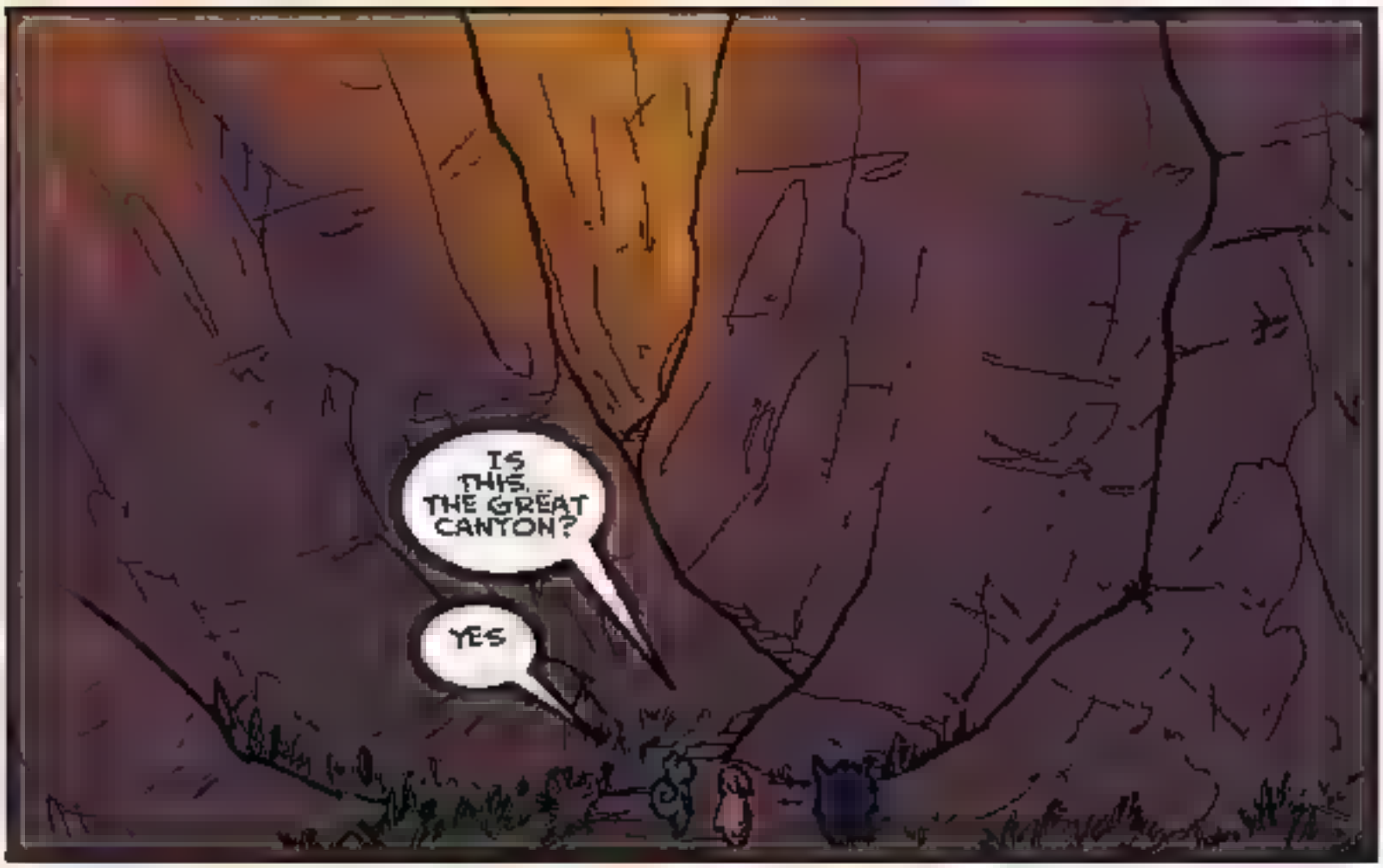


HEY GENGAR! WANT TO SHARE?




DID I DO SOMETHING BAD ?
NO, JEN YOU'VE NOT DONE ANYTHING IT'S ALL RIGHT
LETS GET GOING NOW


WOW, THOSE ROCKS LOOK SO MUCH CLOSER NOW!
WE'LL BE AT THEIR BASE BY SUNDOWN
WE'VE MADE GOOD TIME
GENGAR, IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
KEH, FINE. STOP BOTHERING ME.
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL SOON BE THROUGH THIS NOW
YEAH... ALMOST THERE.


IS THIS THE GREAT CANYON?
YES

SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?
I GUESS I HAVE TO CLIMB IT

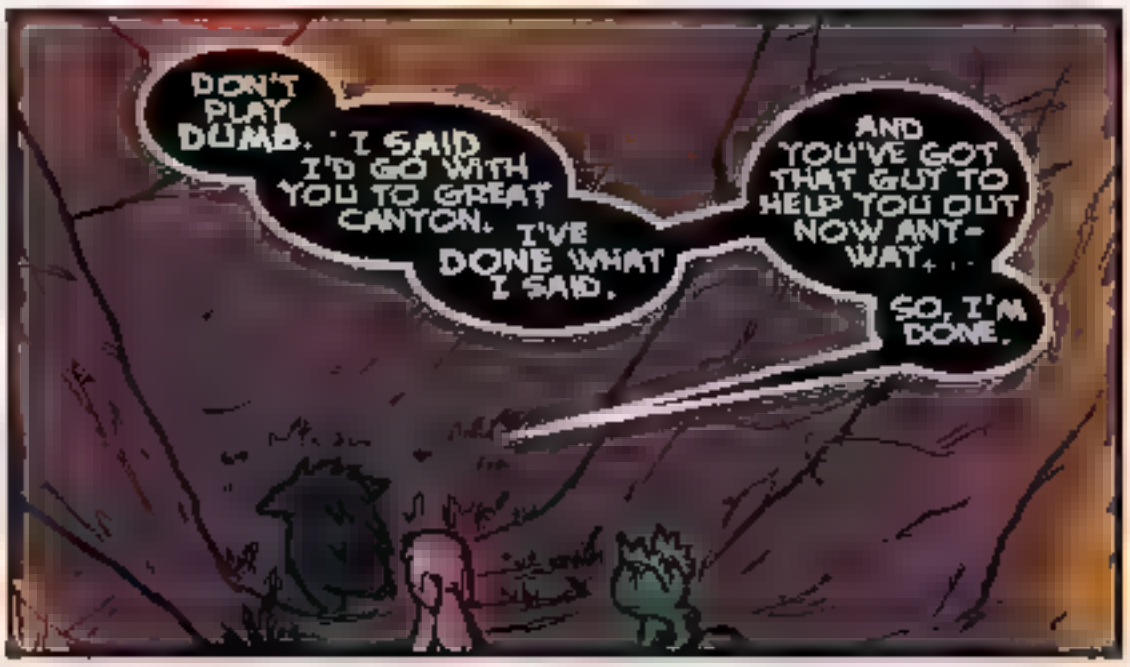
IT'LL TAKE A WHILE
THAT'S OKAY

SUN-SET

GENGAR? AREN'T YOU COMING?

KEH!
I'VE FOLLOWED YOU FAR ENOUGH!

HUH?


DON'T PLAY DUMB. I SAID I'D GO WITH YOU TO GREAT CANYON. I'VE DONE WHAT I SAID.
AND YOU'VE GOT THAT GUY TO HELP YOU OUT NOW ANY-WAY...
SO, I'M DONE.

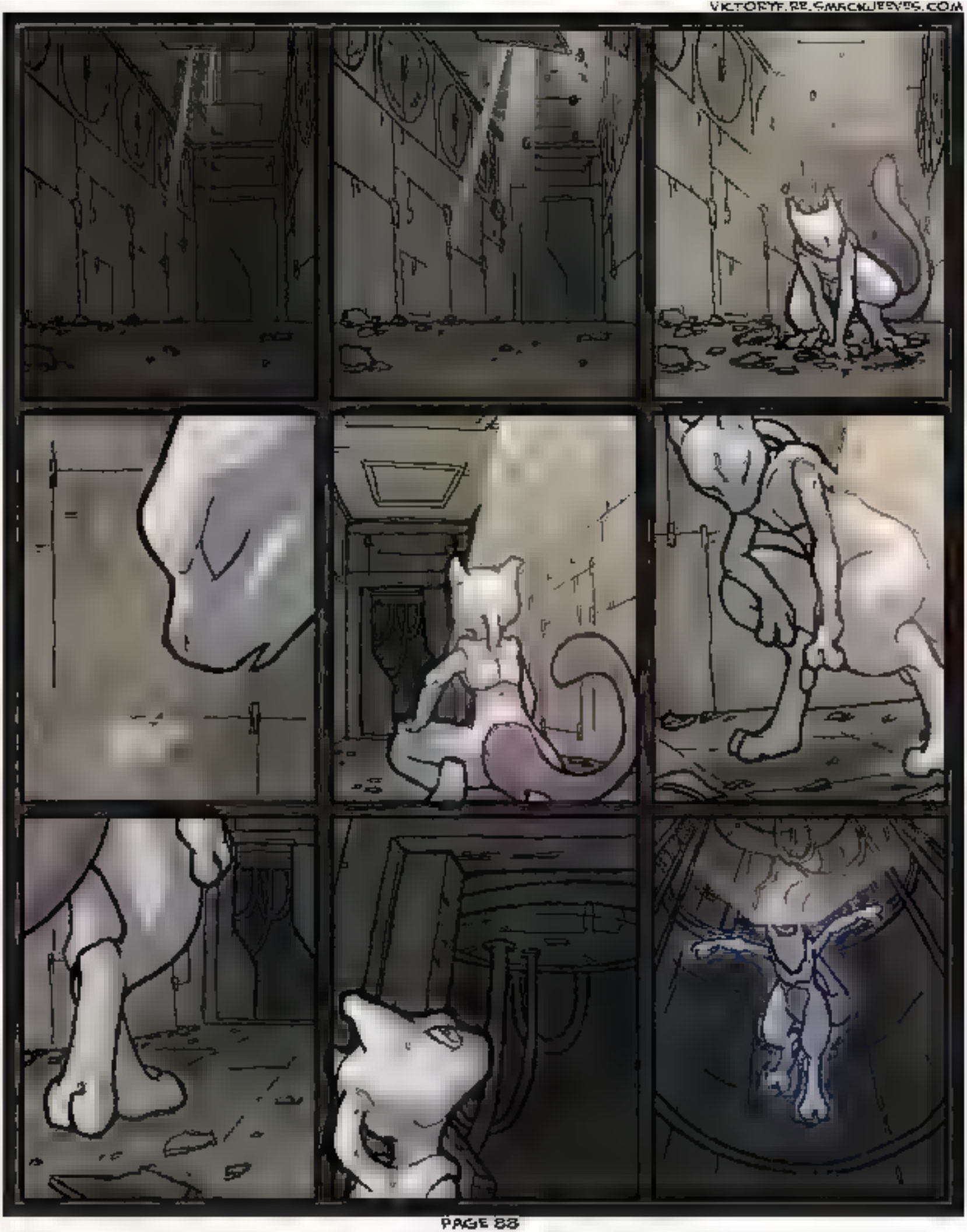
WHATEVER. BYE.

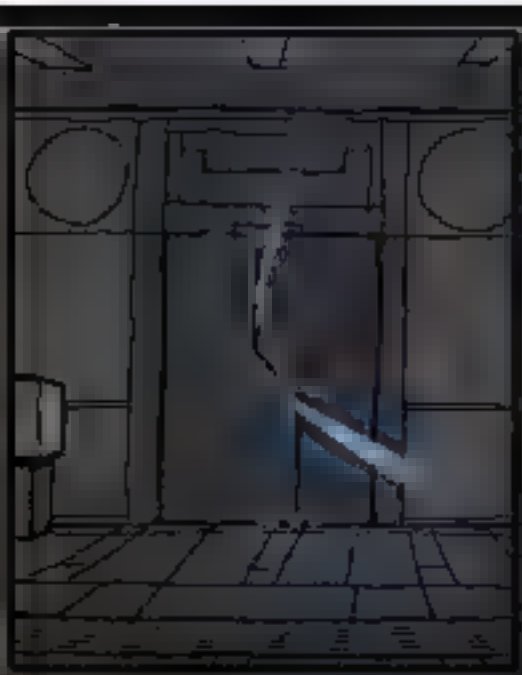
PLEASE, DON'T

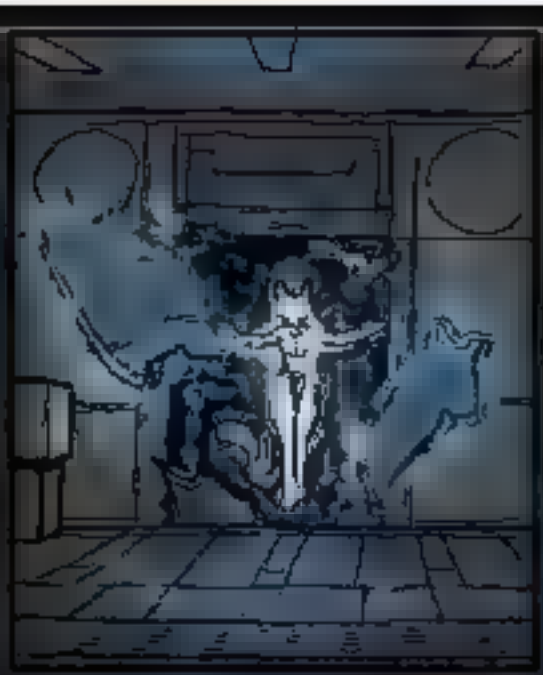
JEN
IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO STAY, YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU NEED TO DO HERE,
BUT I'LL HELP YOU, IF I CAN

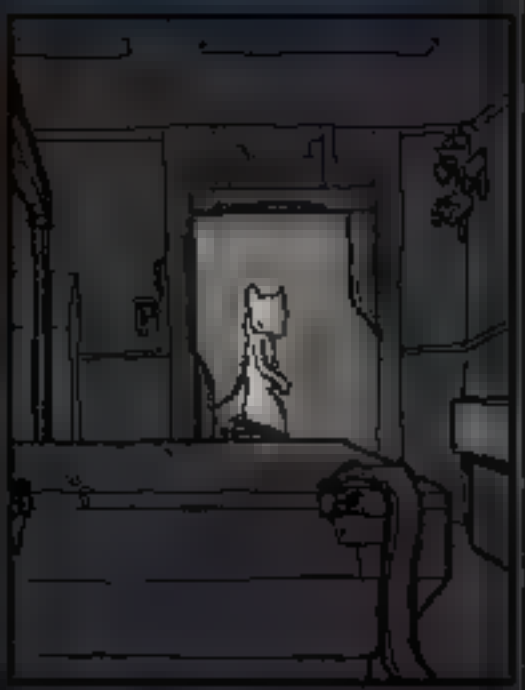
VICTORYF.RE.SMACKJEEVES.COM

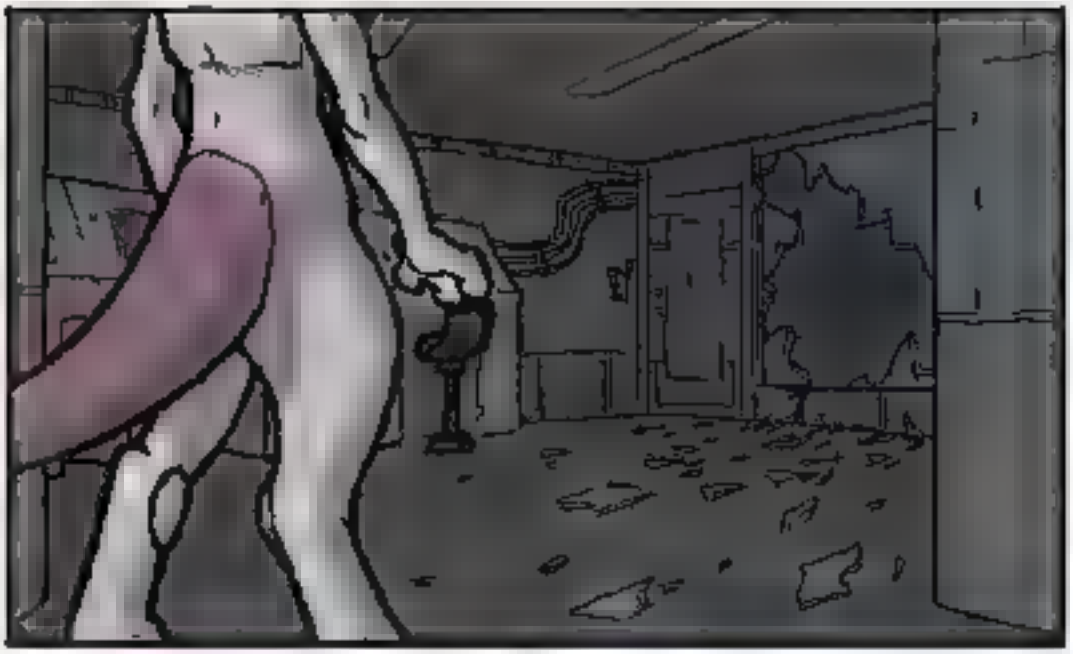


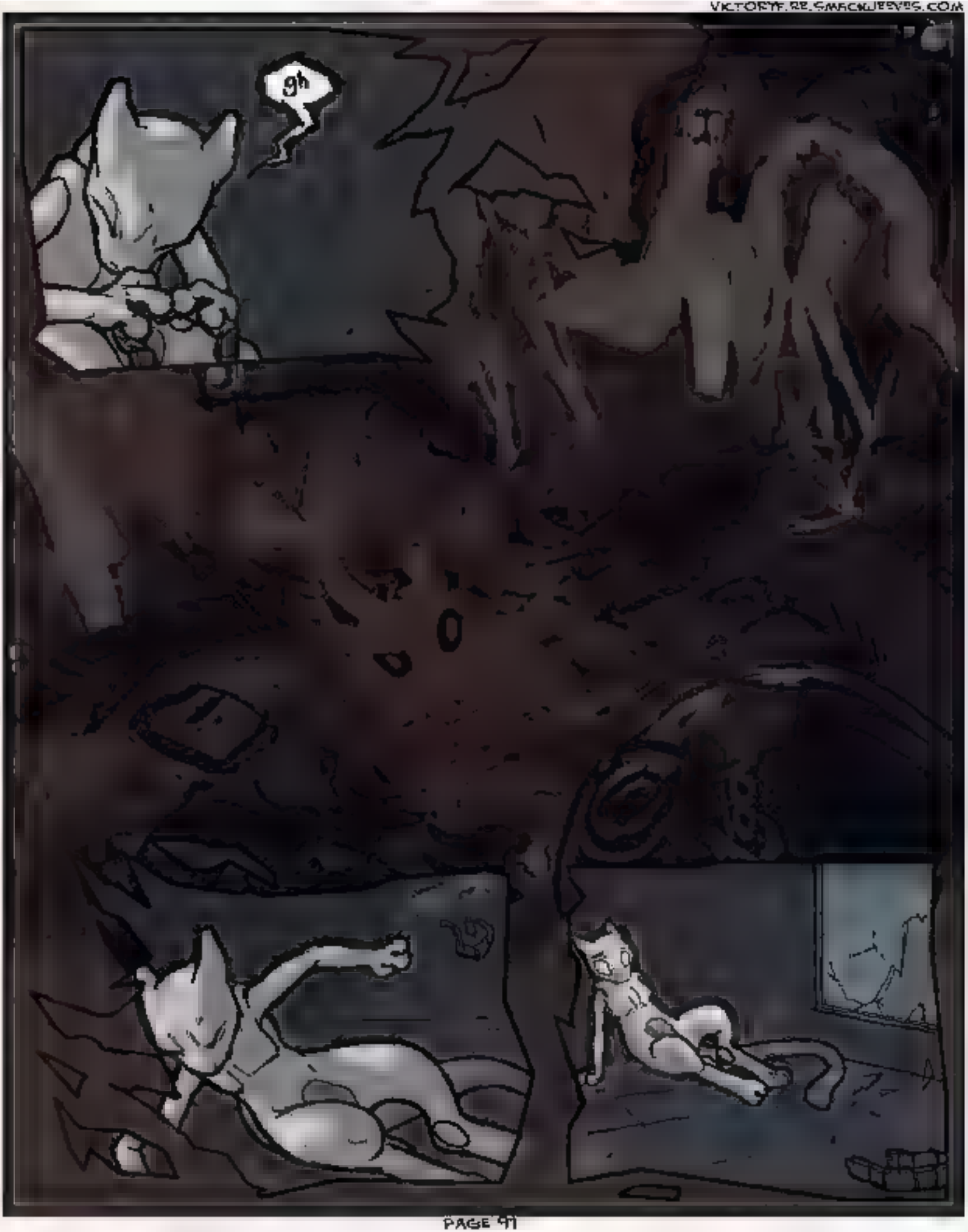




NOTICE
ALL INSTANCES
OF DREAMS DO
SLEEP NO
MATTER HOW
MUST BE
TO



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Pokemon
Mystery Dungeon
Victory Fire
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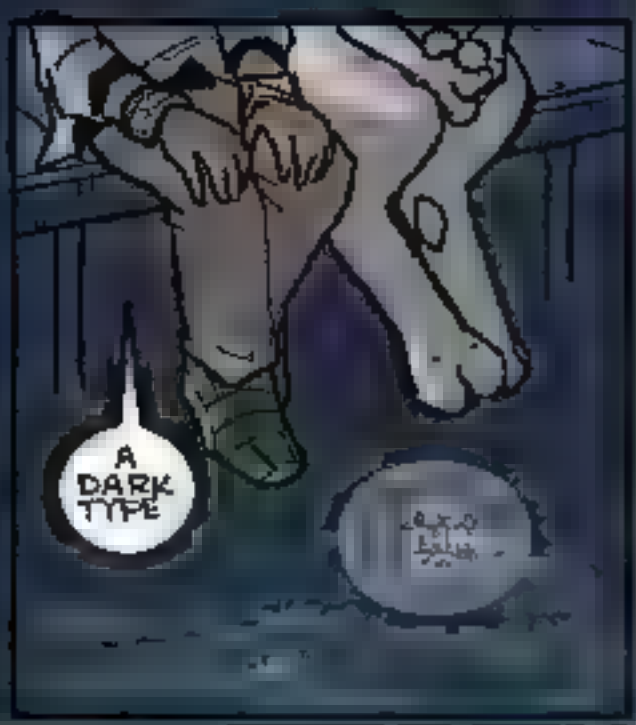
YOU WERE DOWN THERE FOR A LONG TIME I WAS STARTING TO WORRY
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SHAKING

SIT DOWN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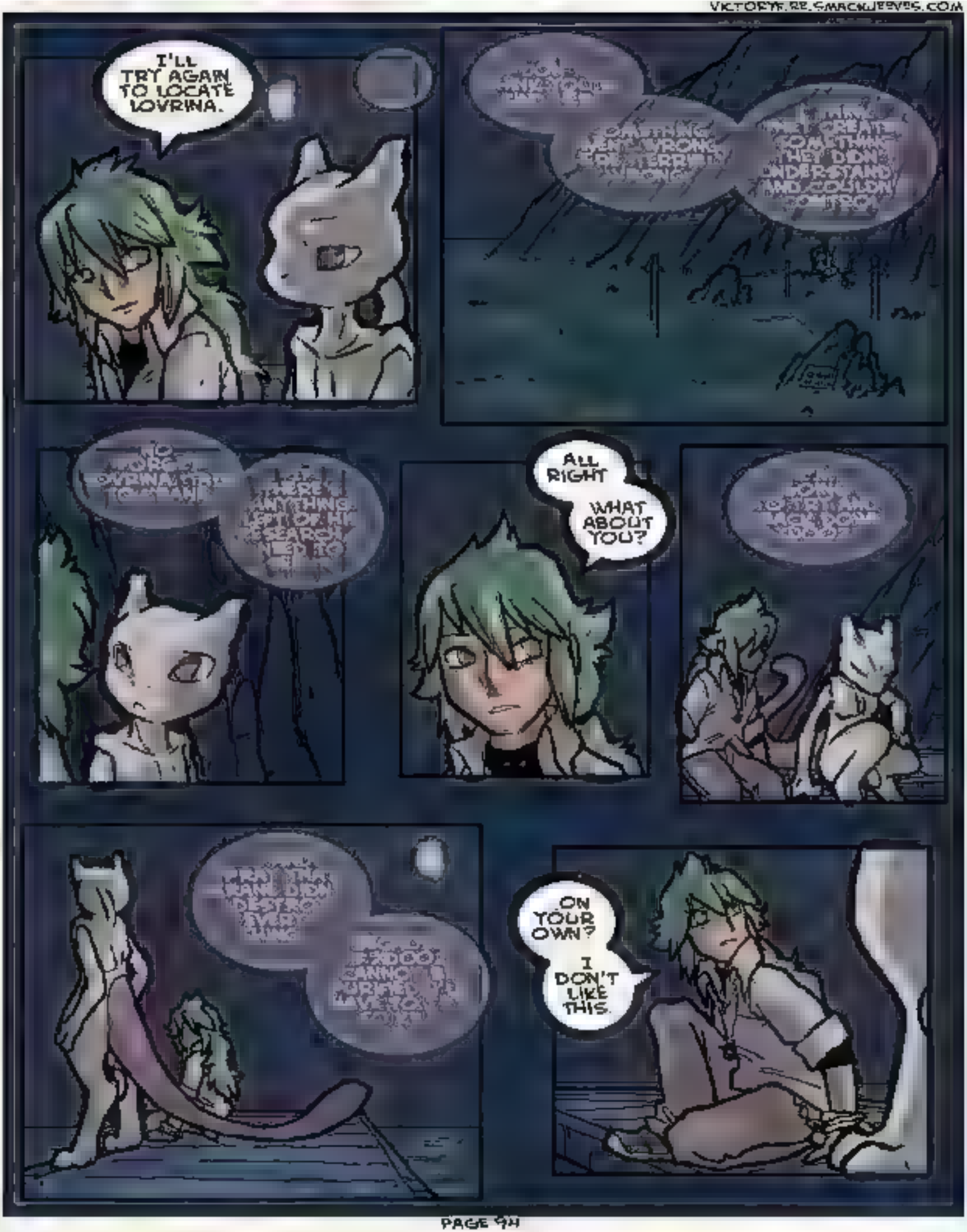
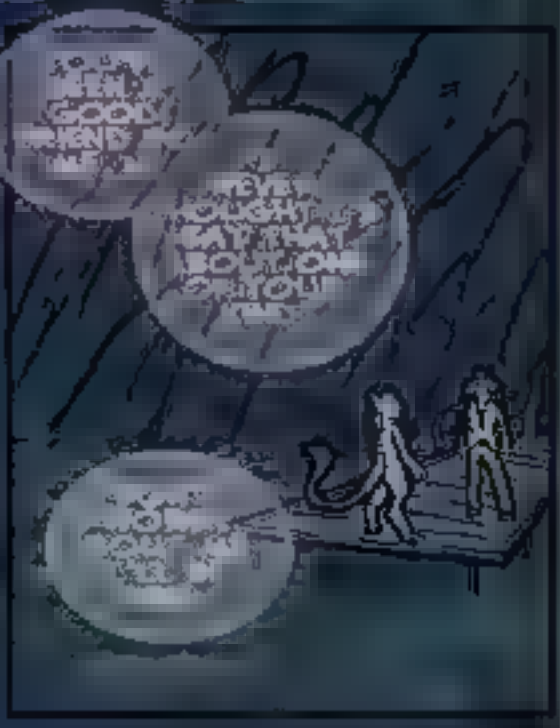

I'LL TRY AGAIN TO LOCATE LOVRINA.
ALL RIGHT
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ON YOUR OWN?
I DON'T LIKE THIS.

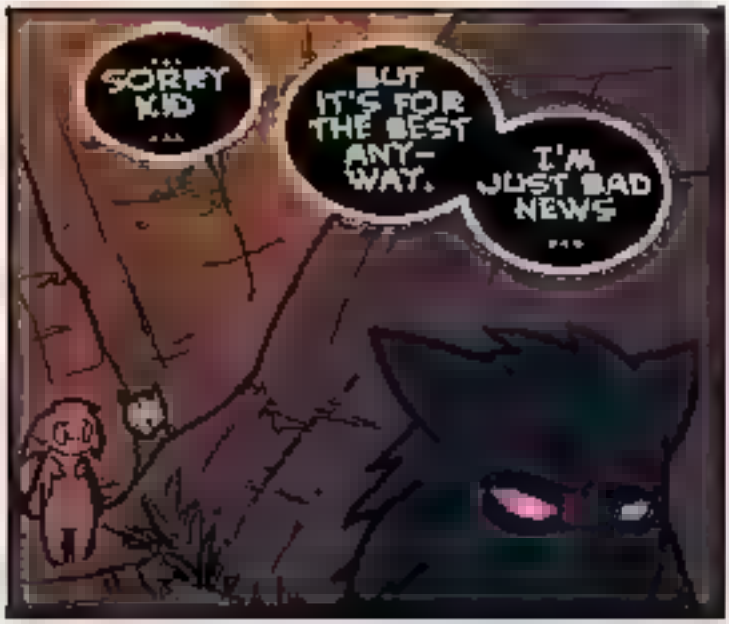
BUT WHY YOU? WHAT CAN YOU DO AGAINST A DARK TYPE?

JUST BE CAREFUL, ALL RIGHT? DON'T GET YOURSELF HURT

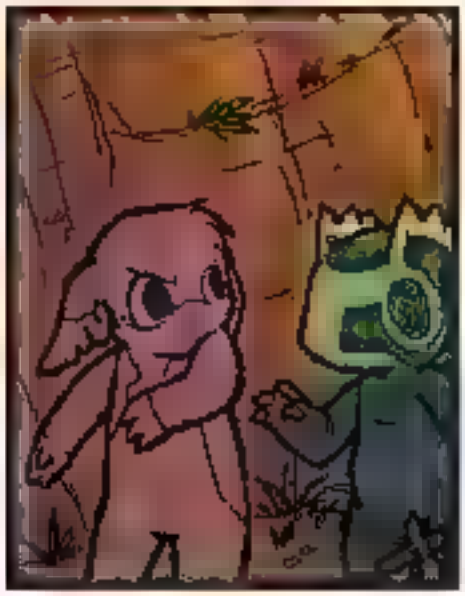


HEY! STAY IN TOUCH! I MEAN IT! IF I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU IN A WEEK, I'LL COME LOOKING

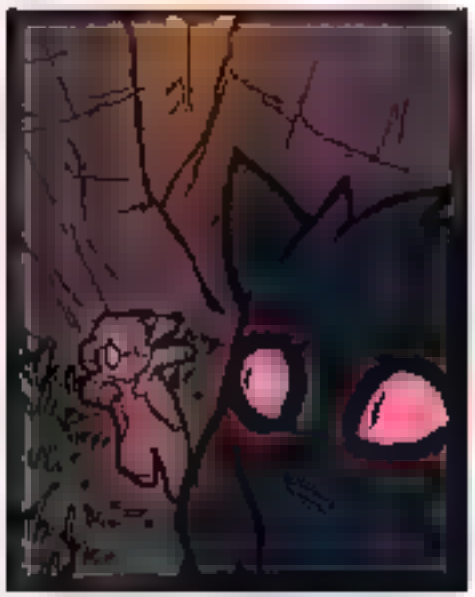
heh


SORRY KID
BUT IT'S FOR THE BEST ANY-WAY.
I'M JUST BAD NEWS

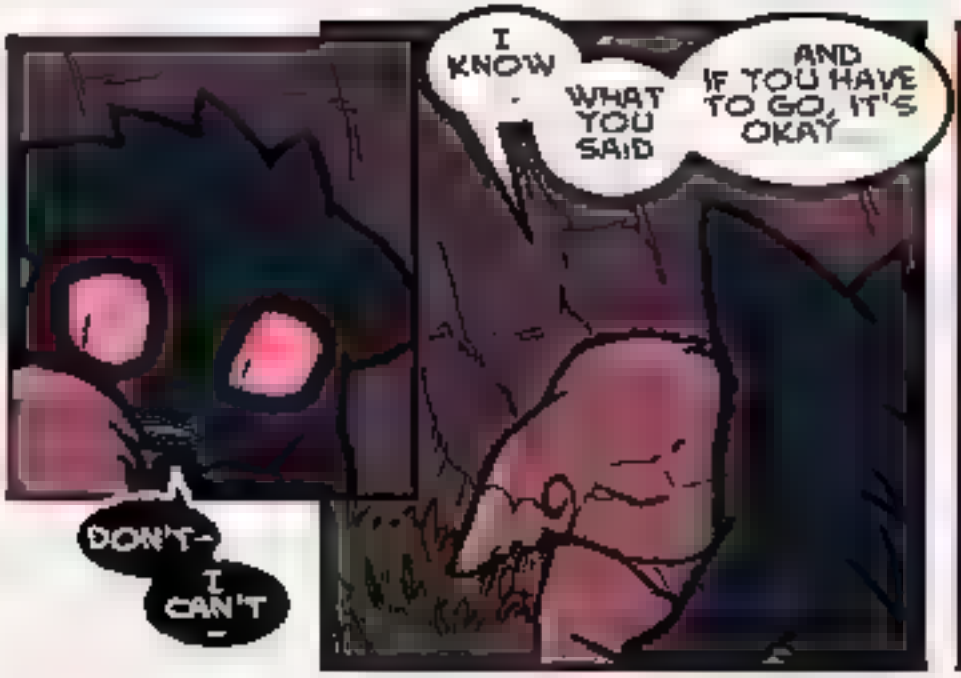
JEN, IT'S GOING TO BE DARK SOON
YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION



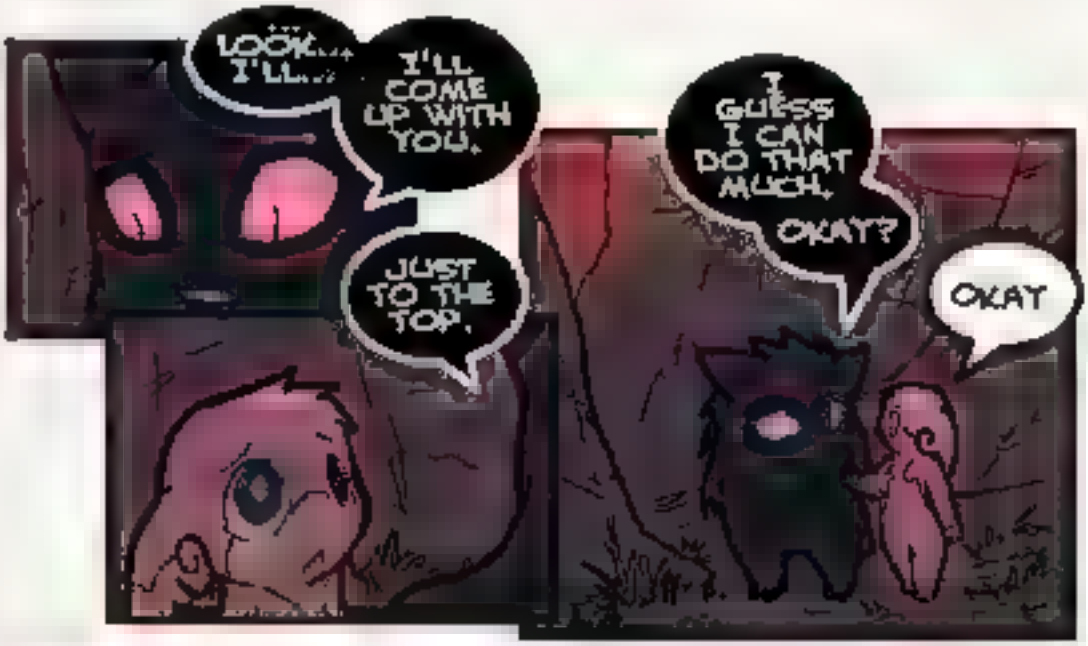
WAIT-
GENGAR, WAIT!

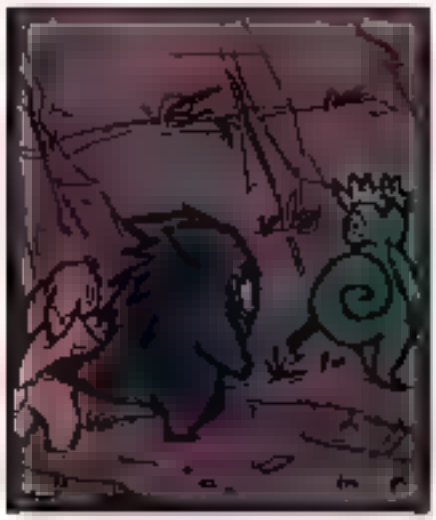


-I DIDN'T THANK YOU


I KNOW
WHAT YOU SAID
AND IF YOU HAVE TO GO, IT'S OKAY
DON'T-
I CAN'T

I JUST WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO

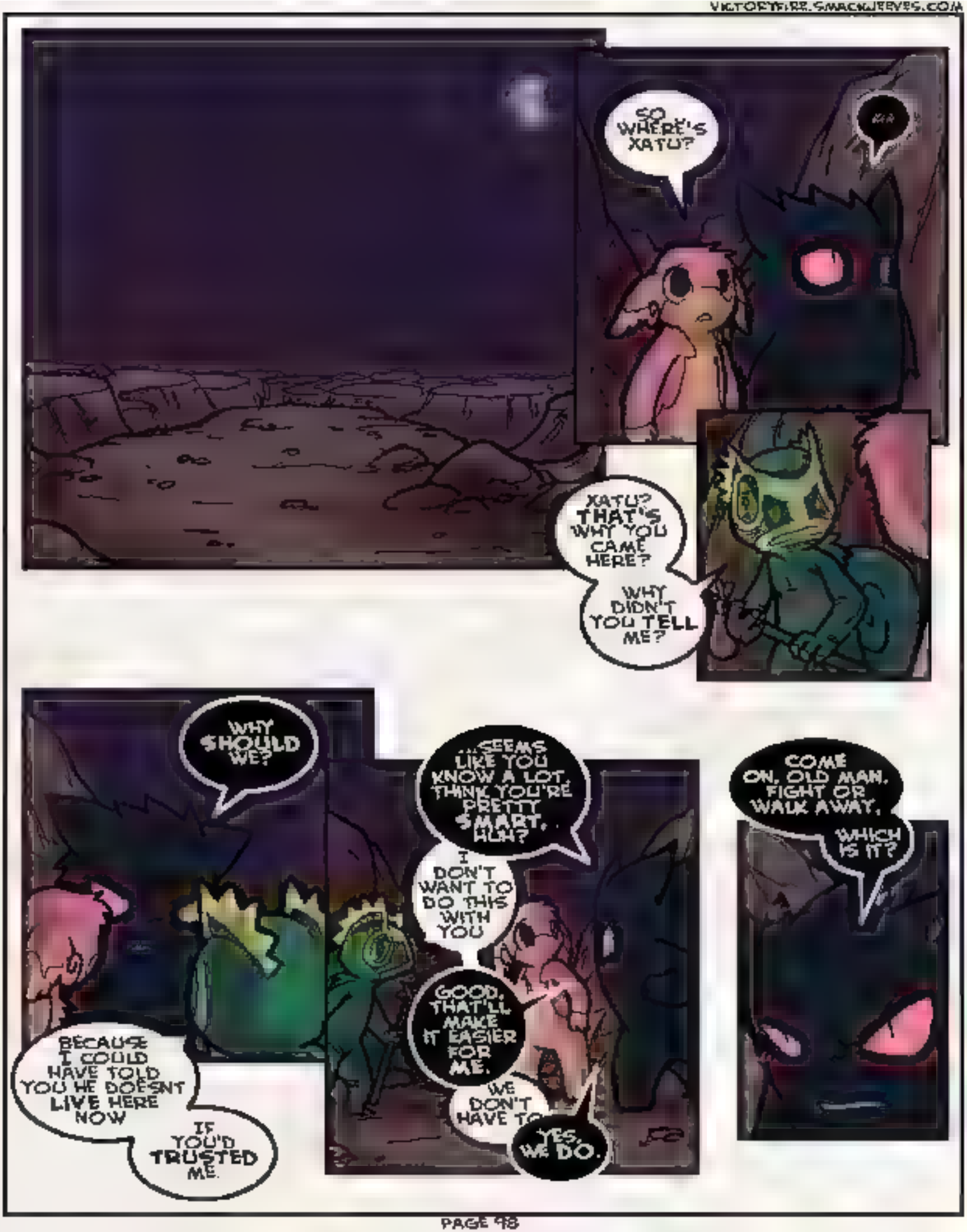

LOOK... I'LL...
I'LL COME UP WITH YOU.
JUST TO THE TOP.
I GUESS I CAN DO THAT MUCH. OKAY?
OKAY



THIS IS THE WORST PART
BUT IT'S A STRAIGHT PATH. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS KEEP GOING
ARE YOU DOING ALL RIGHT BACK THERE?
YEAH

YOU'RE SCARED OF SOMETHING. REALLY SCARED
WHAT IS IT?

HERE WE ARE
THE PEAK


SO WHERE'S XATU?
XATU? THAT'S WHY YOU CAME HERE?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
WHY SHOULD WE?
BECAUSE I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU HE DOESNT LIVE HERE NOW
IF YOU'D TRUSTED ME.
SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW A LOT. THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU
GOOD. THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME.
WE DON'T HAVE TO
YES, WE DO.
COME ON, OLD MAN. FIGHT OR WALK AWAY.
WHICH IS IT?

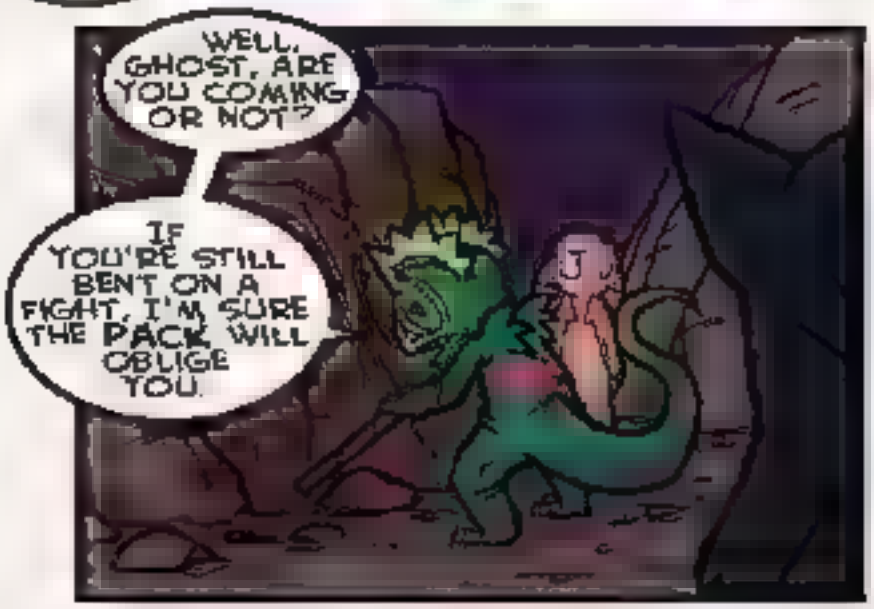
WHAT WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
YOU DON'T FIGHT LIKE A GENGAR
WHAT?
I CAN TAKE YOU

STOP IT!

STOP ACTING LIKE ANIMALS.
THE DOGS ARE COMING
I CAN HEAR THEM.

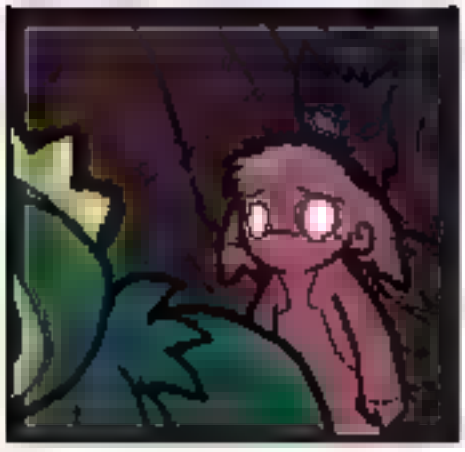
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE
MOVE. BOTH OF YOU.

...ANIMALS...?


WELL, GHOST, ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?
IF YOU'RE STILL BENT ON A FIGHT, I'M SURE THE PACK WILL OBLIGE YOU.

THIS WAY
I KNOW A PLACE THE HOUNDOOM WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO

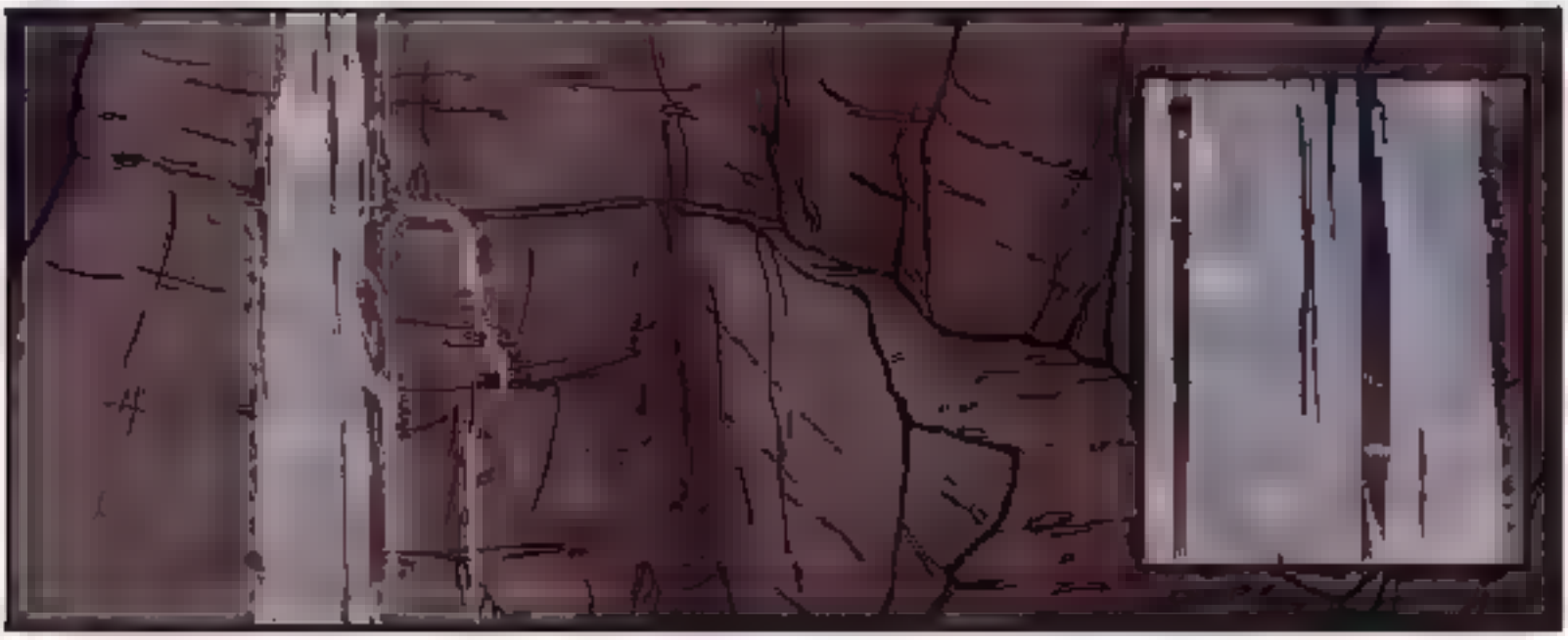
I JUST HOPE WE CAN GET TO IT



I SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

MUST BE NEARLY MIDNIGHT
WHY DIDN'T I LEAVE WHEN I COULD?

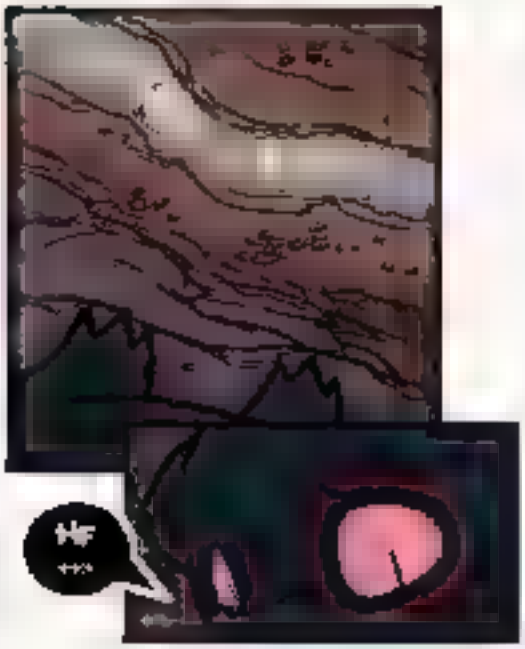
THERE
DO YOU SEE IT?



UMM
THAT PATH GETS REALLY NARROW

AROUUUUUUU!!
THEY'RE HERE!
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY IT NOW
COME ON. I'LL HELP YOU OVER

GO SLOW IT'S ALL RIGHT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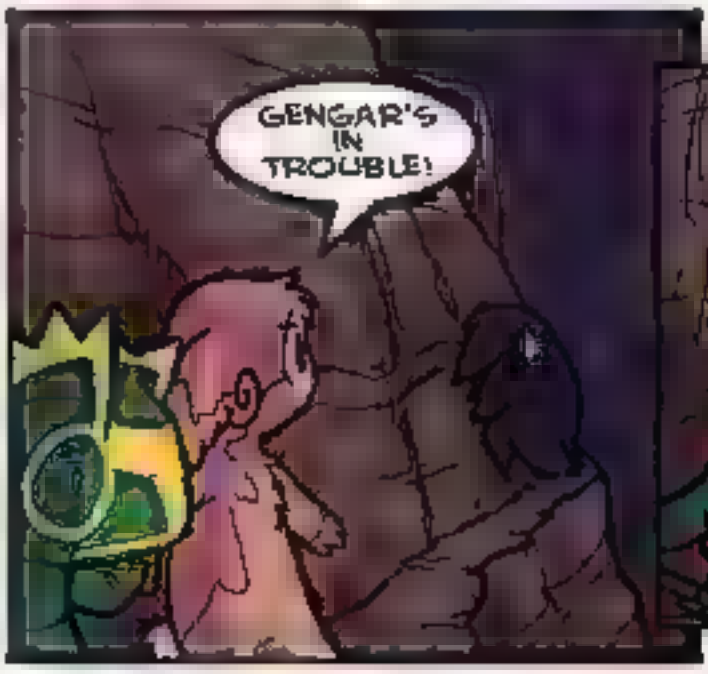
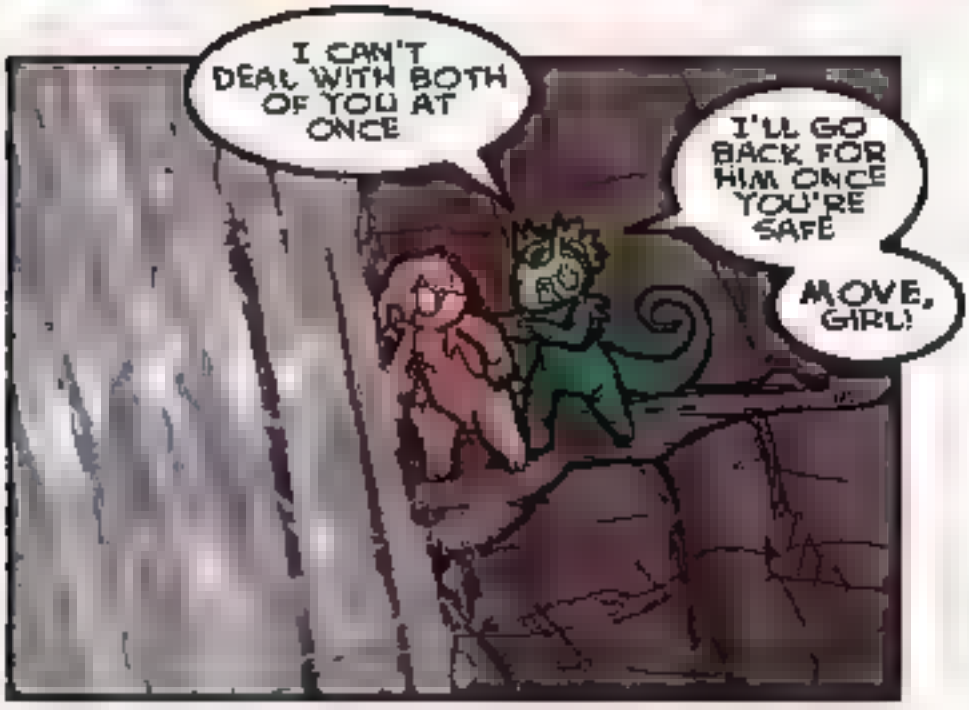
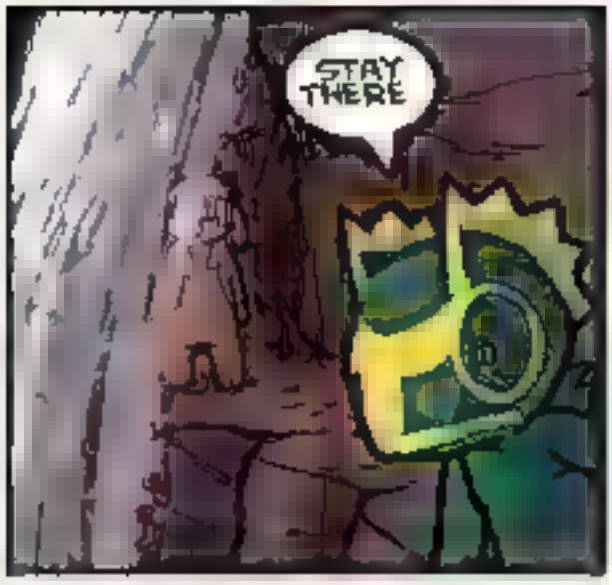
THIS IS NUTS
I'M NOT
I'VE NEVER BEEN SCARED OF HEIGHTS
YOU CREEPY JERK
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?


GENGAR'S IN TROUBLE!

NO! DON'T!
LET ME GO! I HAVE TO HELP HIM!

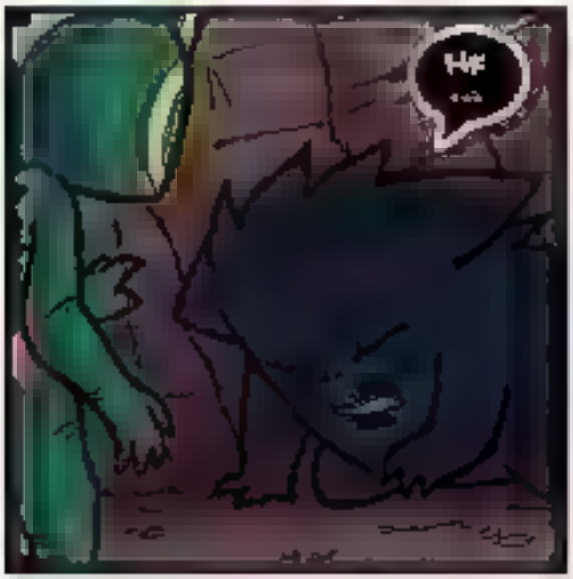
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HE WEIGHS MORE THAN YOU DO


I CAN'T DEAL WITH BOTH OF YOU AT ONCE
I'LL GO BACK FOR HIM ONCE YOU'RE SAFE
MOVE, GIRL!


STAY THERE

GENGAR, LISTEN. I CAN HELP YOU, BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
CLOSE YOUR EYES IT'LL MAKE IT EASIER
ALL RIGHT
DO EXACTLY AS I SAY
I WANT YOU TO MOVE YOUR RIGHT FOOT TOWARDS ME
GOOD. NOW THE OTHER ONE
KEEP GOING NOW
YOU'RE PAST THE NARROW PART
SLOWLY
KEEP GOING

-STEADY- YOU'RE ALL RIGHT-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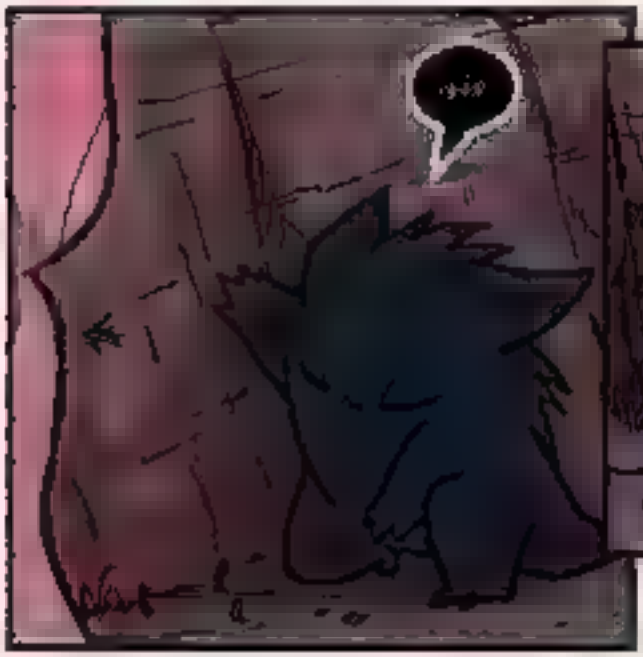
-GET OFF ME!

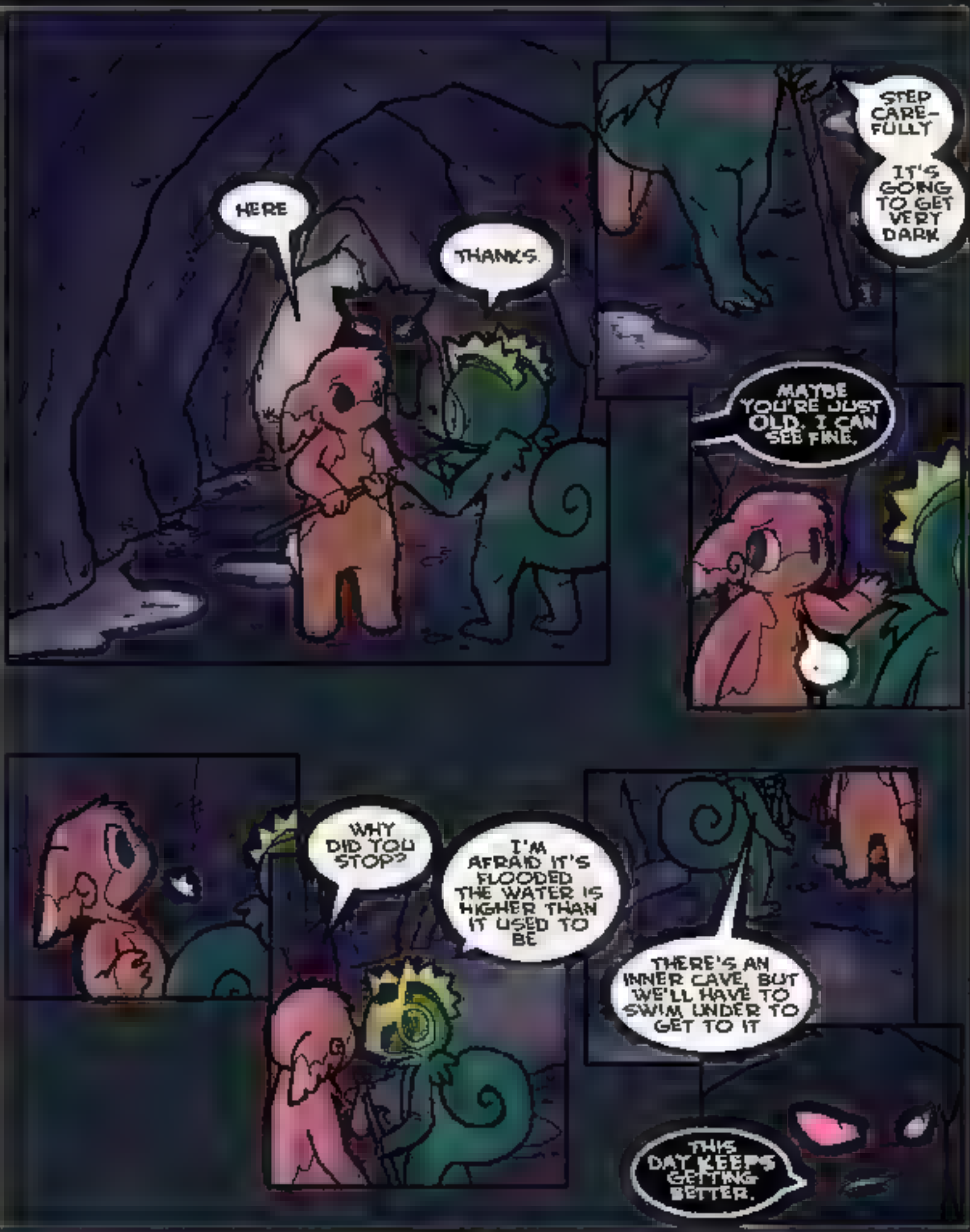
OH, HAVE IT YOUR WAY

LET'S GET INSIDE, OUT OF SIGHT
BRING MY STICK, WOULD YOU, JEN?

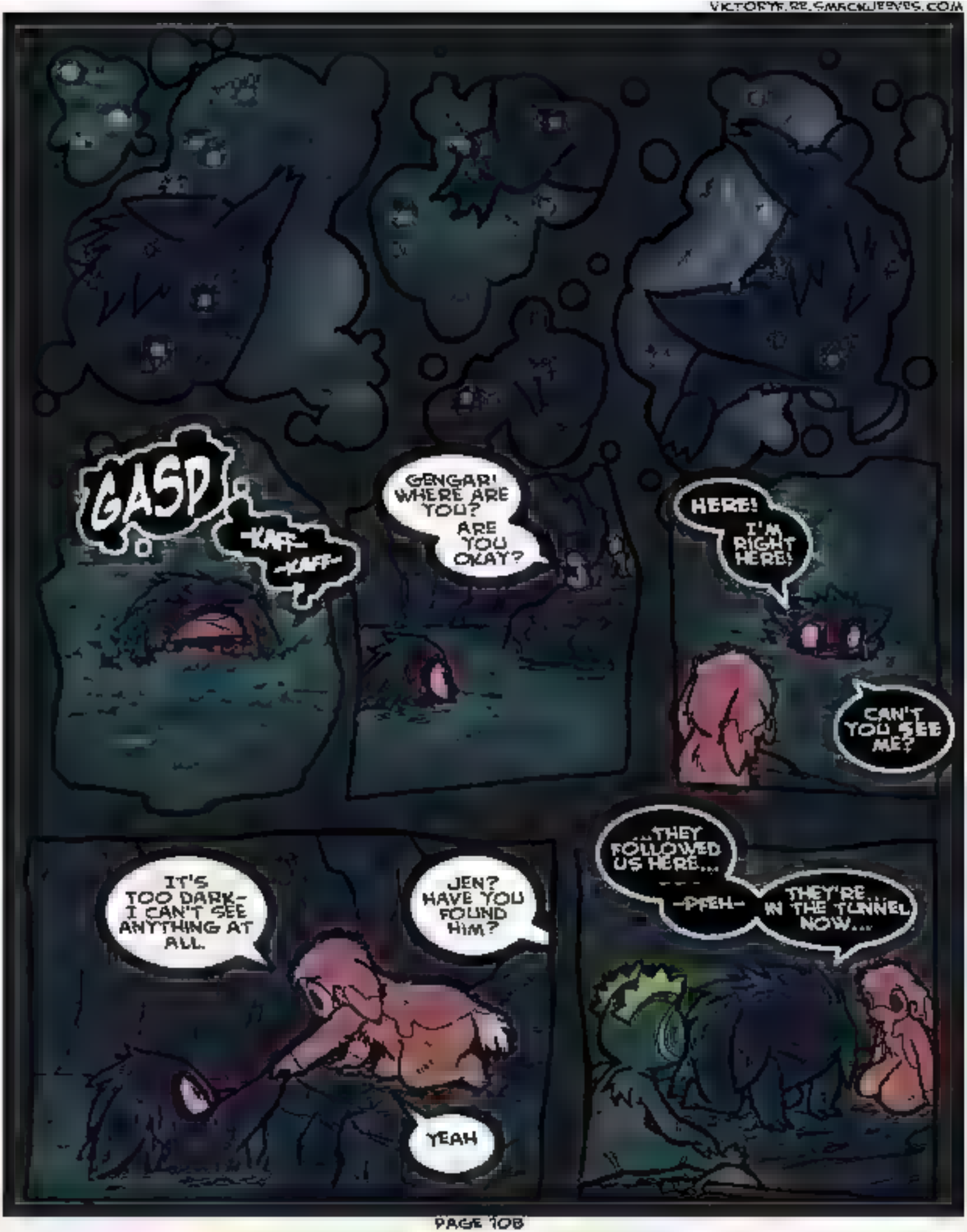


ARE YOU GOING TO COME?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

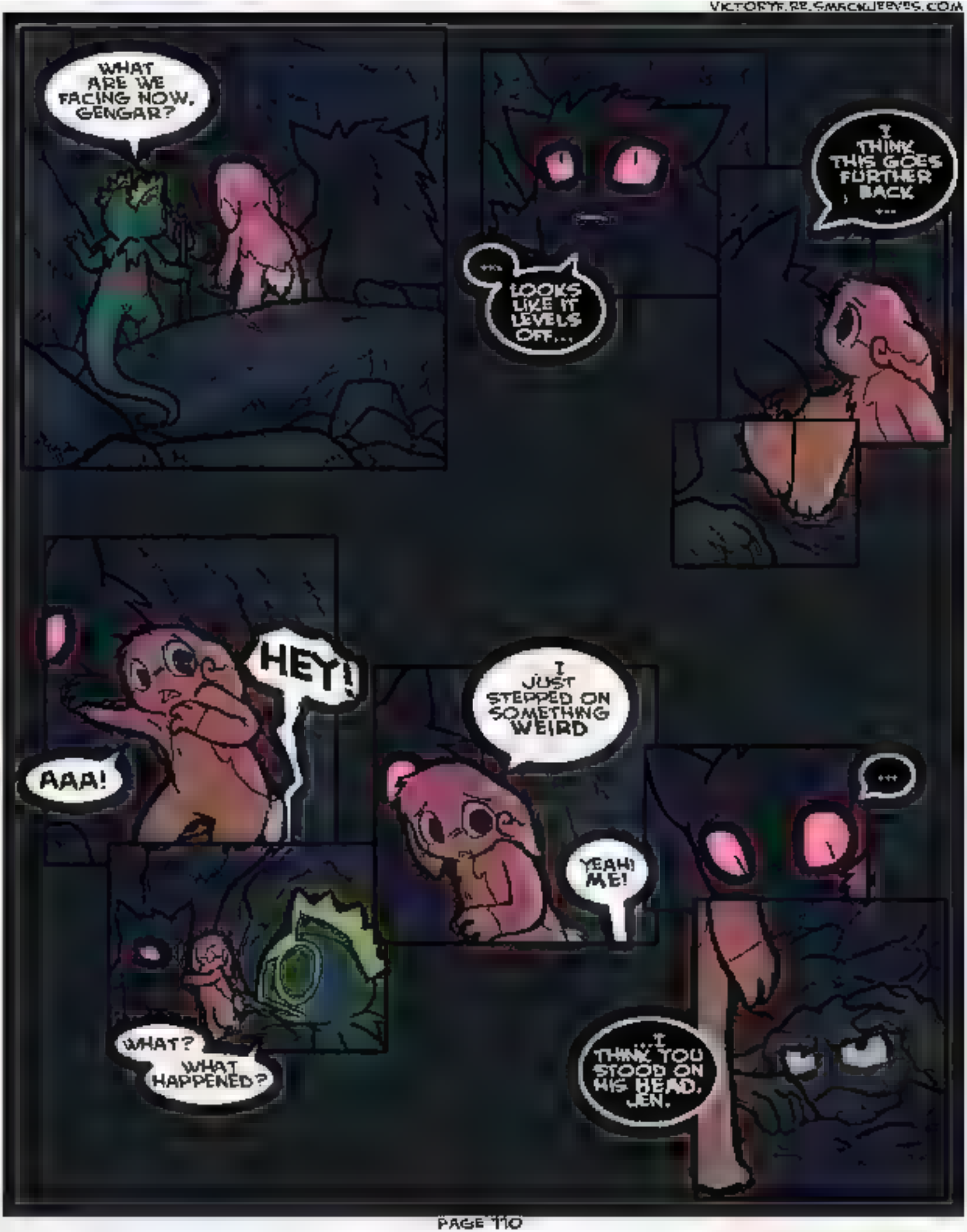
...DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'VE GOT MUCH CHOICE, DOES IT?

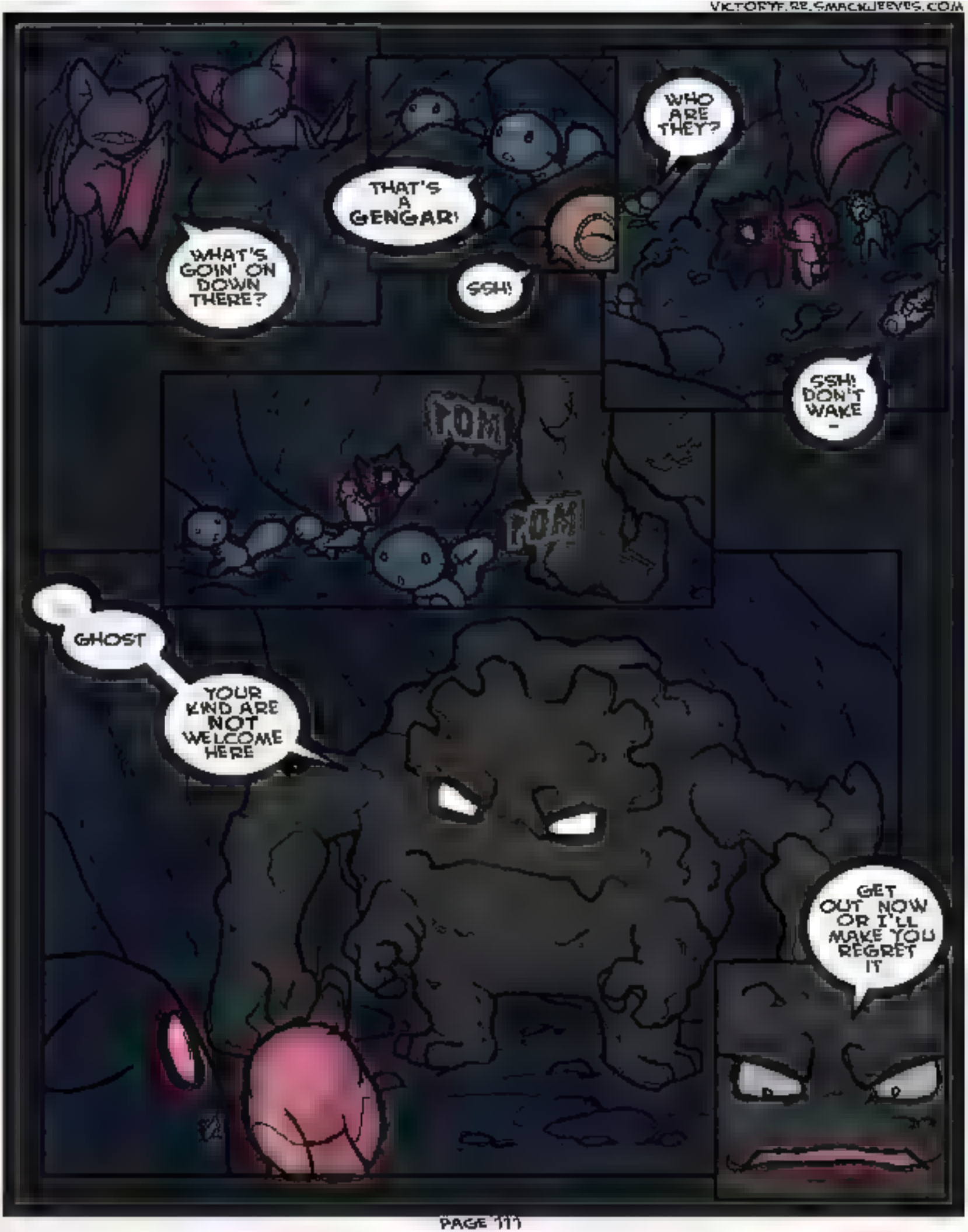

HERE
THANKS.
STEP CARE-FULLY
IT'S GOING TO GET VERY DARK
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST OLD. I CAN SEE FINE.
WHY DID YOU STOP?
I'M AFRAID IT'S FLOODED THE WATER IS HIGHER THAN IT USED TO BE
THERE'S AN INNER CAVE, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SWIM UNDER TO GET TO IT
THIS DAY KEEPS GETTING BETTER.

TAKE A FEW DEEP BREATHS, THEN DUCK UNDER
IT'S NOT FAR
EEE, COLD
HFF!
I HATE GETTING WET ...
OH, CRAP!


GASP
-KAFF-
-KAFF-
GENGAR! WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU OKAY?
HERE! I'M RIGHT HERE!
CAN'T YOU SEE ME?
IT'S TOO DARK- I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL.
JEN? HAVE YOU FOUND HIM?
YEAH
...THEY FOLLOWED US HERE...
-PFEH-
THEY'RE... IN THE TUNNEL NOW...

WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT
THEY WON'T GO UNDER THE WATER
YOU'RE SURE OF THAT, ARE YOU?
[illegible] YOU WERE KINDA WRONG ABOUT THEM NOT FOLLOWING US!
COULD YOU STOP BEING SO AGGRESSIVE?
COULD YOU STOP BEING A DICK?
STOP, OKAY?
JUST STOP FIGHTING NOW
PLEASE?
...
IT'S COLD
LET'S GET AWAY FROM THE WATER
GENGAR, WE COULD USE YOUR EYES IN HERE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP.
... RIGHT.


WHAT ARE WE FACING NOW, GENGAR?
...
LOOKS LIKE IT LEVELS OFF...
I THINK THIS GOES FURTHER BACK...
HEY!
AAA!
I JUST STEPPED ON SOMETHING WEIRD
...
YEAH! ME!
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
...I THINK YOU STOOD ON HIS HEAD, JEN.

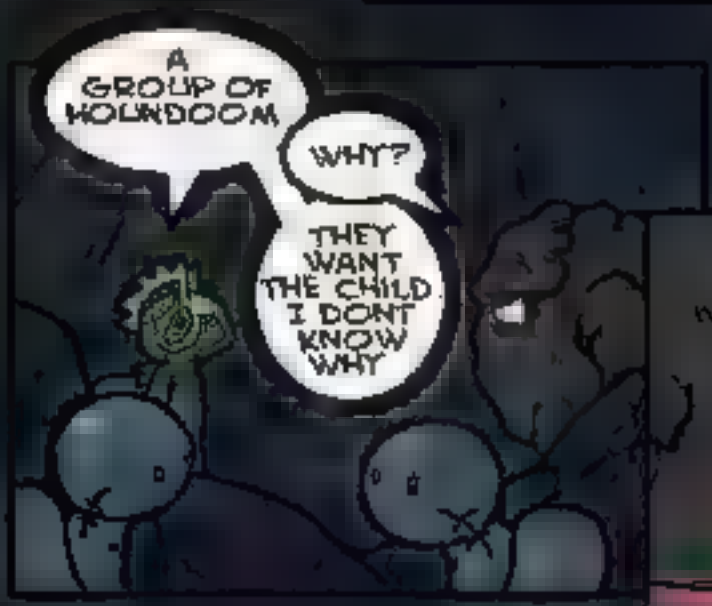

WHAT'S GOIN' ON DOWN THERE?
THAT'S A GENGAR!
SSH!
WHO ARE THEY?
SSH! DON'T WAKE -
POM
POM
GHOST
YOUR KIND ARE NOT WELCOME HERE
GET OUT NOW OR I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT

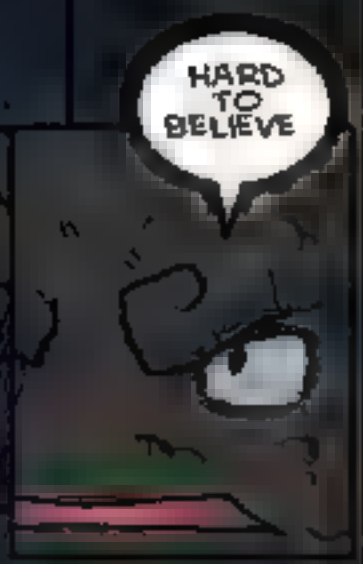
NOW JUST WAIT A MOMENT!

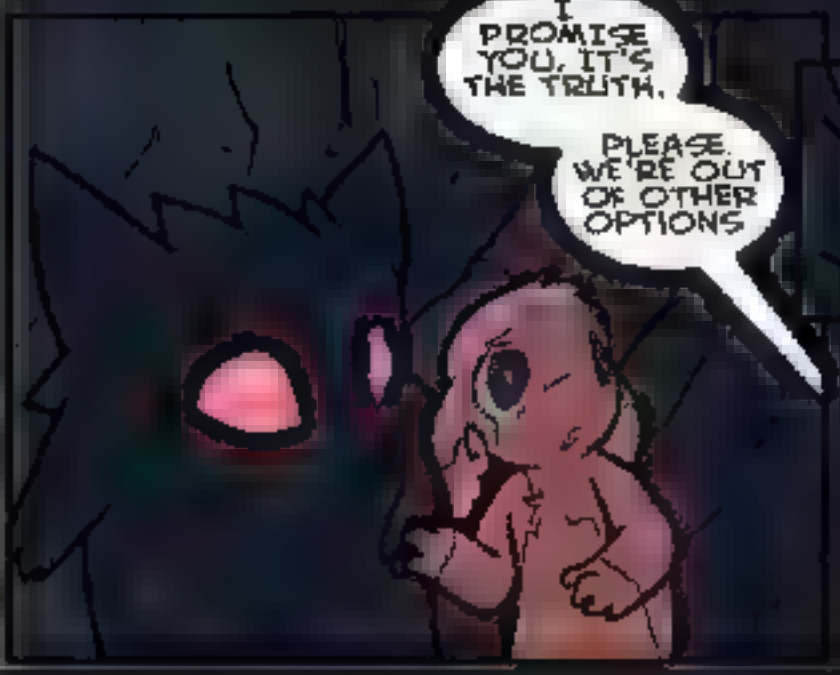
WE'RE NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.
WE'RE BEING PURSUED, AND WE NEED A REFUGE

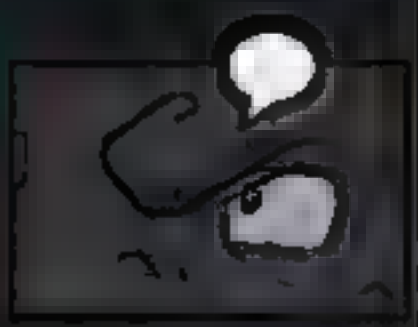
THE GENGAR IS A FRIEND AND ALLY, AND HE'LL HARM NOBODY HERE.

WHO'S AFTER YOU?

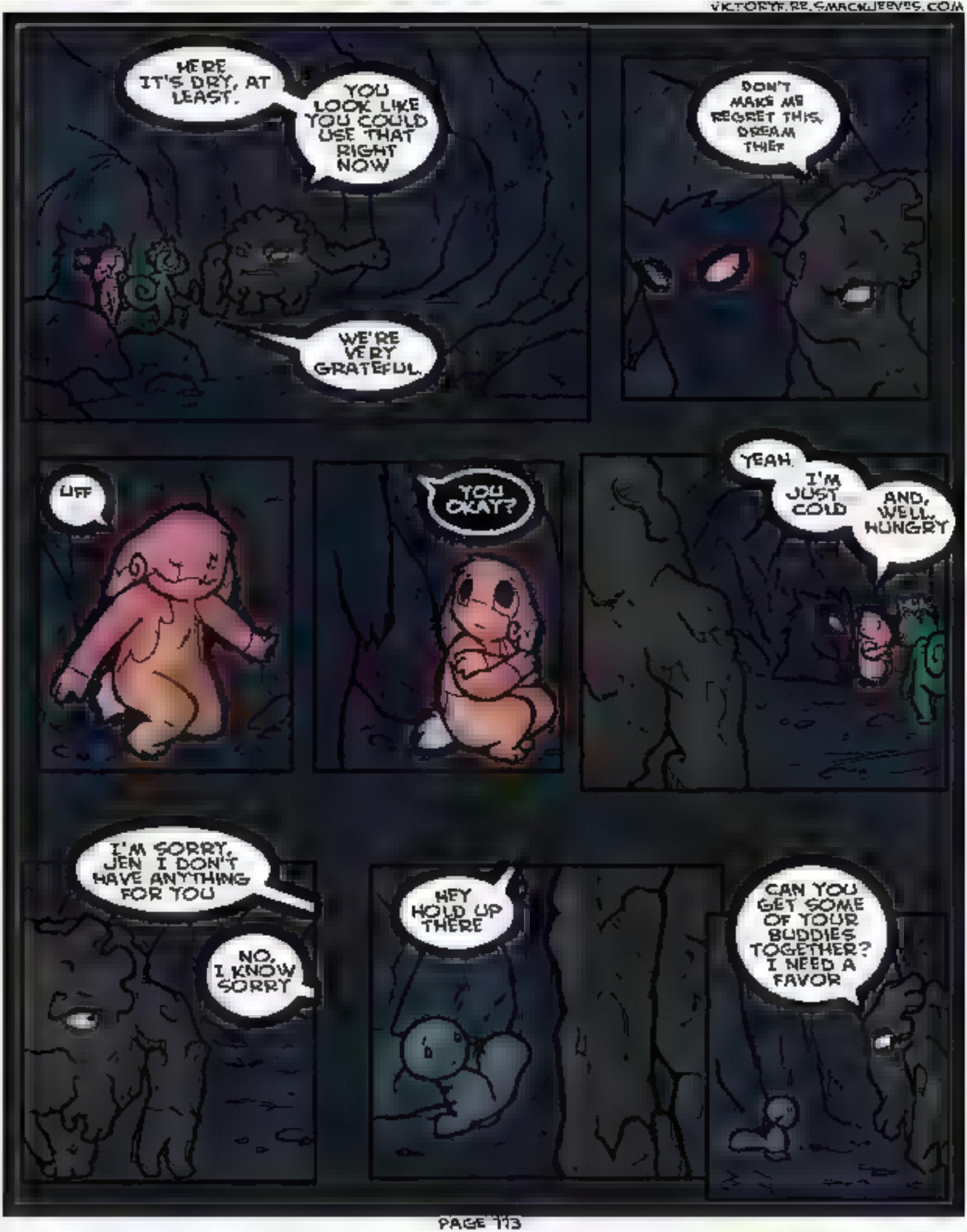

A GROUP OF HOUNDOOM.
WHY?
THEY WANT THE CHILD. I DONT KNOW WHY


HARD TO BELIEVE


I PROMISE YOU, IT'S THE TRUTH.
PLEASE. WE'RE OUT OF OTHER OPTIONS



YOU BETTER KEEP HIM ON A SHORT LEASH


HERE IT'S DRY, AT LEAST.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE THAT RIGHT NOW
WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL.
DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS, DREAM THIEF
UFF
YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
I'M JUST COLD
AND, WELL, HUNGRY
I'M SORRY, JEN I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU
NO, I KNOW SORRY
HEY HOLD UP THERE
CAN YOU GET SOME OF YOUR BUDDIES TOGETHER? I NEED A FAVOR

HE WAS REALLY RUDE TO YOU!
KEH, JUST ANOTHER IDIOT, I DON'T CARE.

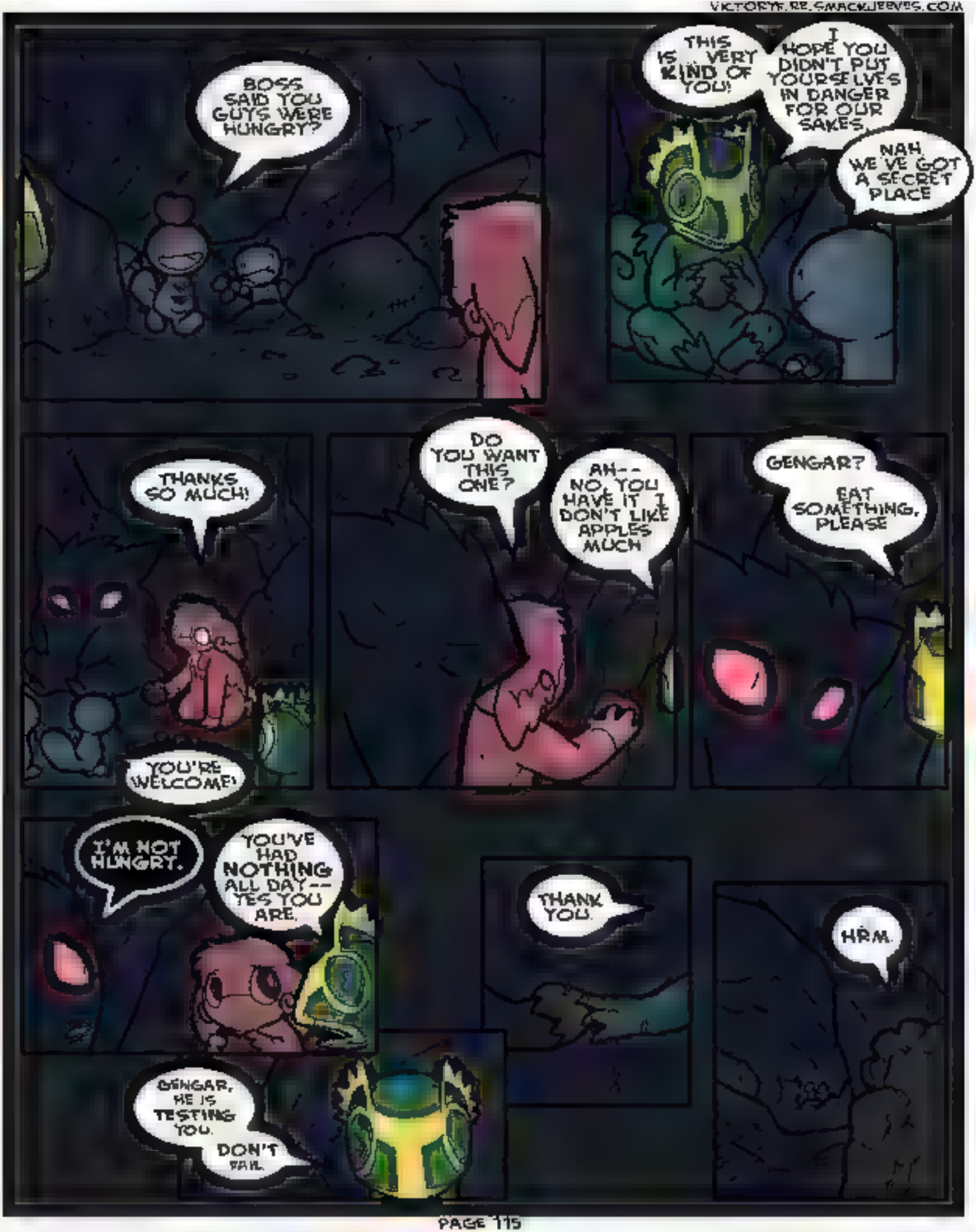
HE WAS JUST BEING CAUTIOUS.
THIS IS A ROUGH PART OF THE WORLD

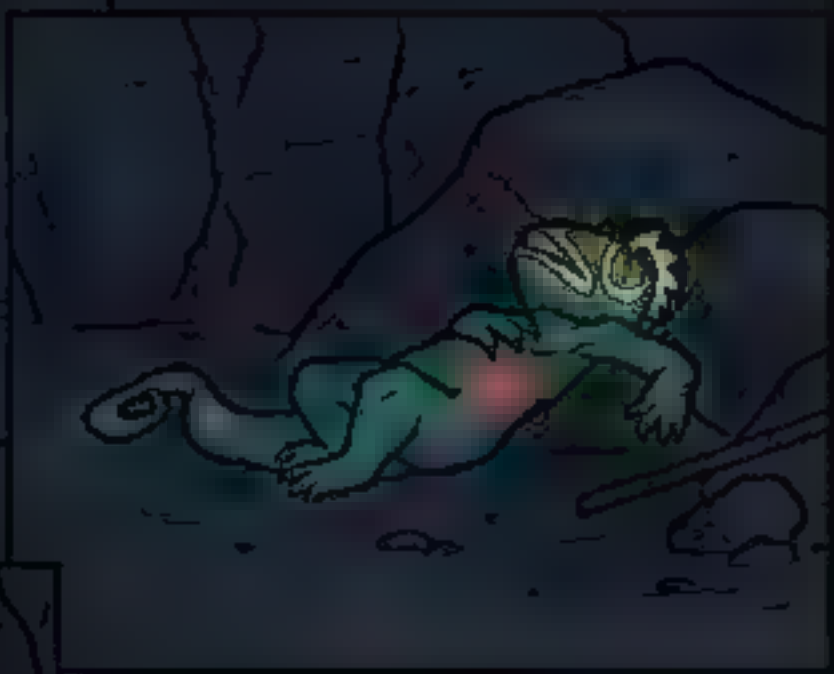
WHAT DID HE THINK GENGAR WAS GOING TO DO?

STEAL DREAMS.
PREY ON PEOPLE WHO ARE SLEEPING
GENGAR'S KIND HAVE A BAD REPUTATION, ESPECIALLY OUT HERE IN THE DEEP WILDS
AND I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S OFTEN DESERVED.
NOT IN THIS CASE, OF COURSE-- BUT HE HAD NO WAY TO KNOW THAT

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S DOING IT....
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
NO, NOTHING.

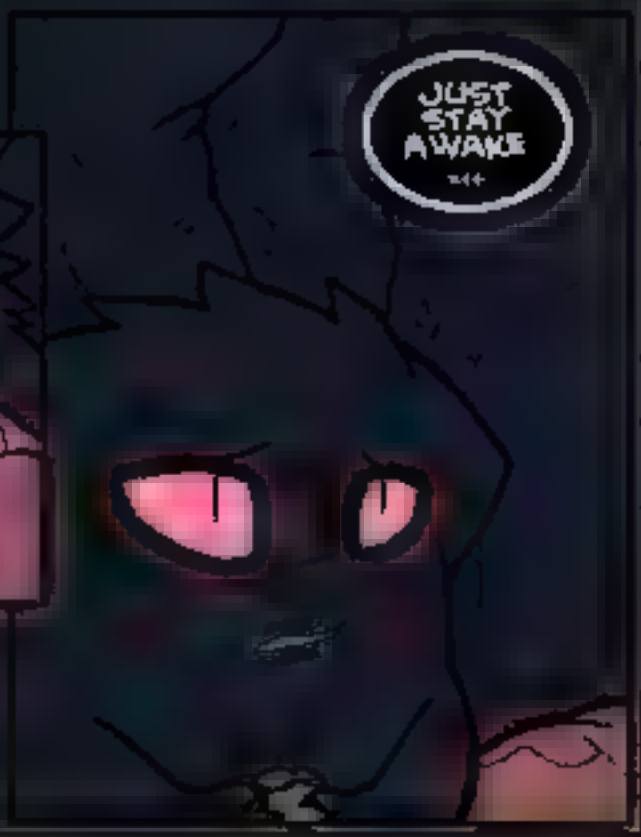
HEY, WE GOT SOME STUFF FOR YA!


BOSS SAID YOU GUYS WERE HUNGRY?
THIS IS VERY KIND OF YOU!
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T PUT YOURSELVES IN DANGER FOR OUR SAKES.
NAH. WE'VE GOT A SECRET PLACE
THANKS SO MUCH!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
DO YOU WANT THIS ONE?
AH-- NO, YOU HAVE IT. I DON'T LIKE APPLES MUCH
GENGAR?
EAT SOMETHING, PLEASE
I'M NOT HUNGRY.
YOU'VE HAD NOTHING ALL DAY-- YES YOU ARE.
GENGAR, HE IS TESTING YOU.
DON'T FAIL.
THANK YOU.
HRM.

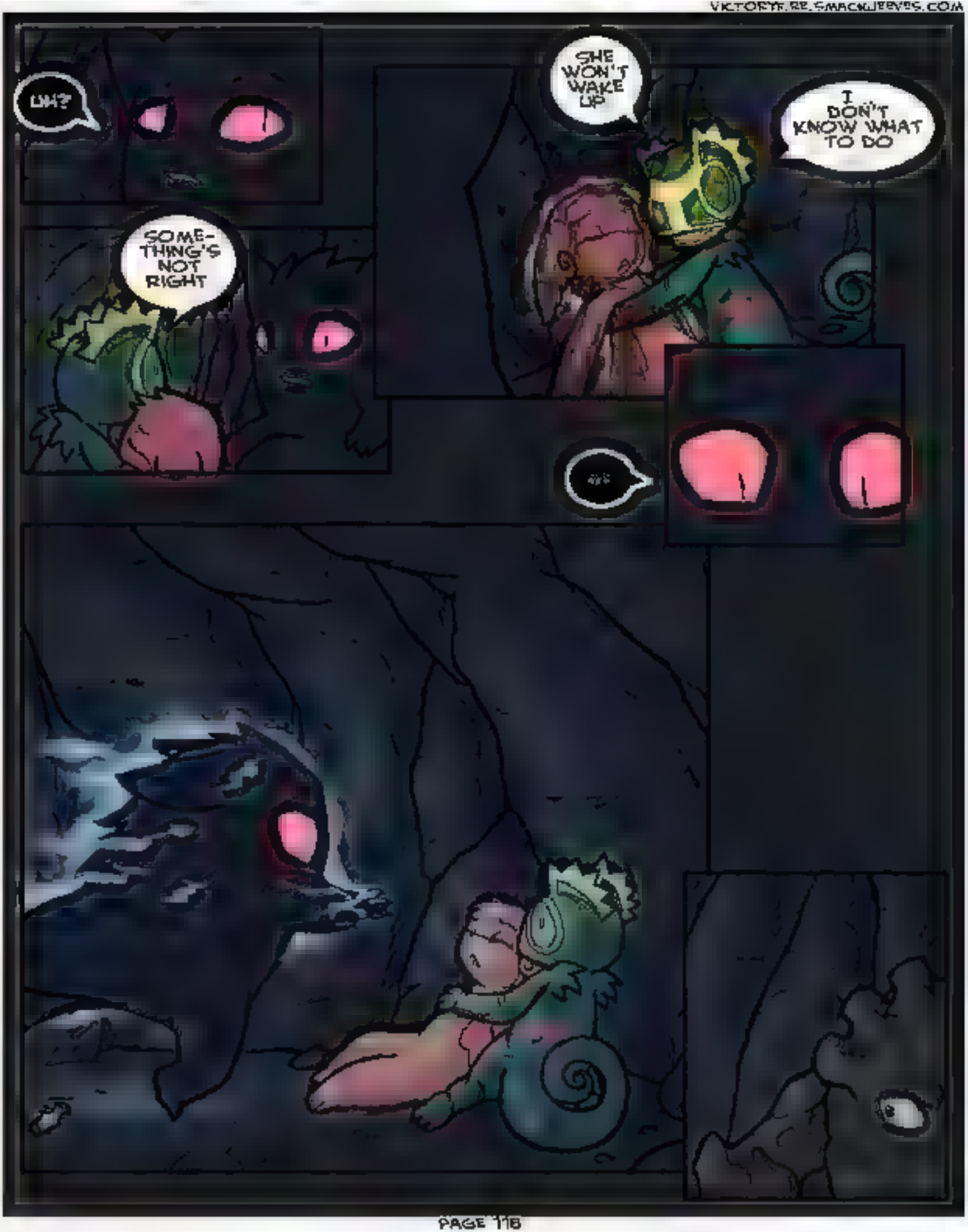


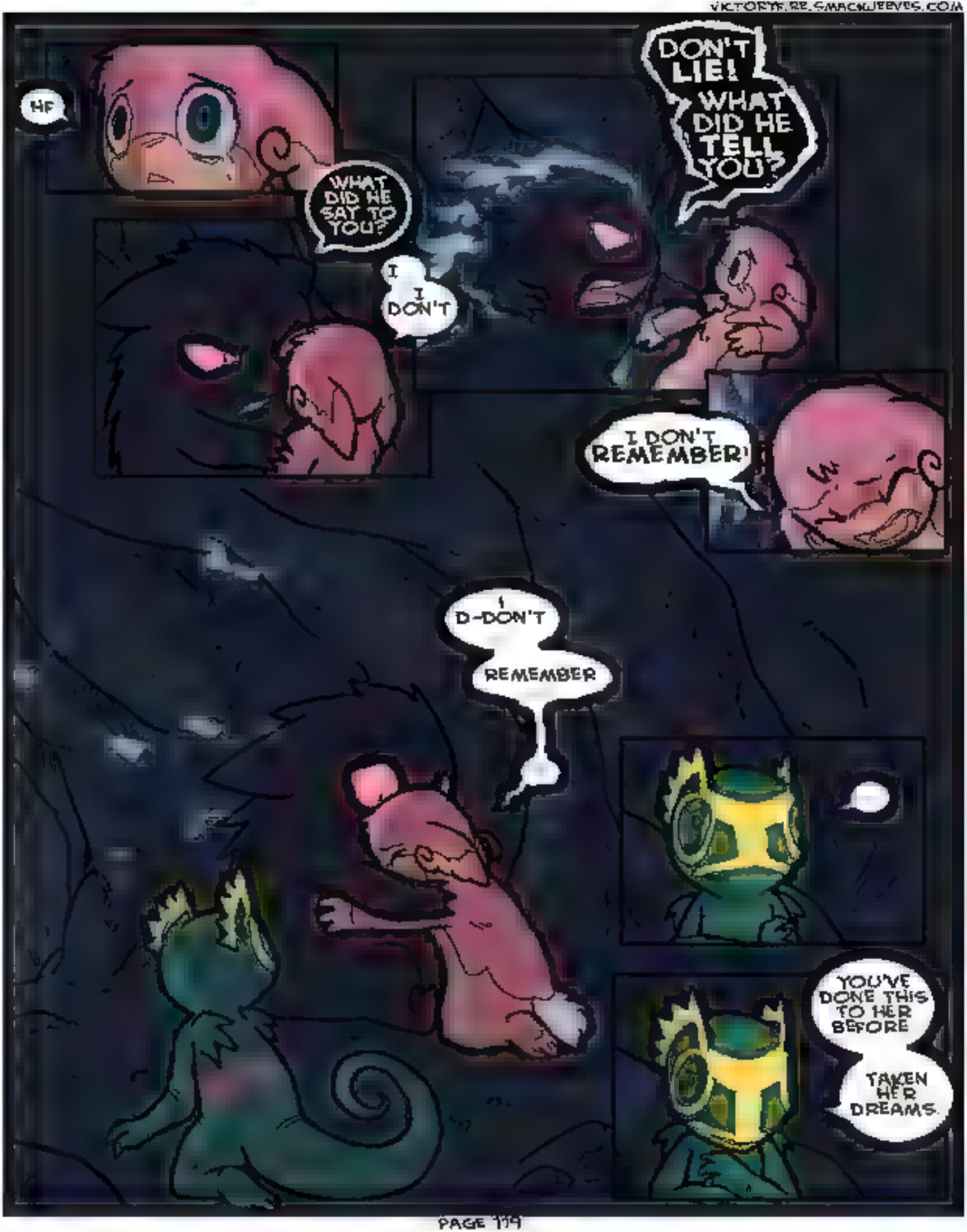
I CAN DO THIS.

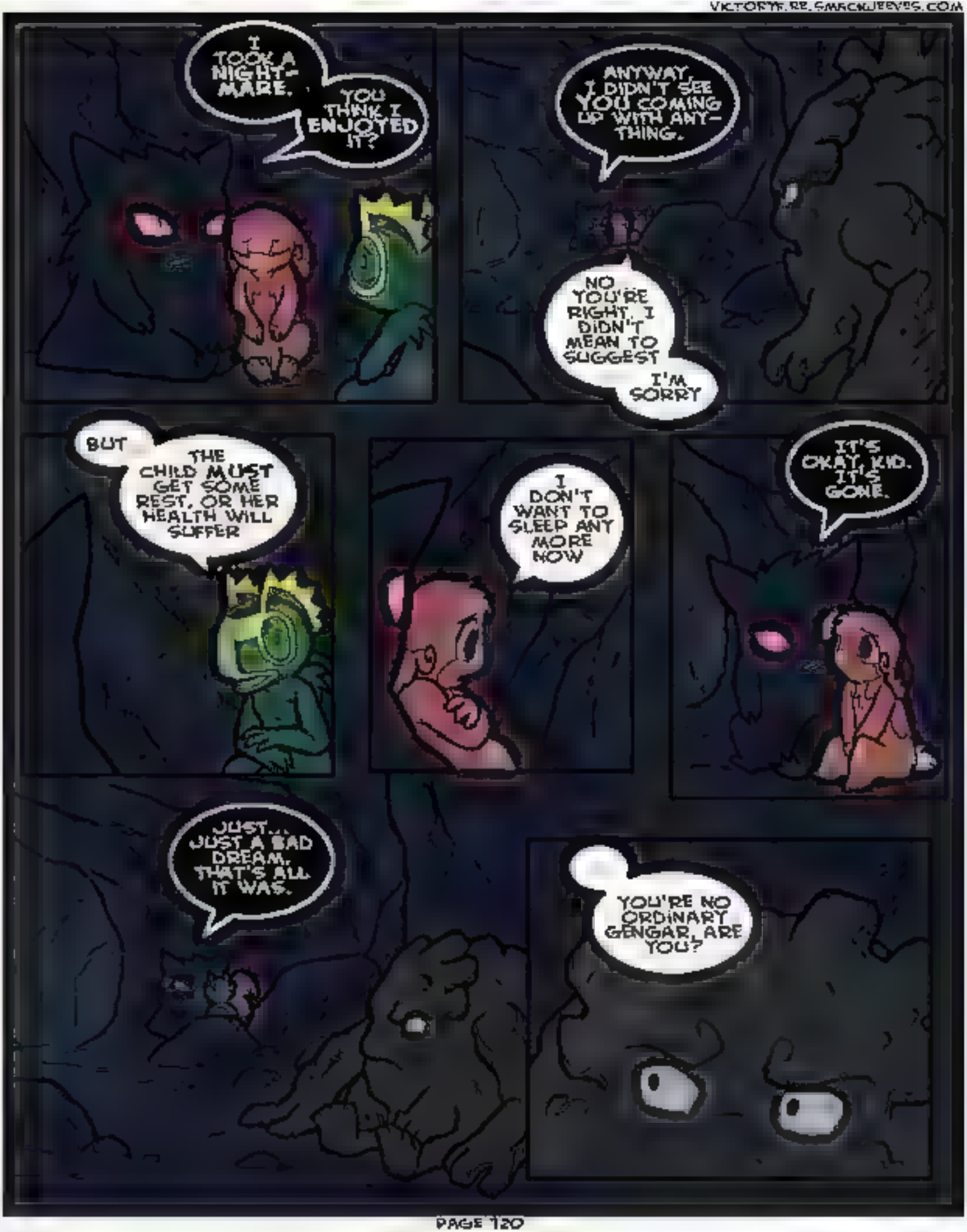
STAY AWAKE.
C'MON.

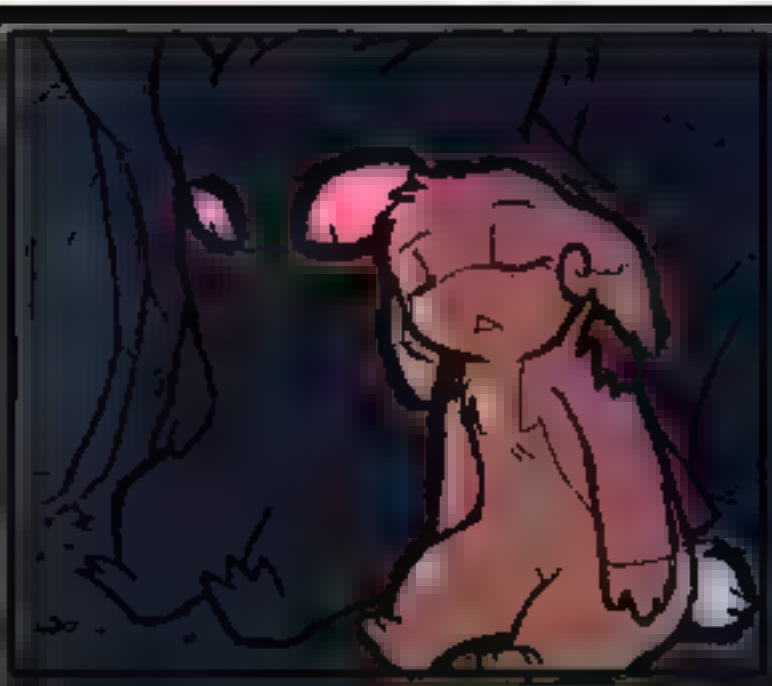

JUST STAY AWAKE

NN
JEN?
JEN
JEN, WAKE UP


UH?
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT
SHE WON'T WAKE UP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO


HF
WHAT DID HE SAY TO YOU?
I
I DON'T
DON'T LIE! WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?
I DON'T REMEMBER!
I
D-DON'T
REMEMBER
YOU'VE DONE THIS TO HER BEFORE
TAKEN HER DREAMS.


I TOOK A NIGHT-MARE.
YOU THINK I ENJOYED IT?
ANYWAY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU COMING UP WITH ANY-THING.
NO YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SUGGEST
I'M SORRY
BUT
THE CHILD MUST GET SOME REST, OR HER HEALTH WILL SUFFER
I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP ANY MORE NOW
IT'S OKAY, KID. IT'S GONE.
JUST... JUST A BAD DREAM. THAT'S ALL IT WAS.
YOU'RE NO ORDINARY GENGAR, ARE YOU?



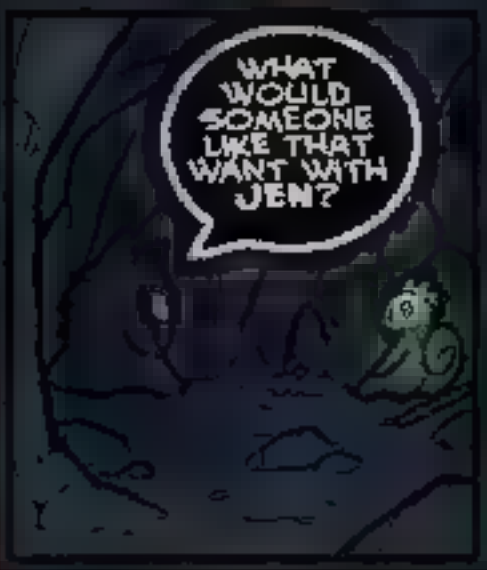
WHO IS DARKRAI?

WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT NAME?
ANSWER THE QUESTION.

I CAN'T
I DON'T KNOW NOBODY REALLY KNOWS

DARKRAI ... APPEARED, SOME YEARS AGO, IN CONNECTION WITH SOME VERY STRANGE EVENTS.
HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE
I SUSPECT WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE FULL TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED
WE DO KNOW THAT DARKRAI IS VERY, VERY CLEVER
A MASTER MANIPULATOR A TALENTED LIAR

AND EVIL, IN A WAY WE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

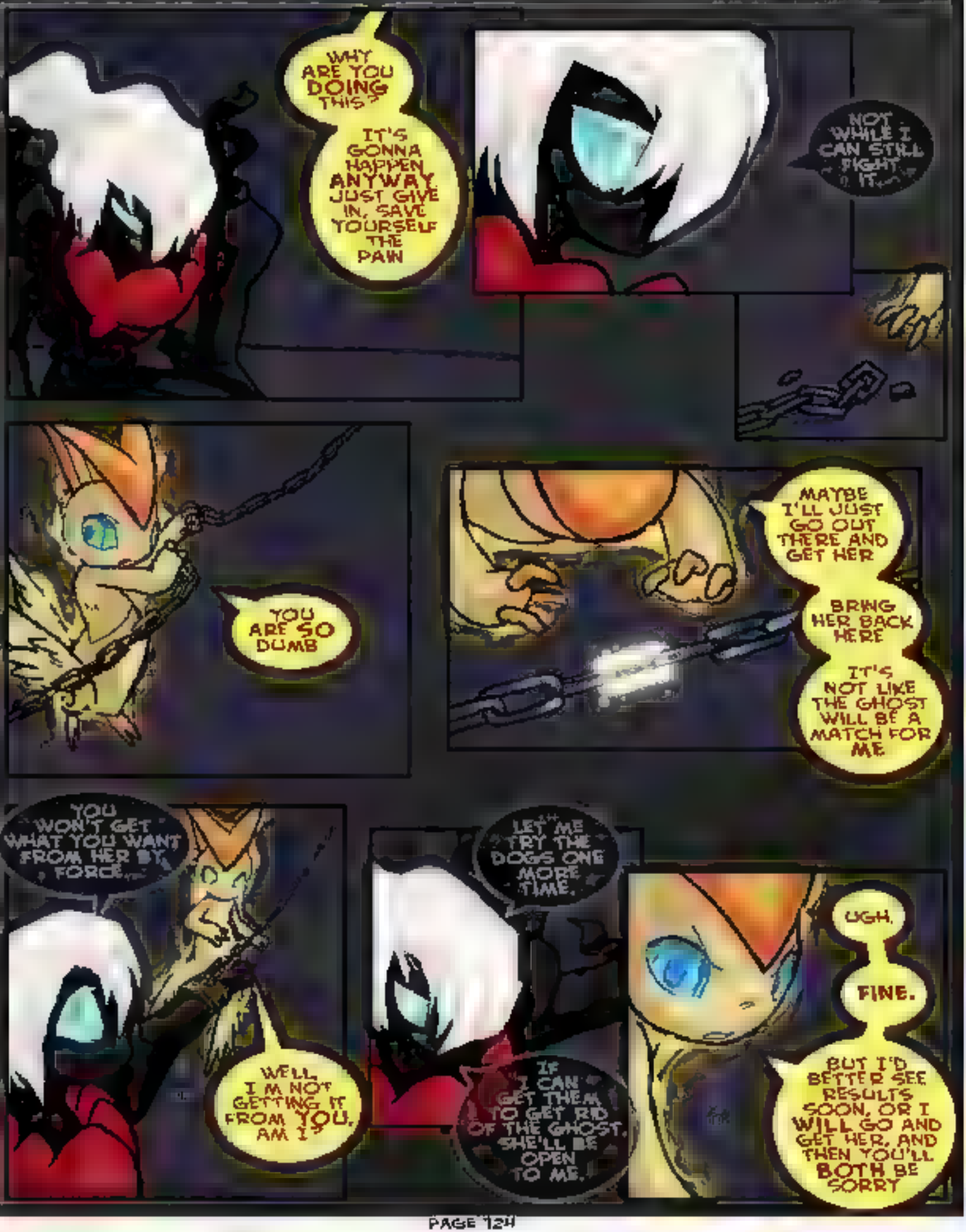

WHAT WOULD SOMEONE LIKE THAT WANT WITH JEN?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE IS?

DO YOU?

NO!
NOT AGAIN
THREE DAYS, I THINK WE SAID?
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE THIS TIME?
OH DON'T YOU GO FAINTING ON ME I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU
YOU'RE STALLING, AREN'T YOU?

...THE GHOST...
HE CAN SENSE ME SOMEHOW
I'M TRYING
LYING
I DON'T LIE!
OH, YOU WANT TO FIGHT?
COME ON, FIGHT ME I'M RIGHT HERE
COME ON, BIG SHOT, LET'S SEE YOU MAKE A MOVE
ANYTHING WILL DO.
NO.
PAAH! YOU ARE SO BORING
YOU'RE GOING TO REVERT, YOU KNOW
IT'S ALREADY STARTING TO HAPPEN


WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
IT'S GONNA HAPPEN ANYWAY. JUST GIVE IN, SAVE YOURSELF THE PAIN
NOT WHILE I CAN STILL FIGHT IT.
YOU ARE SO DUMB
MAYBE I'LL JUST GO OUT THERE AND GET HER
BRING HER BACK HERE
IT'S NOT LIKE THE GHOST WILL BE A MATCH FOR ME
YOU WON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT FROM HER BY FORCE...
WELL, I'M NOT GETTING IT FROM YOU, AM I?
LET ME TRY THE DOGS ONE MORE TIME.
IF I CAN GET THEM TO GET RID OF THE GHOST, SHE'LL BE OPEN TO ME.
UGH.
FINE.
BUT I'D BETTER SEE RESULTS SOON, OR I WILL GO AND GET HER, AND THEN YOU'LL BOTH BE SORRY

YEAH, THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE, BOSS.
DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE INCLINED TO MOVE ANYTIME SOON

HEY WAKE UP
HN?

SH.
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU

THIS WAY

IF I'D KNOW LAST NIGHT WHO YOUR ENEMY REALLY WAS, I WOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU STAY
I WANT NO QUARREL WITH THAT ONE

I'M SORRY
THE CHILD DOESN'T KNOW I DIDN'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN HER.
SHE'S HAD A ROUGH TIME AS IT IS.

WHAT HAS A LITTLE THING LIKE HER DONE TO ANGER THE NIGHTMARE KING?

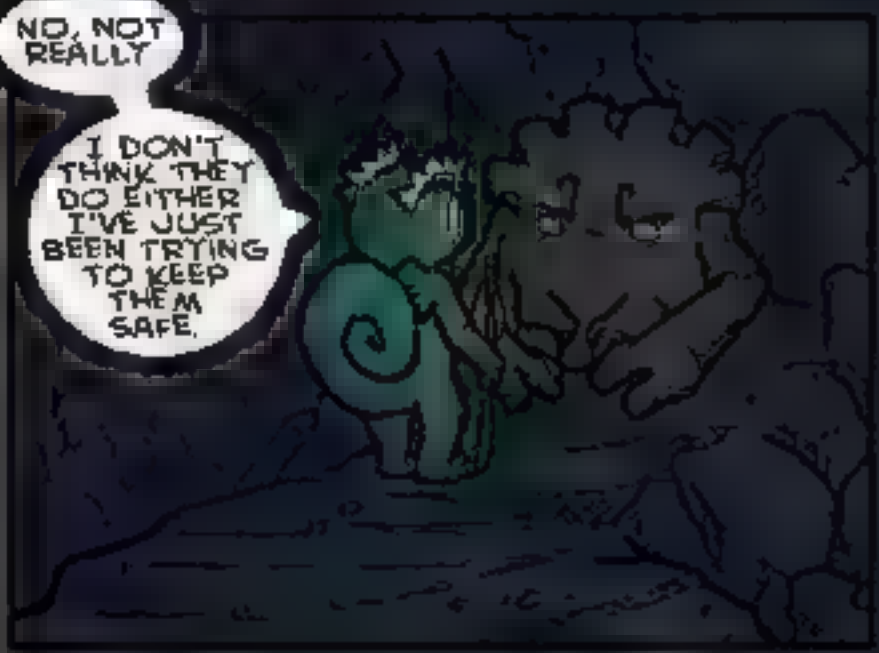
THAT. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW I WASN'T EVEN SURE IT WAS HIM LAST NIGHT, UNTIL
THE GHOST
YES.

YOU NEED TO LEAVE HERE STRAIGHT AWAY

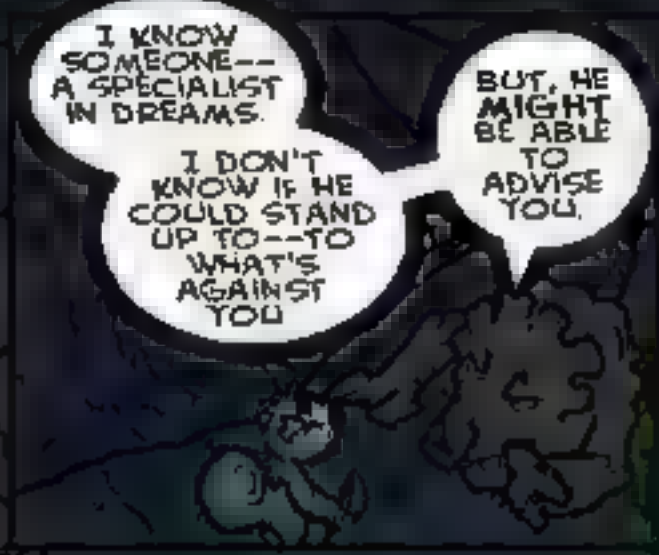
IT- IT'S NOT FOR OUR SAKES.
THE CLIFF PATH ISN'T THE ONLY WAY IN HERE

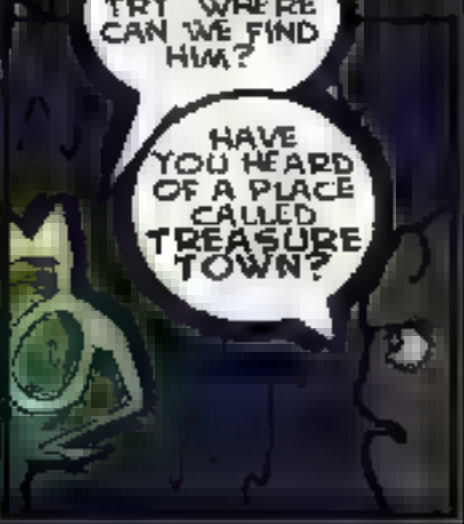
THEY'LL FIND OTHERS. IF THEY LOOK. YOU MUSTN'T BE TRAPPED HERE
I SEE.

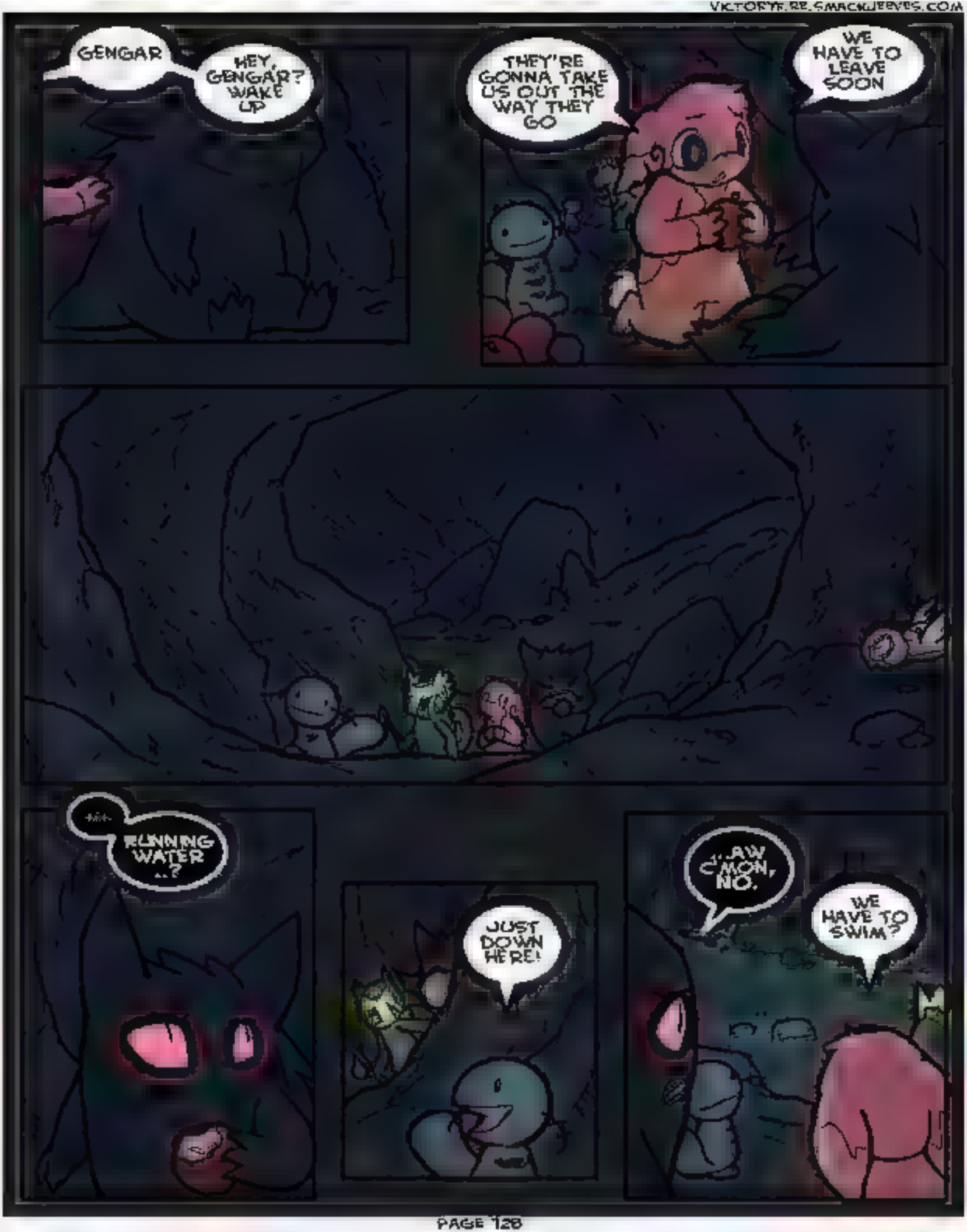
DO YOU HAVE A DESTINATION IN MIND?


NO, NOT REALLY
I DON'T THINK THEY DO EITHER I'VE JUST BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THEM SAFE.

LISTEN. MAYBE I CAN HELP THERE

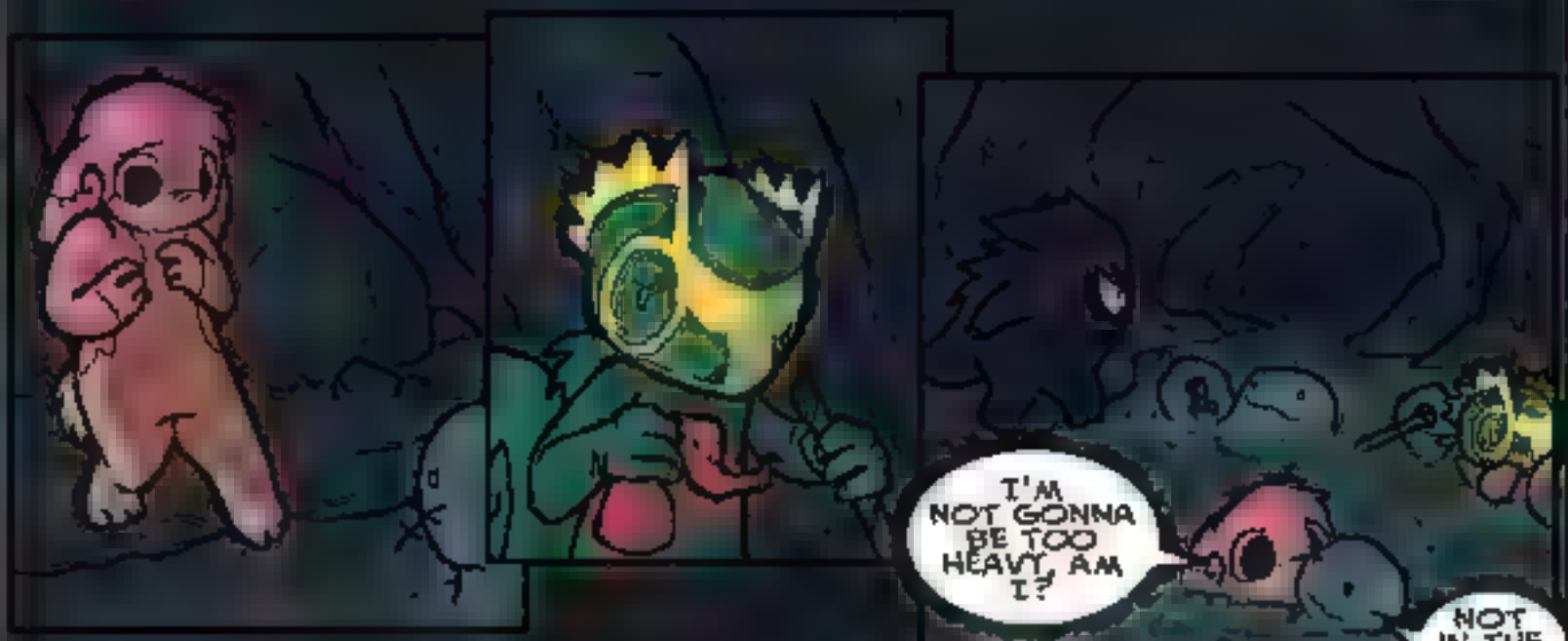

I KNOW SOMEONE-- A SPECIALIST IN DREAMS.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE COULD STAND UP TO--TO WHAT'S AGAINST YOU
BUT, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU.

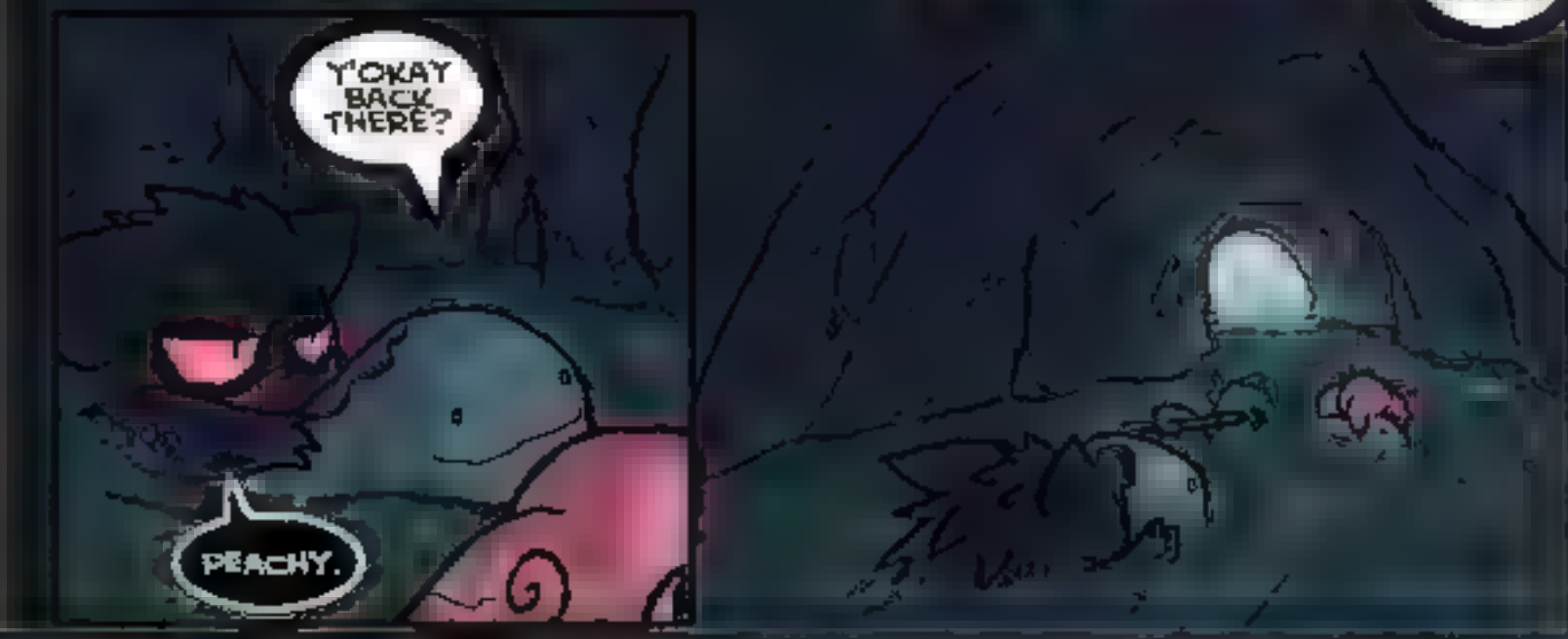

IT'S WORTH A TRY WHERE CAN WE FIND HIM?
HAVE YOU HEARD OF A PLACE CALLED TREASURE TOWN?

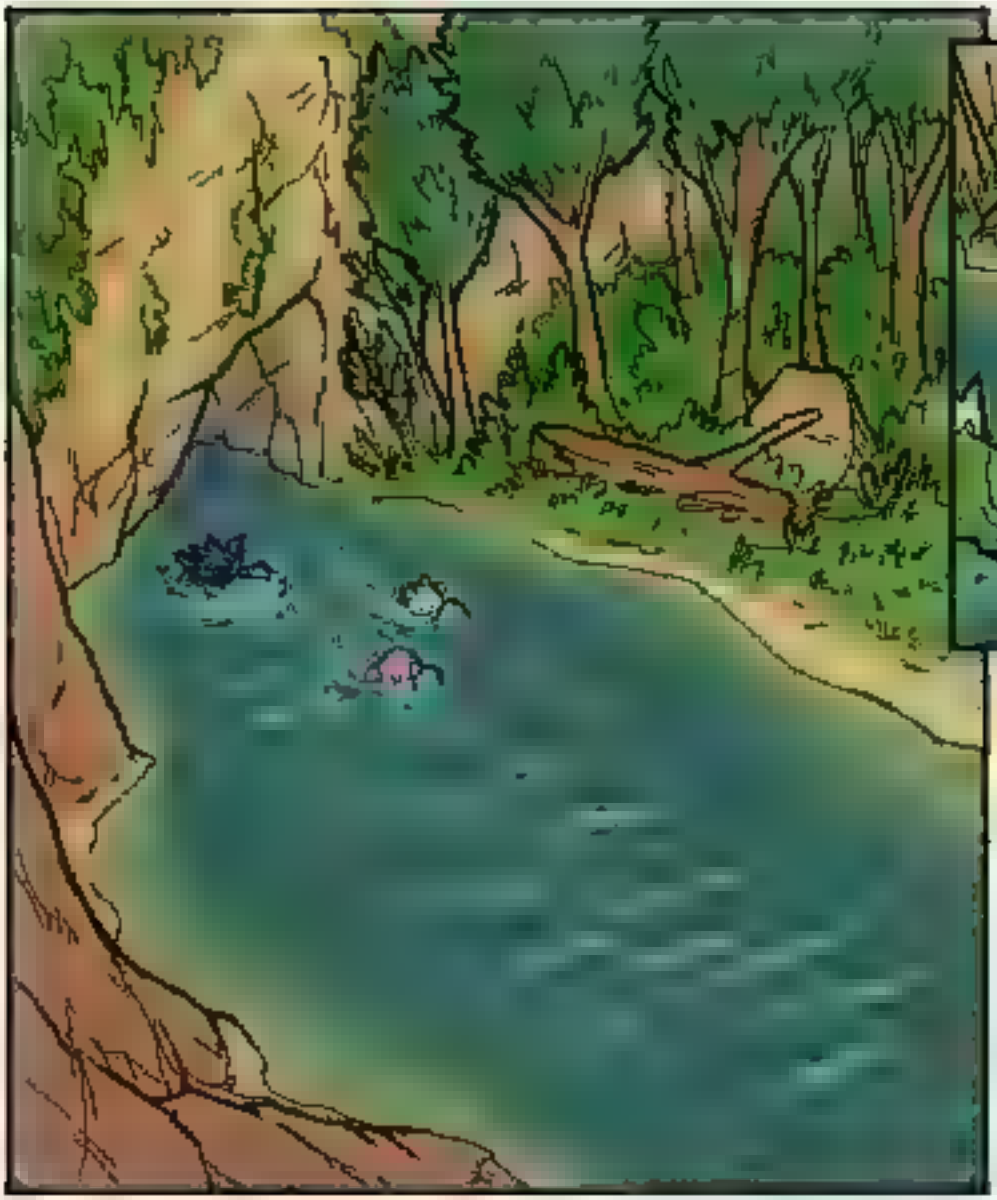

GENGAR
HEY, GENGAR? WAKE UP
THEY'RE GONNA TAKE US OUT THE WAY THEY GO
WE HAVE TO LEAVE SOON
RUNNING WATER ..?
JUST DOWN HERE!
..AW C'MON, NO.
WE HAVE TO SWIM?

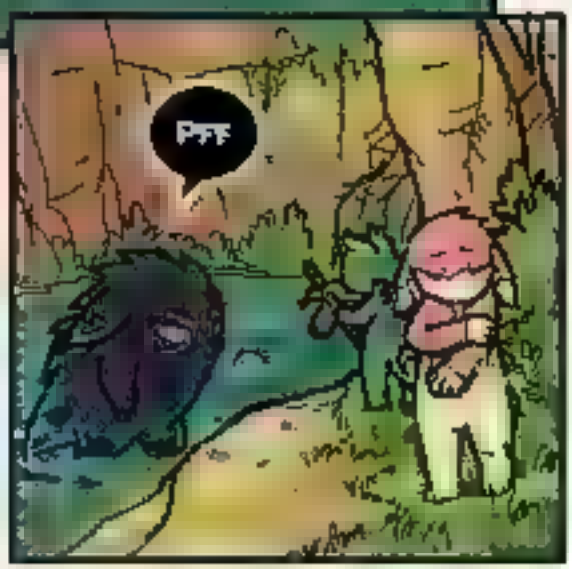
SO I TAKE IT YOU SET THIS UP?
GREAT! A NICE COLD UNDERGROUND SWIM!
THANKS A LOT!
YOU'RE.
WELCOME.

OH, NO, THAT'S NO PROBLEM WE'LL GIVE YA A TOW
JUMP IN, GRAB ON!


I'M NOT GONNA BE TOO HEAVY, AM I?
NOT IN THE WATER


Y'OKAY BACK THERE?
PEACHY.

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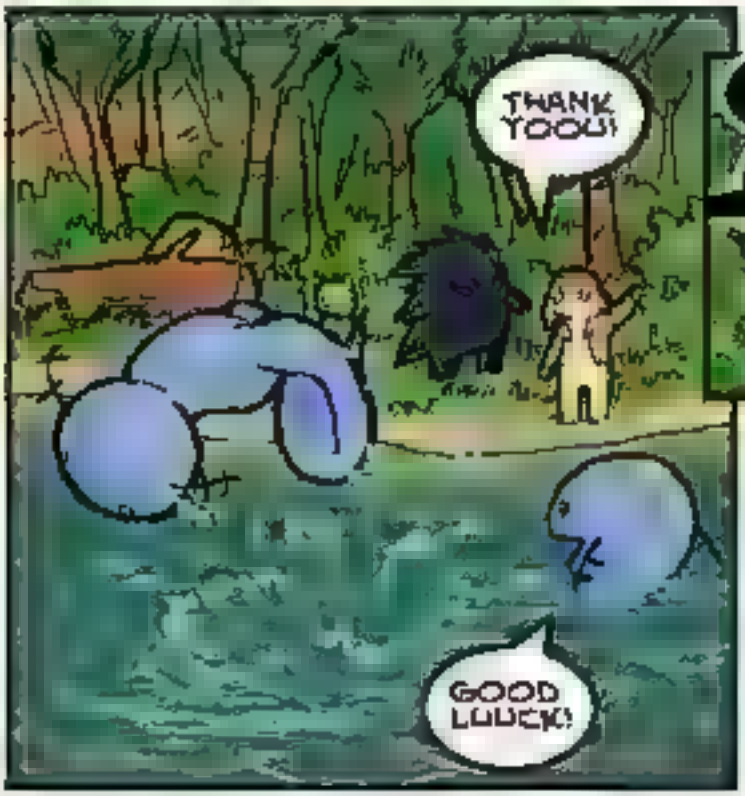
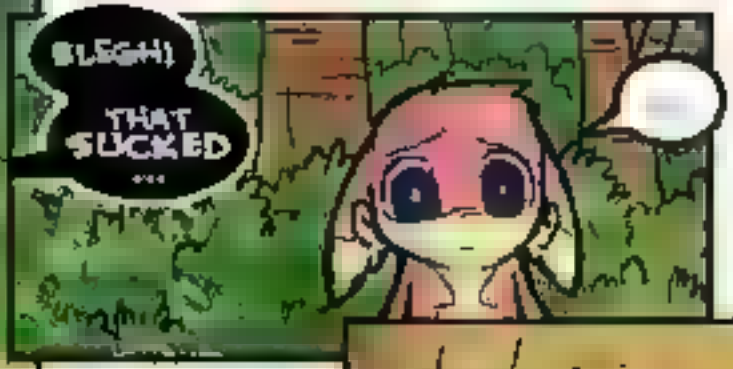
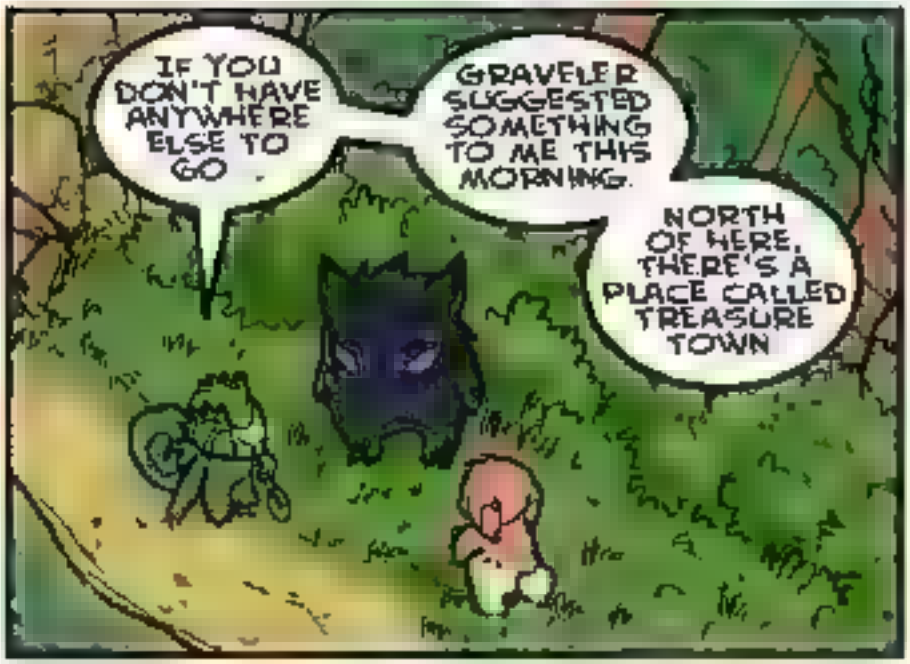

THANK YOOU!
GOOD LUUCK!


BLEGH! THAT SUCKED ...

SO
I GUESS, XATU DIDN'T WORK OUT

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT DREAM YOU HAD LAST NIGHT


IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO
GRAVELER SUGGESTED SOMETHING TO ME THIS MORNING.
NORTH OF HERE, THERE'S A PLACE CALLED TREASURE TOWN

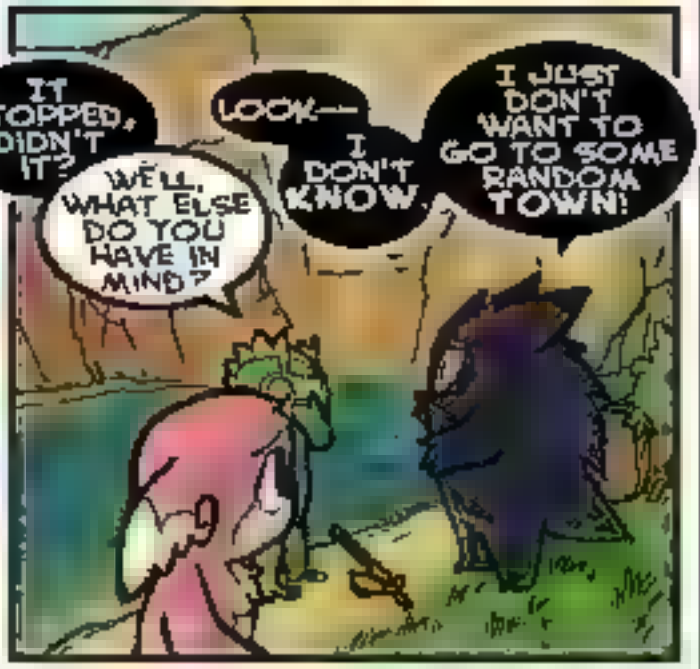
HE HAS AN OLD FRIEND THERE WHO KNOWS A LOT ABOUT DREAMS.
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

KEH! WHY GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE?
JUST FOR A DUMB DREAM.

WE ALL KNOW IT WASN'T JUST A DREAM

WE DON'T KNOW IT'S NOT!
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE, AFTER LAST NIGHT?

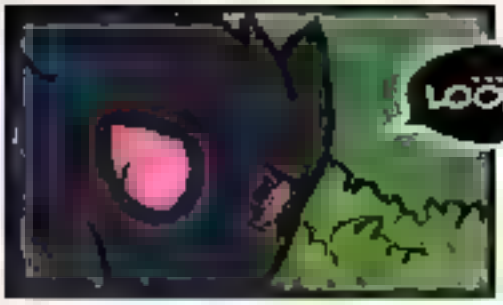
NOTHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT.
GENGAR


IT STOPPED, DIDN'T IT?
WELL, WHAT ELSE DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
LOOK— I DON'T KNOW.
I JUST DON'T WANT TO GO TO SOME RANDOM TOWN!

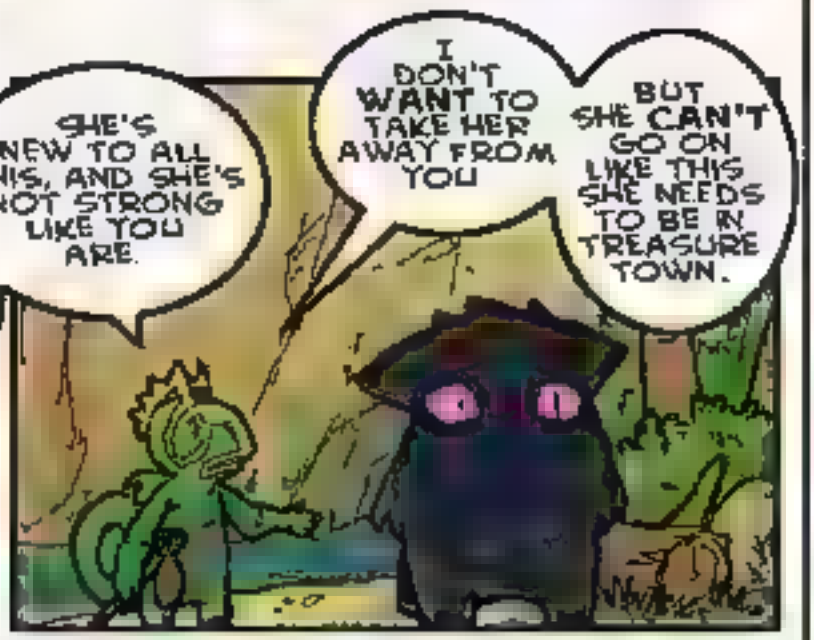
OF COURSE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
WHAT WILL YOU DO--GO BACK SOUTH?

WE WERE DOING OKAY UNTIL YOU SHOWED UP..

BEFORE YOU DECIDE, WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?
LOOK AT HER


...
LOOK?

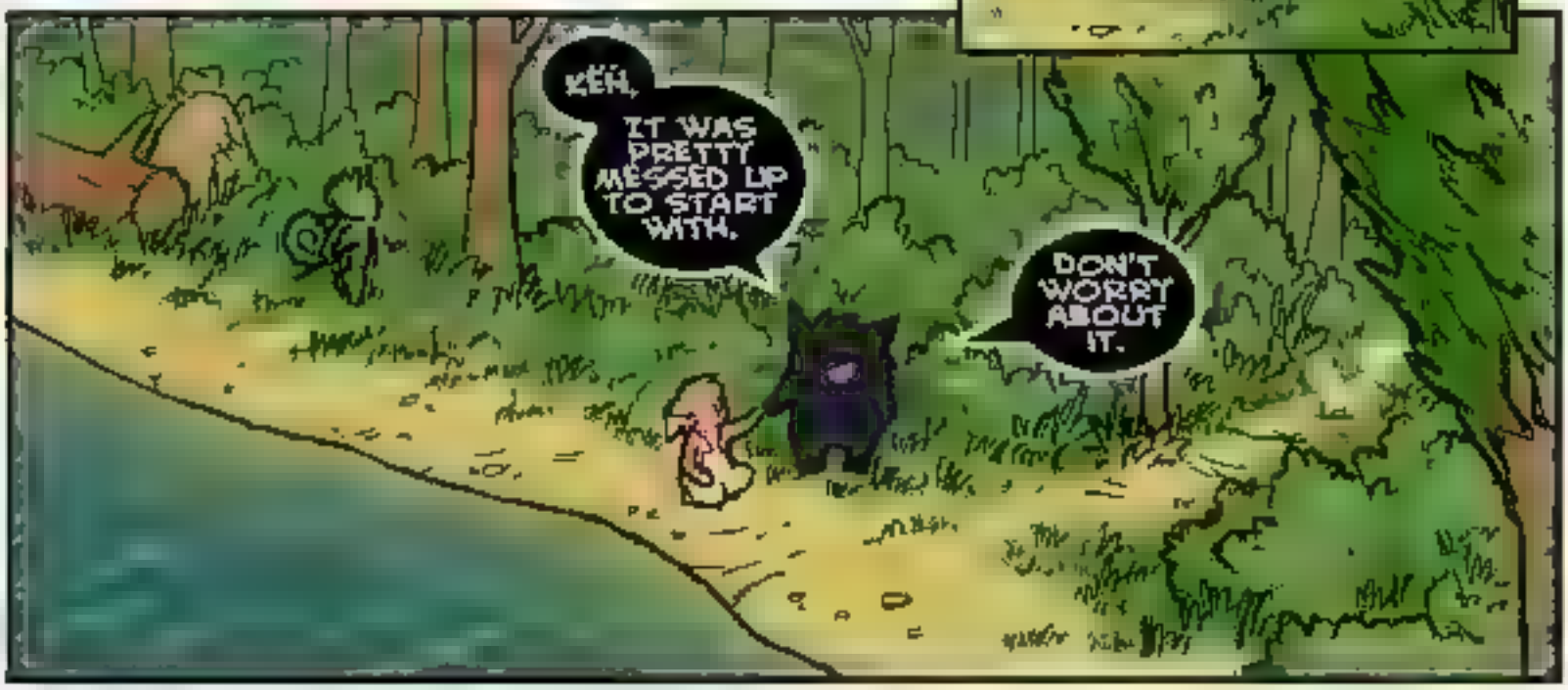
DO YOU SEE IT?
SHE'S TIRED, GENGAR

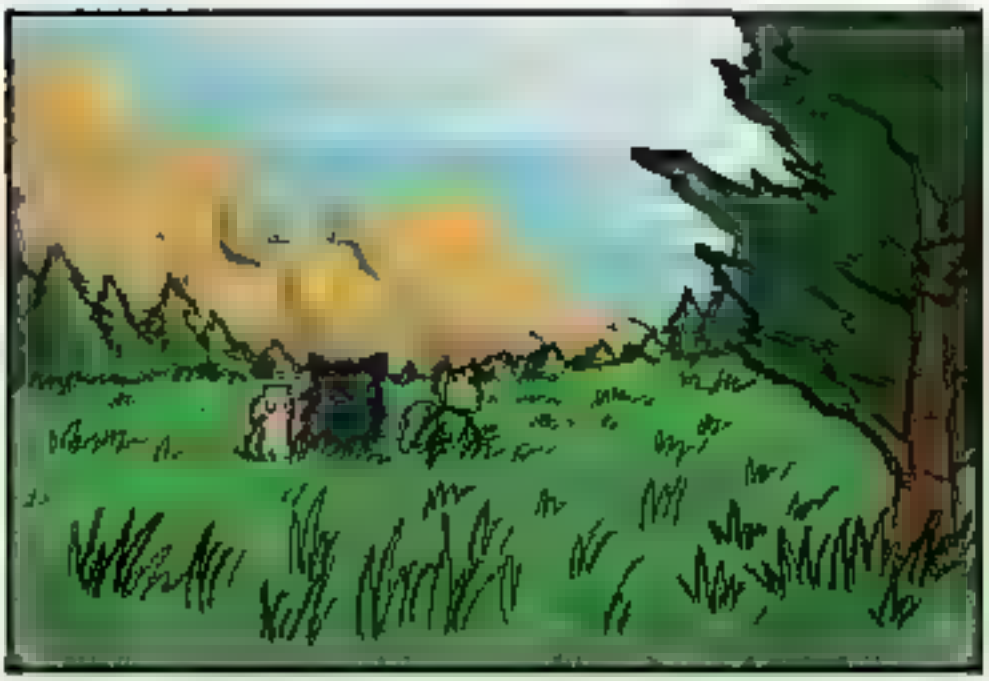

SHE'S NEW TO ALL THIS, AND SHE'S NOT STRONG LIKE YOU ARE.
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM YOU
BUT SHE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS SHE NEEDS TO BE IN TREASURE TOWN.

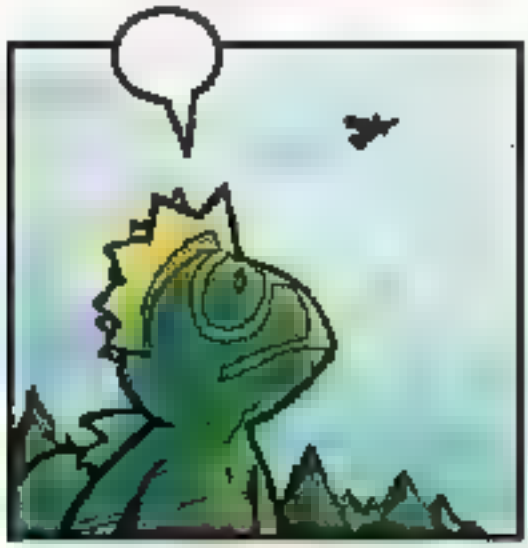
SO...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO TREASURE TOWN.

I'M SORRY

I'M REALLY MESSING UP YOUR LIFE, HUH?


KEH.
IT WAS PRETTY MESSED UP TO START WITH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.





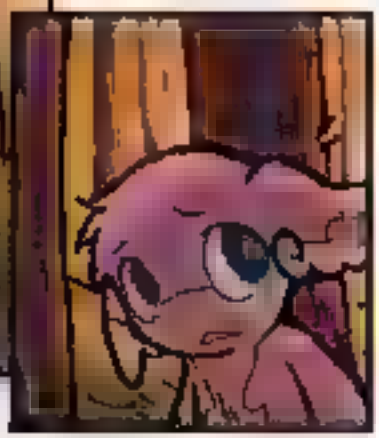
...THERE GOES OUR HEAD START
HUH?

I SAW THAT BIRD BACK IN THE BADLANDS. THEY'RE NOT NATIVE HERE

WHY WOULD A MURKROW HELP THEM?
THIS IS ALL SO WEIRD

ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH-- I'M COMING.
WAIT UP.

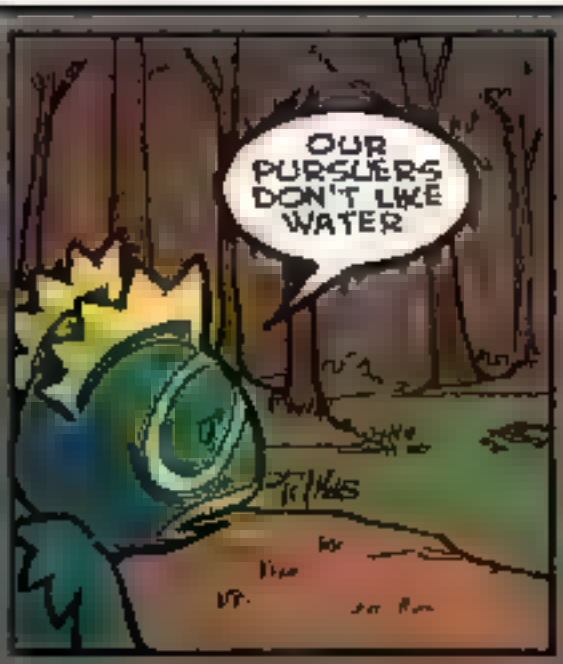


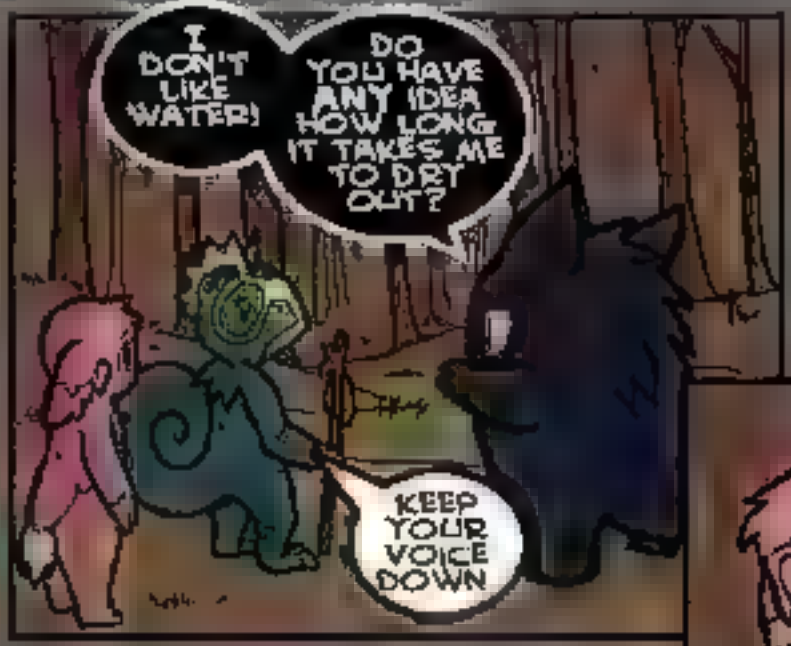
GENGAR?
I CAN HEAR THEM NOW

HEY, SHE SAYS THEY'RE ON US.
YES, I EXPECTED AS MUCH
DON'T LOSE HEART WE'RE NOT BEATEN YET

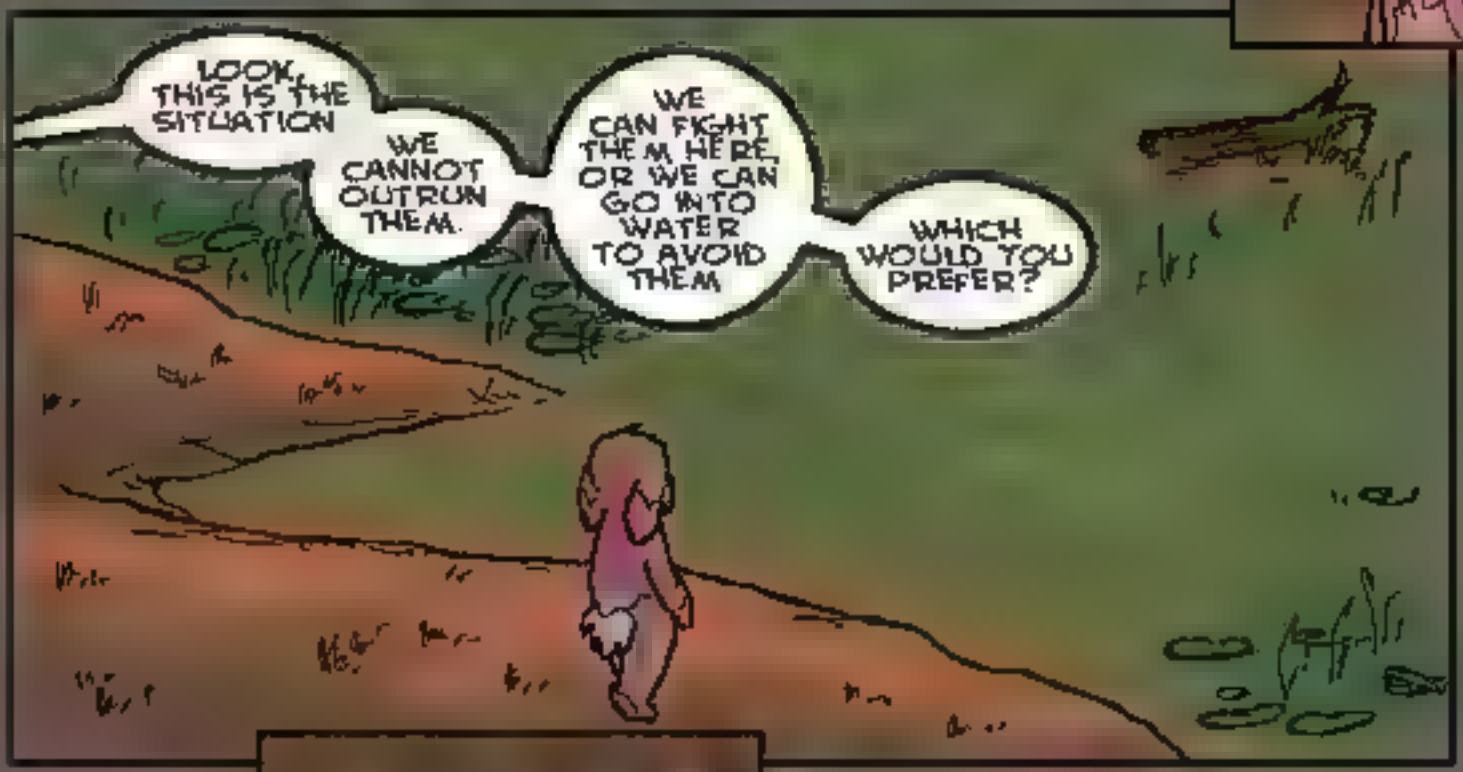
I STILL HAVE A TRICK OR TWO TO TRY

I CAN'T KEEP GOING
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER, JEN WE'RE NEARLY TO SAFETY
WATCH YOUR STEP IT'S GOING TO GET MUDDY DOWN HERE
MUDDY ++?
...OH COME ON!
THIS IS YOUR MASTER PLAN? A STINKING SWAMP?


OUR PURSUERS DON'T LIKE WATER


I DON'T LIKE WATER!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT TAKES ME TO DRY OUT?
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN

THEY NEVER STOP


LOOK, THIS IS THE SITUATION
WE CANNOT OUTRUN THEM.
WE CAN FIGHT THEM HERE, OR WE CAN GO INTO WATER TO AVOID THEM
WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?

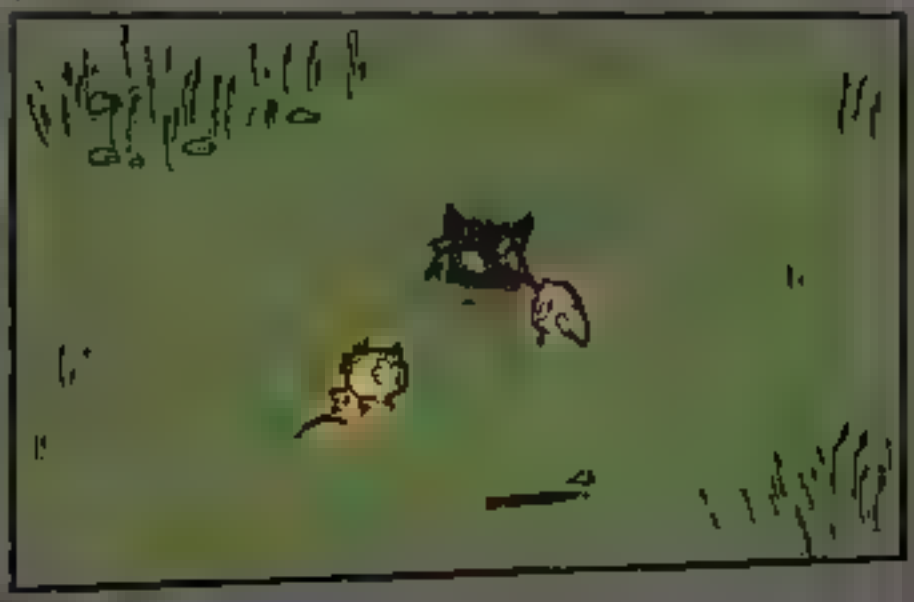
THIS SUCKS.

BELIEVE ME, I AGREE
BUT, THOSE ARE OUR CHOICES

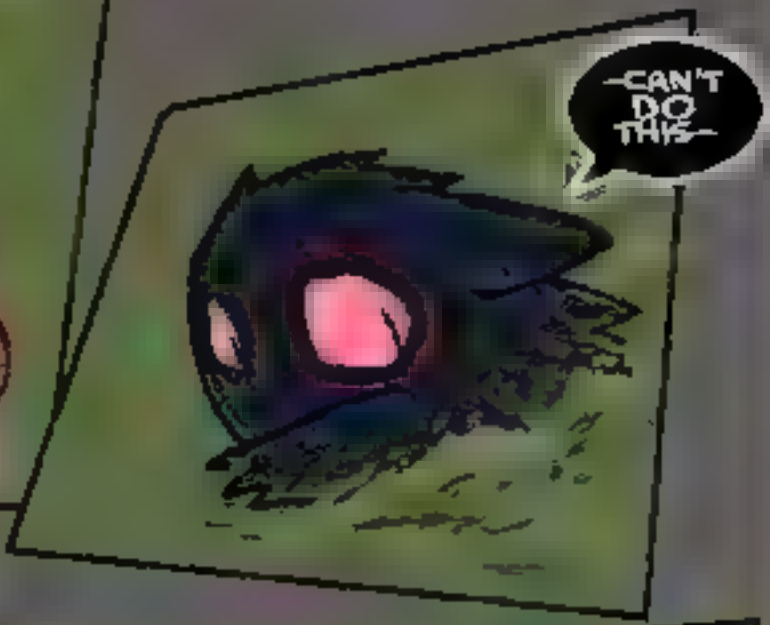
VICTORIA.RE.SMACKJEEVES.COM

AOUW!
WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I I DON'T KNOW SOMETHING STUNG ME--!
-AGH!
WHA-- ELECTRIC?

WHAT WAS THAT?

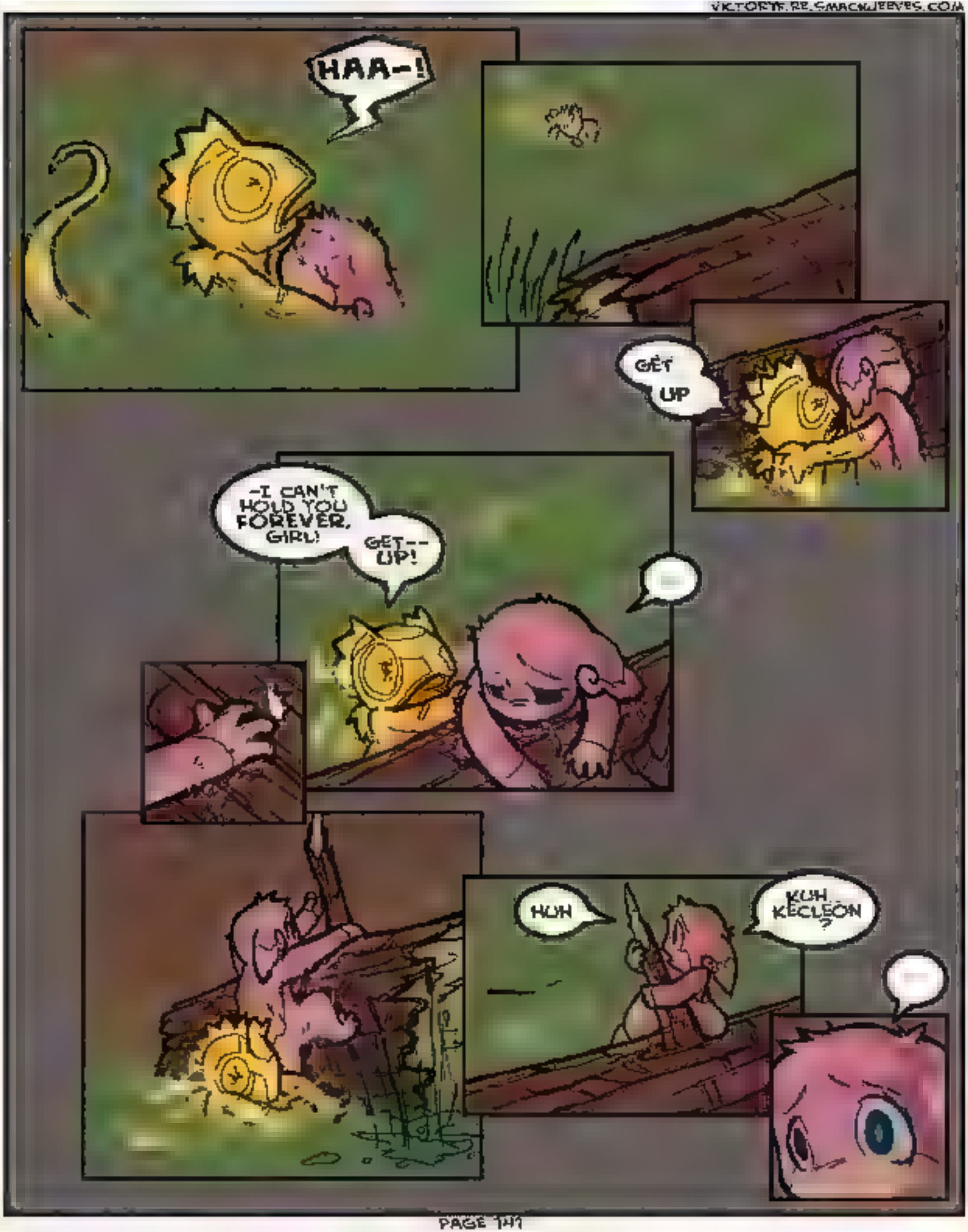


KYAA-!

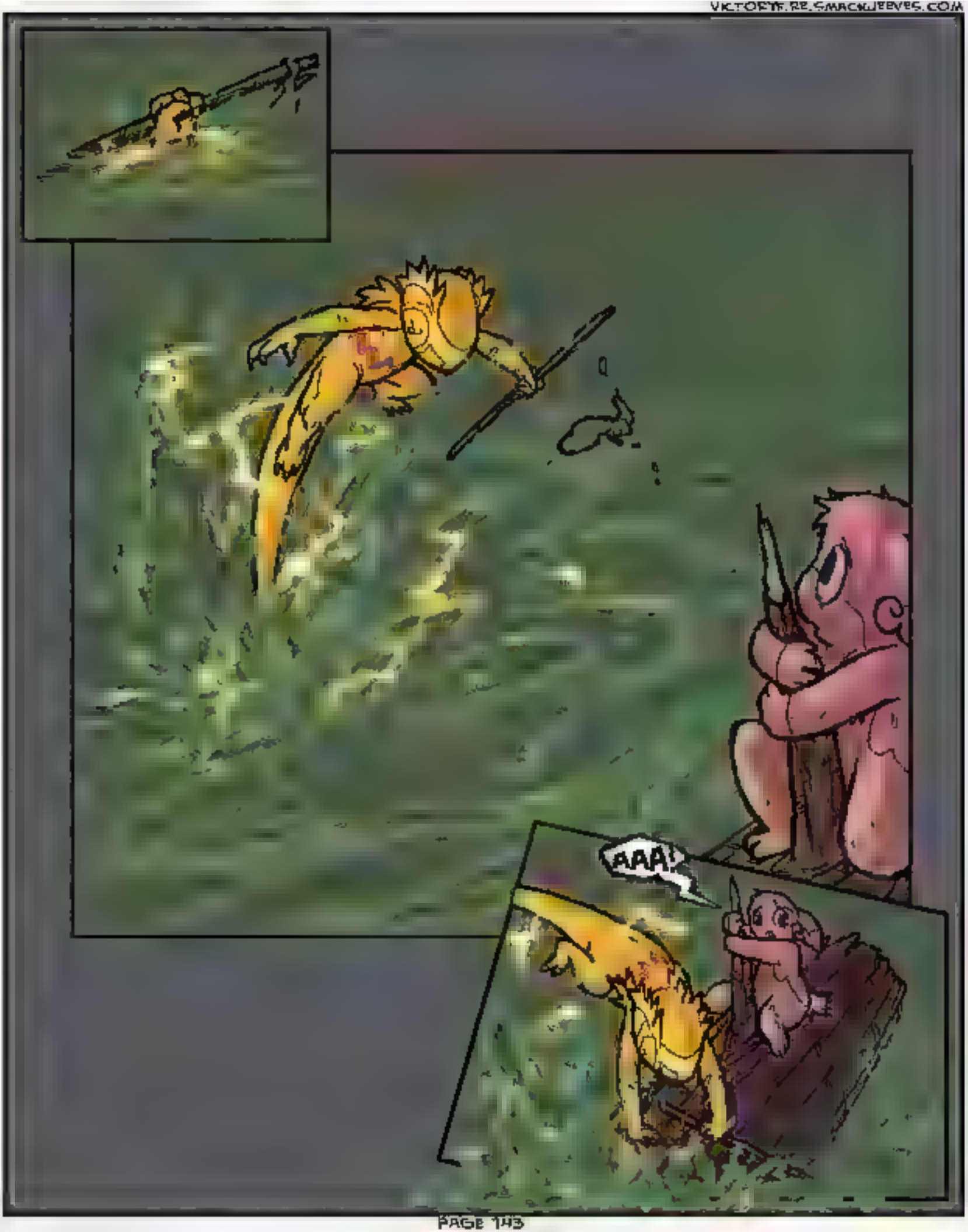

-CAN'T DO THIS-

HH-

JEN!


HAA-!
GET UP
-I CAN'T HOLD YOU FOREVER, GIRL!
GET-- UP!
HUH
KUH KECLEON?

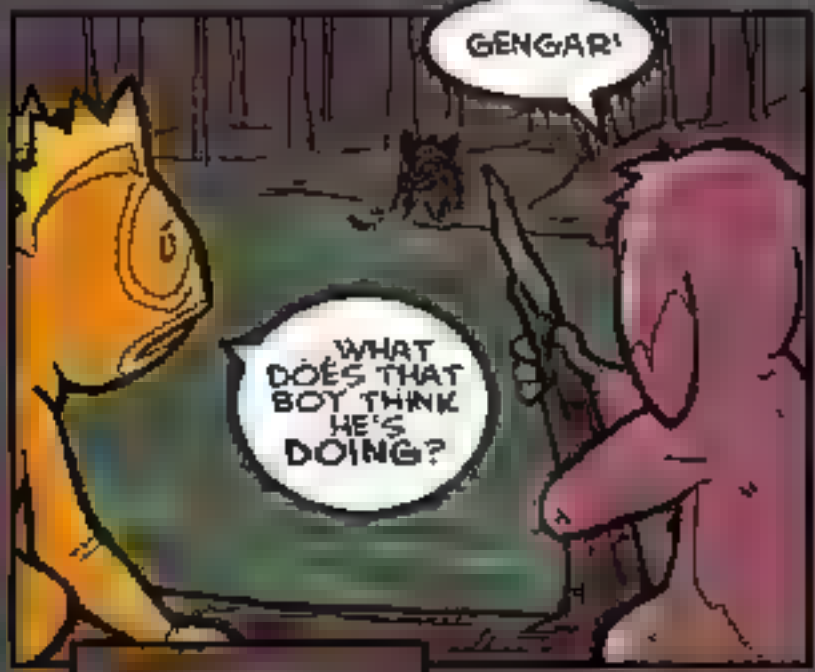
HELP
...
BULLY.
COWARD.
HFF!
NO... THAT ...
WASN'T REAL ...
... BUT ...
IT'S REAL NOW, ISN'T IT?
THUM

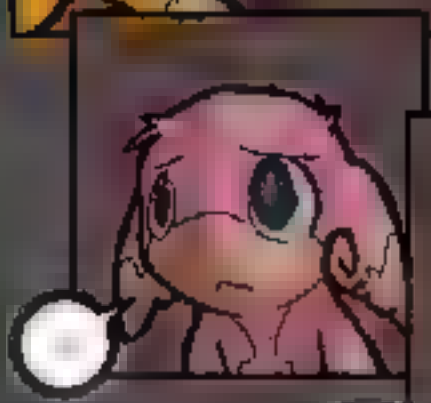

AAA!

IT ALL LOOKS THE SAME
AAA!
JEN!
WHICH WAY DID I RUN ...?

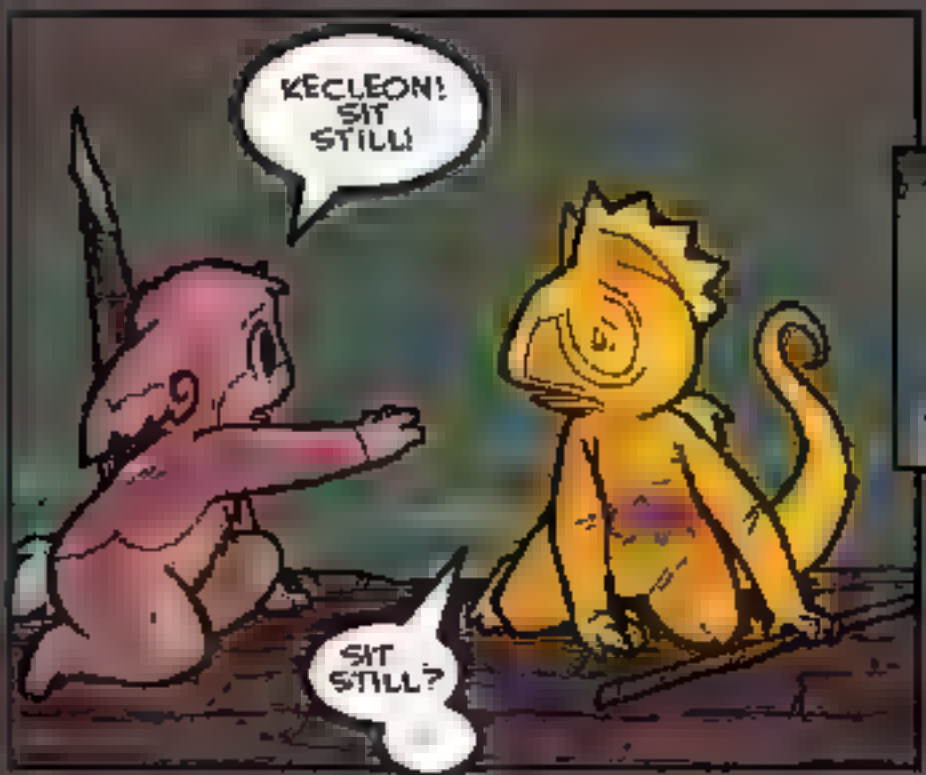
WHAT IS IT? LANTURN?
NO... THEY LIKE CLEAN WATER ...
WHY IS IT STILL ATTACKING? THEY'RE OUT OF THE WATER ...
...THE SOUND ...

PLASHH


GENGAR!
WHAT DOES THAT BOY THINK HE'S DOING?

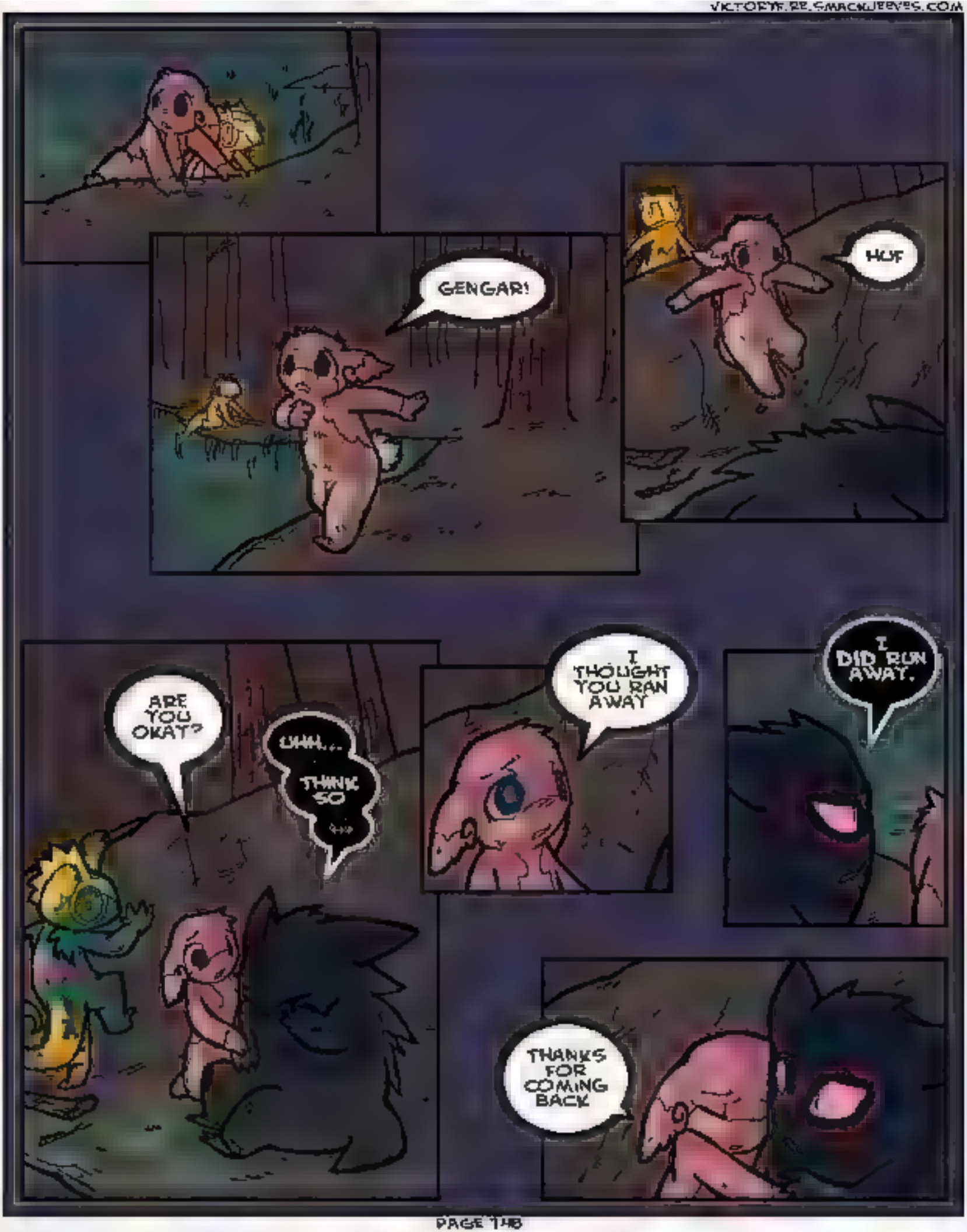


OH! I GET IT!

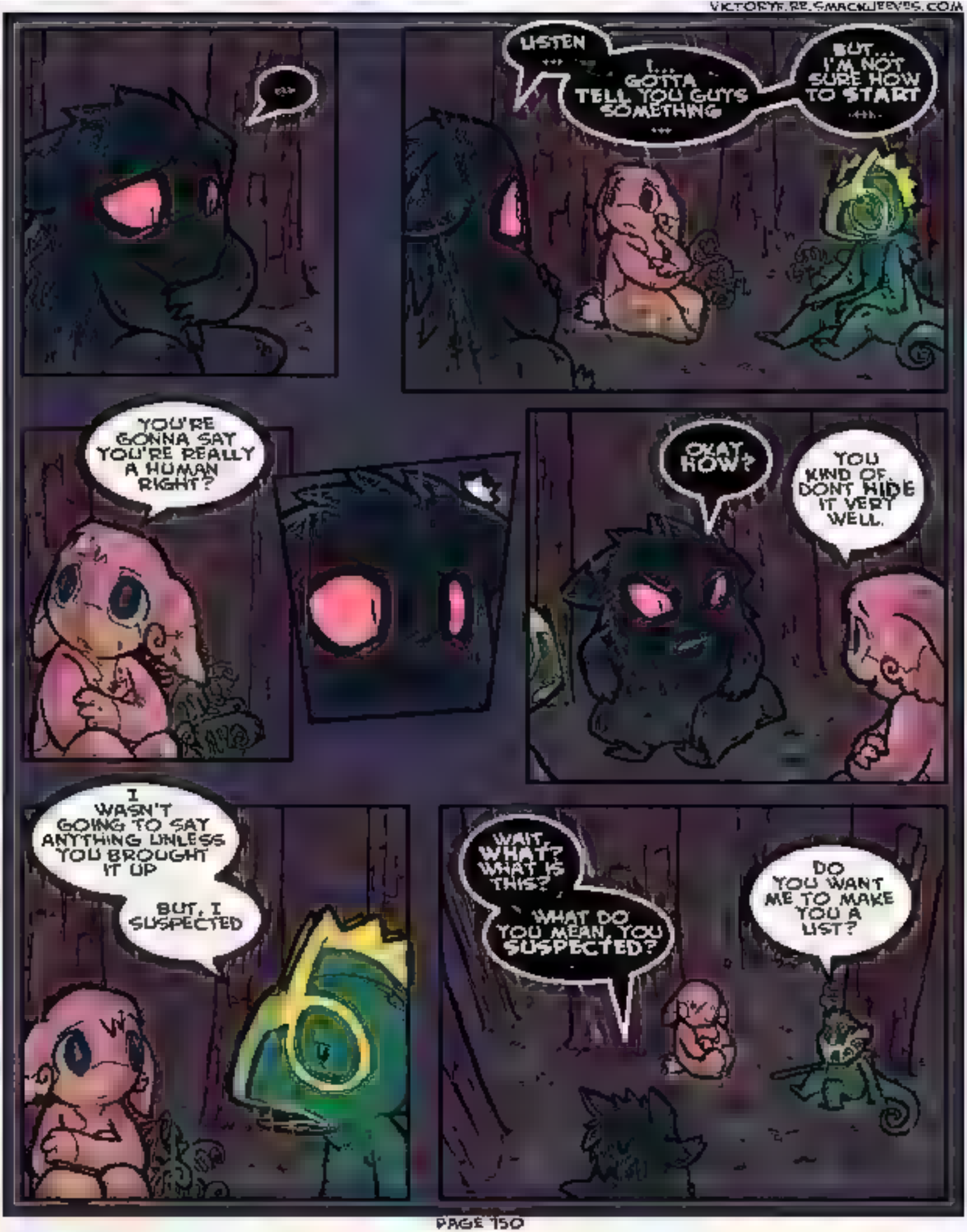

KECLEON! SIT STILL!
SIT STILL?

THAT'S IT...
COME TO ME, I'M LOUDER...

OKAY, GO! BUT BE QUIET!
COME ON, COME ON....
HURRY UP....
KAAA-
VHUD


GENGAR!
HUF
ARE YOU OKAY?
UHH... THINK SO
I THOUGHT YOU RAN AWAY
I DID RUN AWAY.
THANKS FOR COMING BACK

OH, COME ON! SERIOUSLY?
WELL IT'LL GET SOME OF THE MUD OFF, AT LEAST
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF THEY COME NOW
I JUST WANT TO GO TO SLEEP
I CAN'T DO THIS AGAIN..
NOT ANOTHER NIGHT
HAVEN'T GOT THE STRENGTH


...
LISTEN
I... GOTTA TELL YOU GUYS SOMETHING
BUT... I'M NOT SURE HOW TO START
YOU'RE GONNA SAY YOU'RE REALLY A HUMAN RIGHT?
OKAY HOW?
YOU KIND OF DONT HIDE IT VERY WELL.
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING UNLESS YOU BROUGHT IT UP
BUT, I SUSPECTED
WAIT WHAT? WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU SUSPECTED?
DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE YOU A LIST?

REMEMBER THE CLIFF PATH, WHEN YOU WERE SO FRIGHTENED?

YOU WERE IN FAR LESS DANGER THAN WE WERE. YOU HAVE ACCESS TO SKILLS WE DON'T.

BUT YOU DIDN'T USE THEM. I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU USE THEM.

WHY?

YEAH, WELL, MAYBE THAT'S NOT SO EASY WHEN YOU'RE SCARED.

THERE'S MORE

YOU LET HER TOUCH YOU

YOU LET ME TOUCH YOU

YOU SAY YOU HATE WATER, BUT YOU'LL STILL WADE RIGHT IN

YOU CHALLENGED ME TO A FIGHT, AND HEN TRIED TO PUNCH ME

YOU ARE THE MOST STUBBORNLY CORPOREAL GHOST I HAVE EVER MET

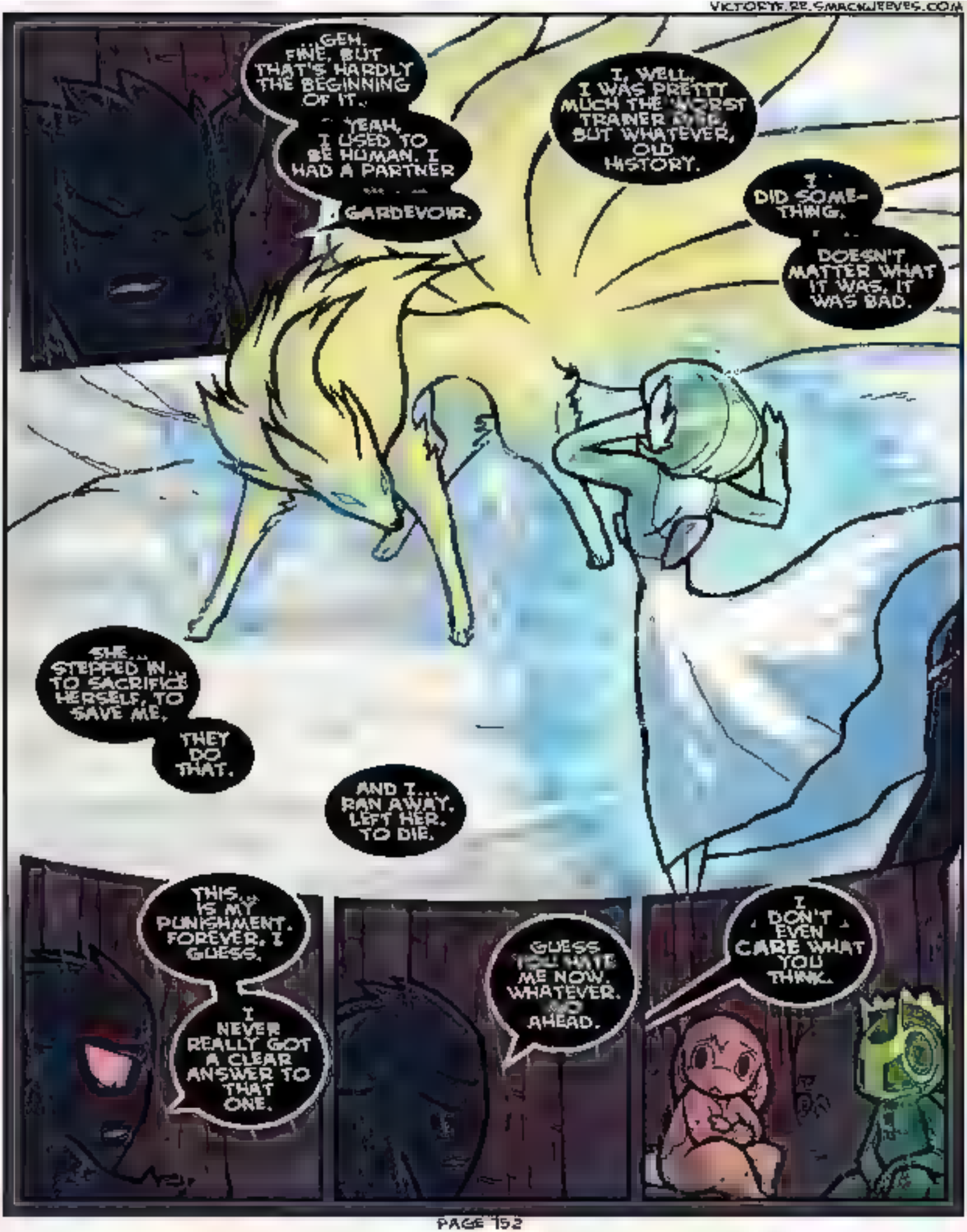
... CORPA- WHAT?

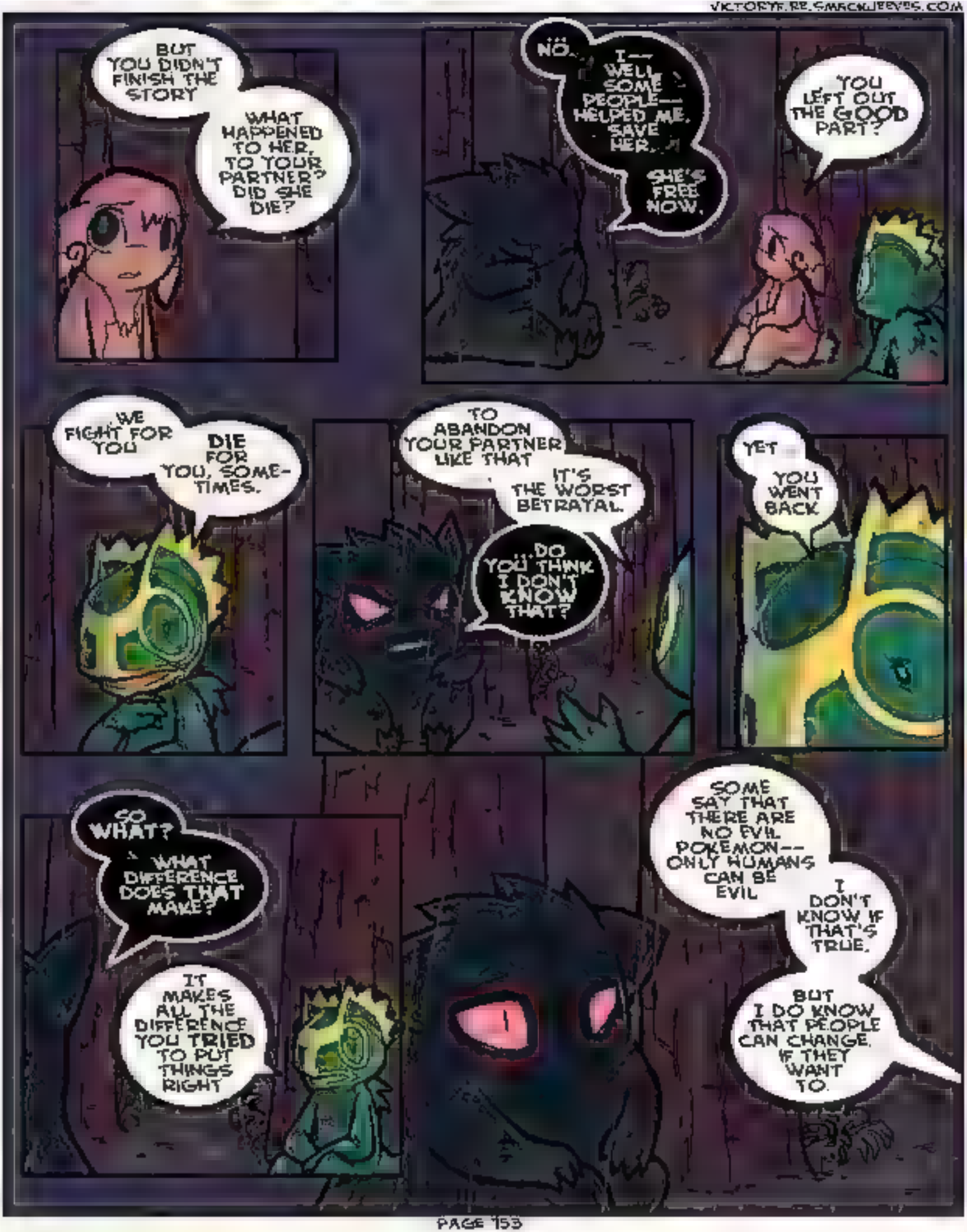
YOU AND JEN

WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE IN THE WATER I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. I STILL DON'T

BUT SHE KNEW STRAIGHT OFF

IT'S BOTH OF YOU, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE BOTH HUMAN YOU THINK ALIKE.


GEH. FINE, BUT THAT'S HARDLY THE BEGINNING OF IT...
YEAH, I USED TO BE HUMAN. I HAD A PARTNER...
GARDEVOIR.
I, WELL, I WAS PRETTY MUCH THE WORST TRAINER EVER, BUT WHATEVER, OLD HISTORY.
I DID SOMETHING...
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT WAS, IT WAS BAD.
SHE... STEPPED IN... TO SACRIFICE HERSELF, TO SAVE ME.
THEY DO THAT.
AND I... RAN AWAY. LEFT HER. TO DIE.
THIS... IS MY PUNISHMENT. FOREVER. I GUESS.
I NEVER REALLY GOT A CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT ONE.
GUESS I'LL HATE ME NOW. WHATEVER. GO AHEAD.
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHAT YOU THINK.


BUT YOU DIDN'T FINISH THE STORY
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, TO YOUR PARTNER? DID SHE DIE?
...NO... I-- WELL SOME PEOPLE-- HELPED ME. SAVE HER... SHE'S FREE NOW.
YOU LEFT OUT THE GOOD PART?
WE FIGHT FOR YOU
DIE FOR YOU, SOME-TIMES.
TO ABANDON YOUR PARTNER LIKE THAT
IT'S THE WORST BETRAYAL.
...DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?
YET
YOU WENT BACK
SO WHAT?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?
IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE YOU TRIED TO PUT THINGS RIGHT
SOME SAY THAT THERE ARE NO EVIL POKEMON-- ONLY HUMANS CAN BE EVIL
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE.
BUT I DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE CAN CHANGE, IF THEY WANT TO.

SHE ASLEEP?

YEAH, SHE'S OUT.

WE'LL TAKE TURNS KEEPING WATCH

IF ONE OF US STARTS TO DREAM, THE OTHER CAN WAKE THEM.

DON'T ASSUME THIS MEANS ANYTHING.

HE WAS TRYING TO USE IT AGAINST ME.

I ONLY TOLD YOU 'CAUSE I HAD NO CHOICE.

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING

...I THOUGHT... IF I... WENT AWAY SOMEWHERE ON MY OWN...

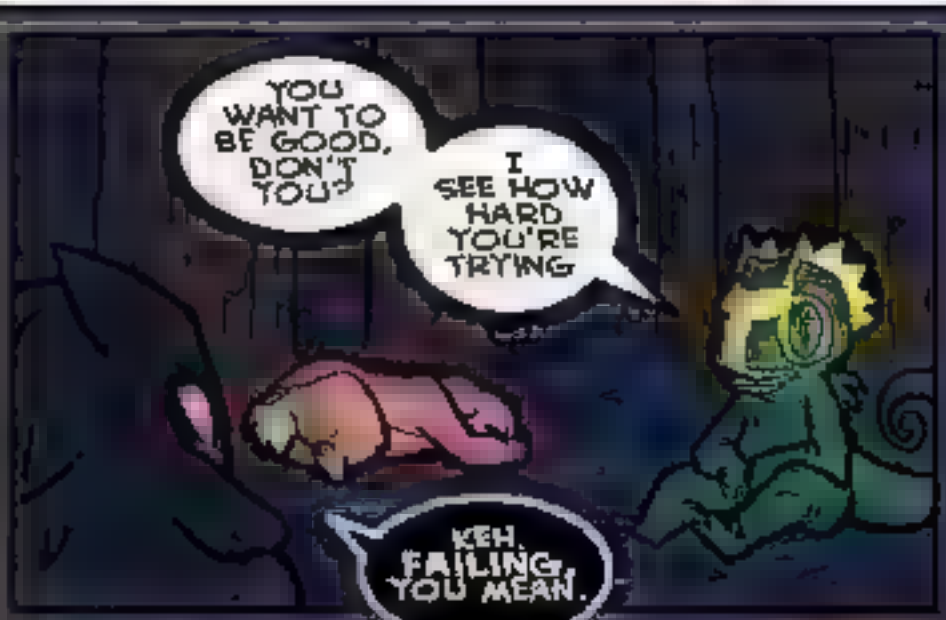
I WOULDN'T DO ANY MORE HARM

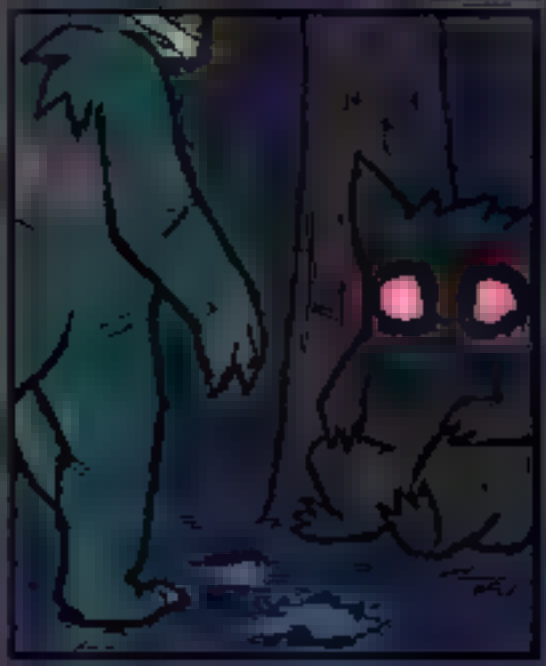
...BUT... I WAS TURNING INTO SOMETHING BAD OUT THERE.

IF IT WASN'T FOR HER SHOWING UP LIKE SHE DID...

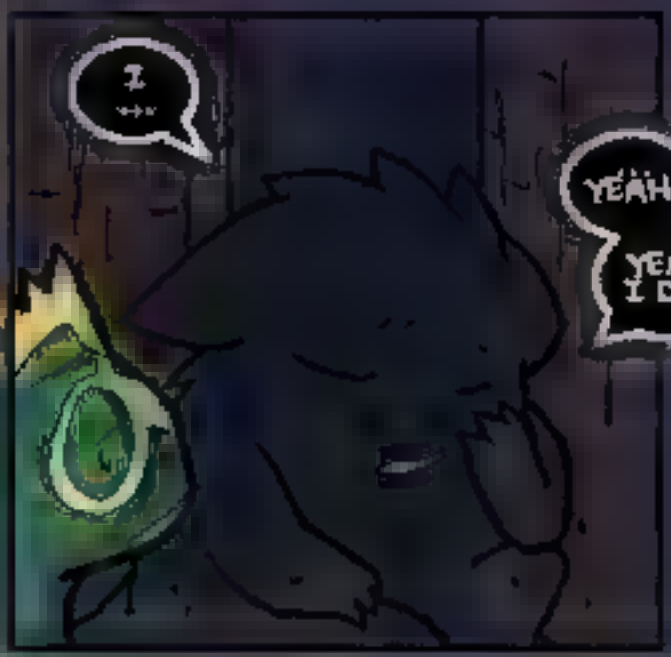
...SHE ASKED ME FOR HELP. NOBODY EVER DID THAT.

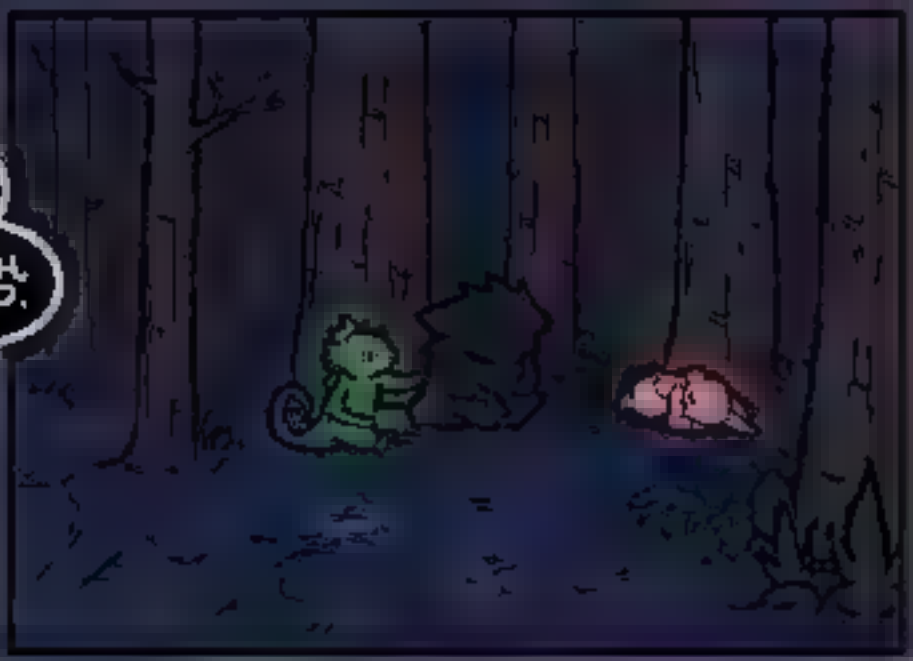
NOBODY EVER TRUSTED ME BEFORE

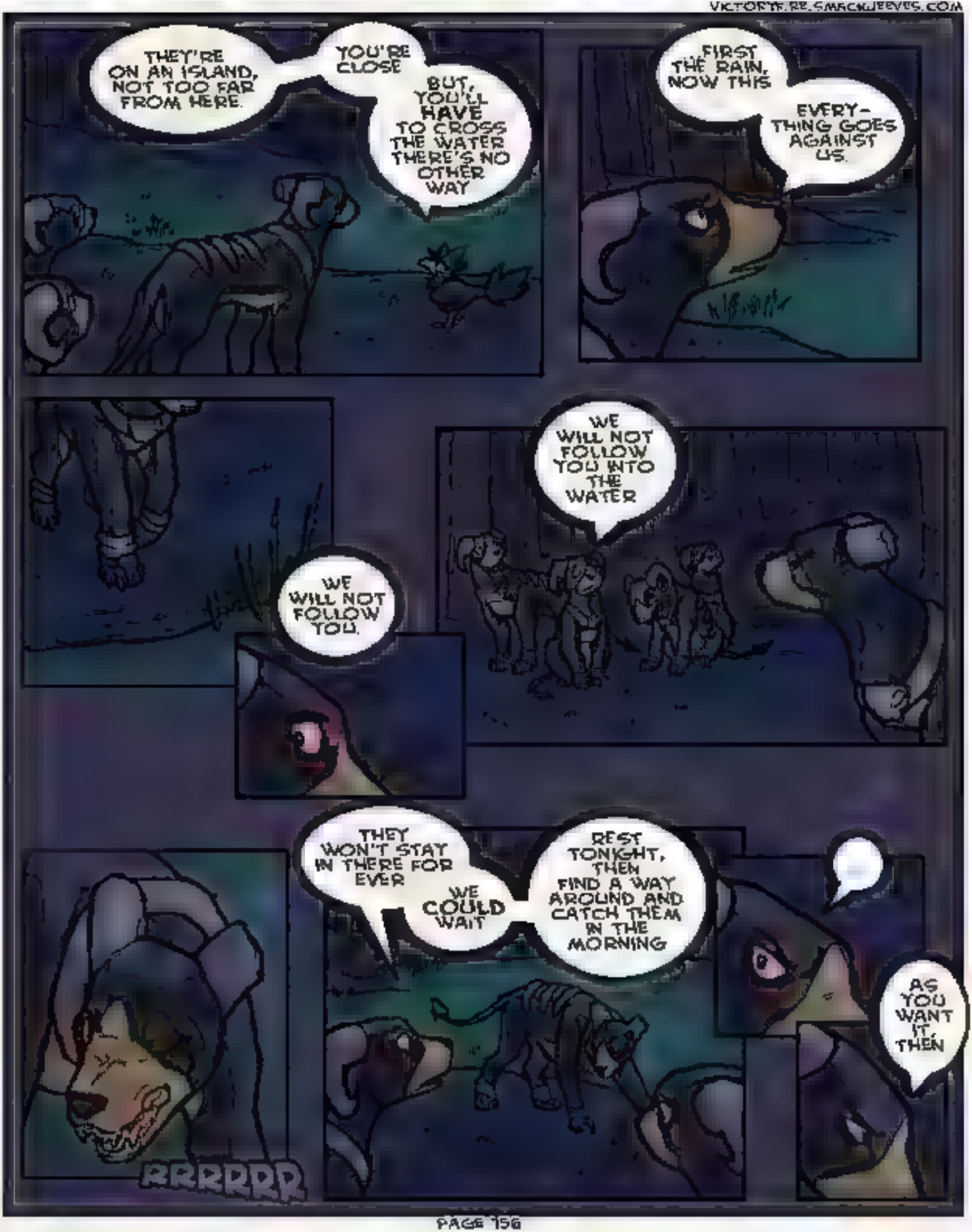

YOU WANT TO BE GOOD, DON'T YOU?
I SEE HOW HARD YOU'RE TRYING
KEH. FAILING, YOU MEAN.

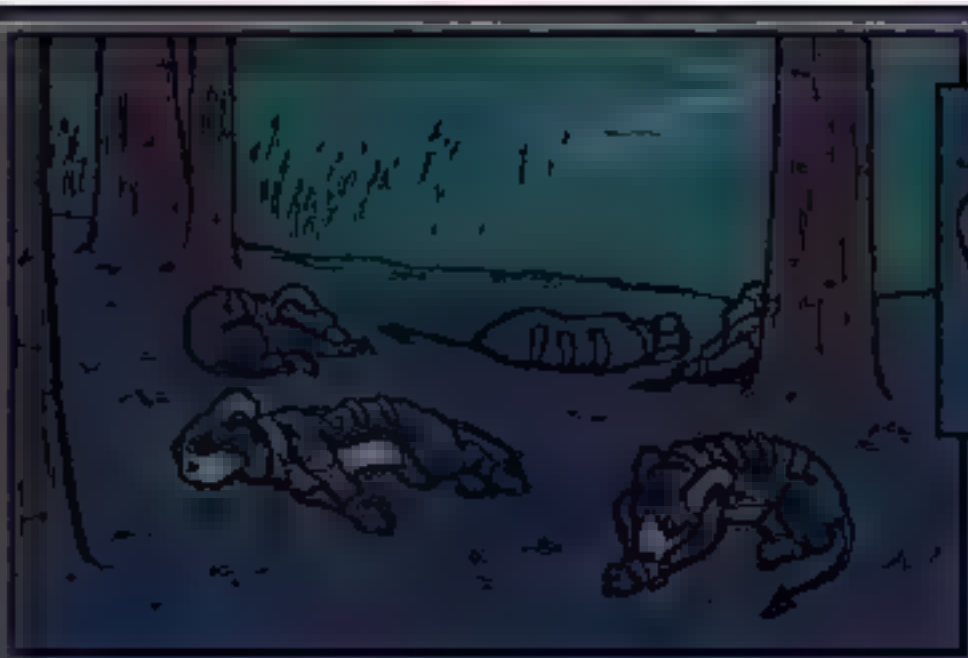


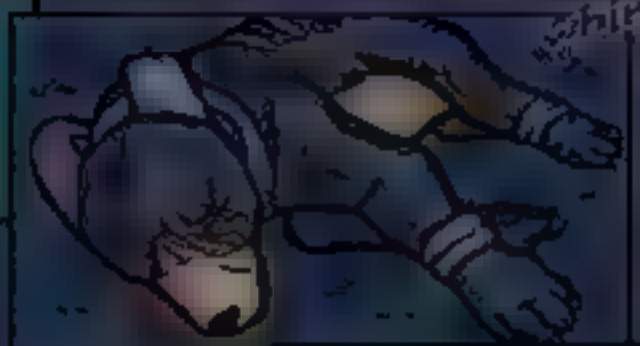
DO YOU WANT SOME HELP?


I ...
YEAH.
YEAH, I DO.




THEY'RE ON AN ISLAND, NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE.
YOU'RE CLOSE
BUT, YOU'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE WATER THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
FIRST THE RAIN, NOW THIS
EVERY-THING GOES AGAINST US.
WE WILL NOT FOLLOW YOU INTO THE WATER
WE WILL NOT FOLLOW YOU.
THEY WON'T STAY IN THERE FOR EVER
WE COULD WAIT
REST TONIGHT, THEN FIND A WAY AROUND AND CATCH THEM IN THE MORNING
AS YOU WANT IT, THEN
RRRRRR

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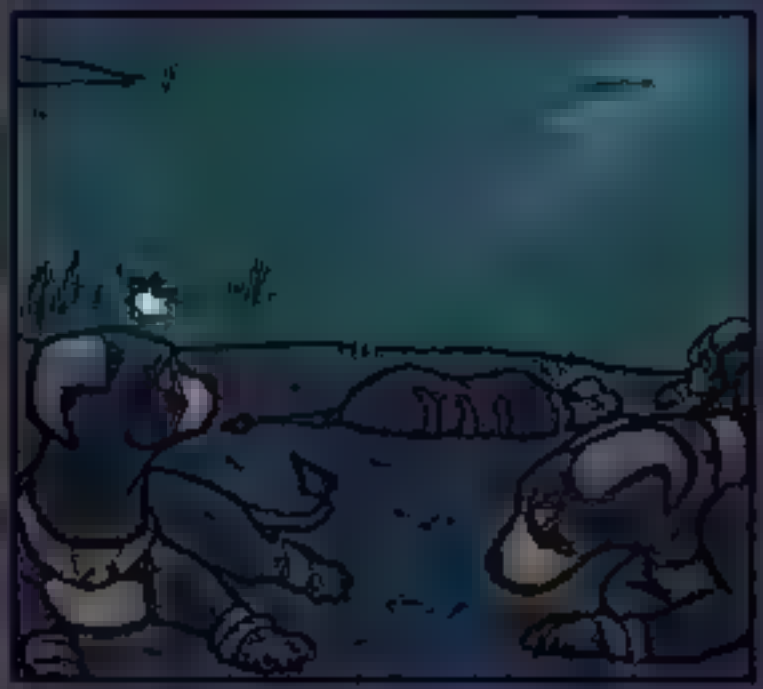
SCHUFF



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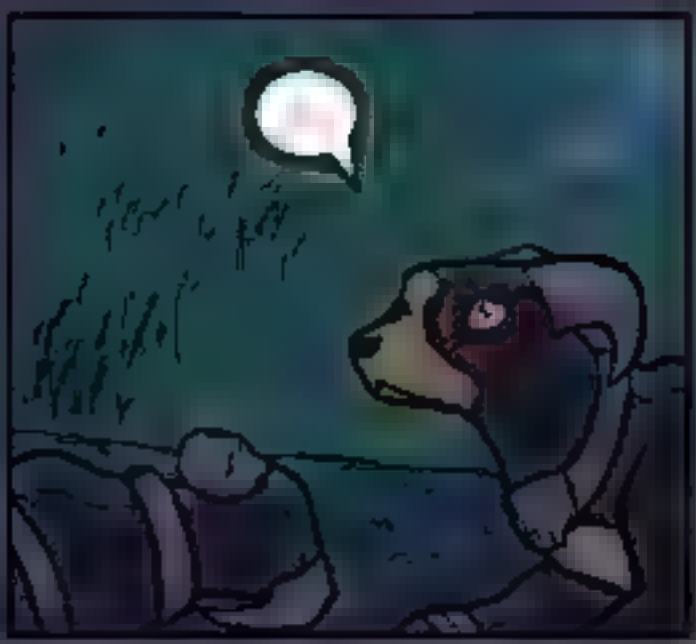
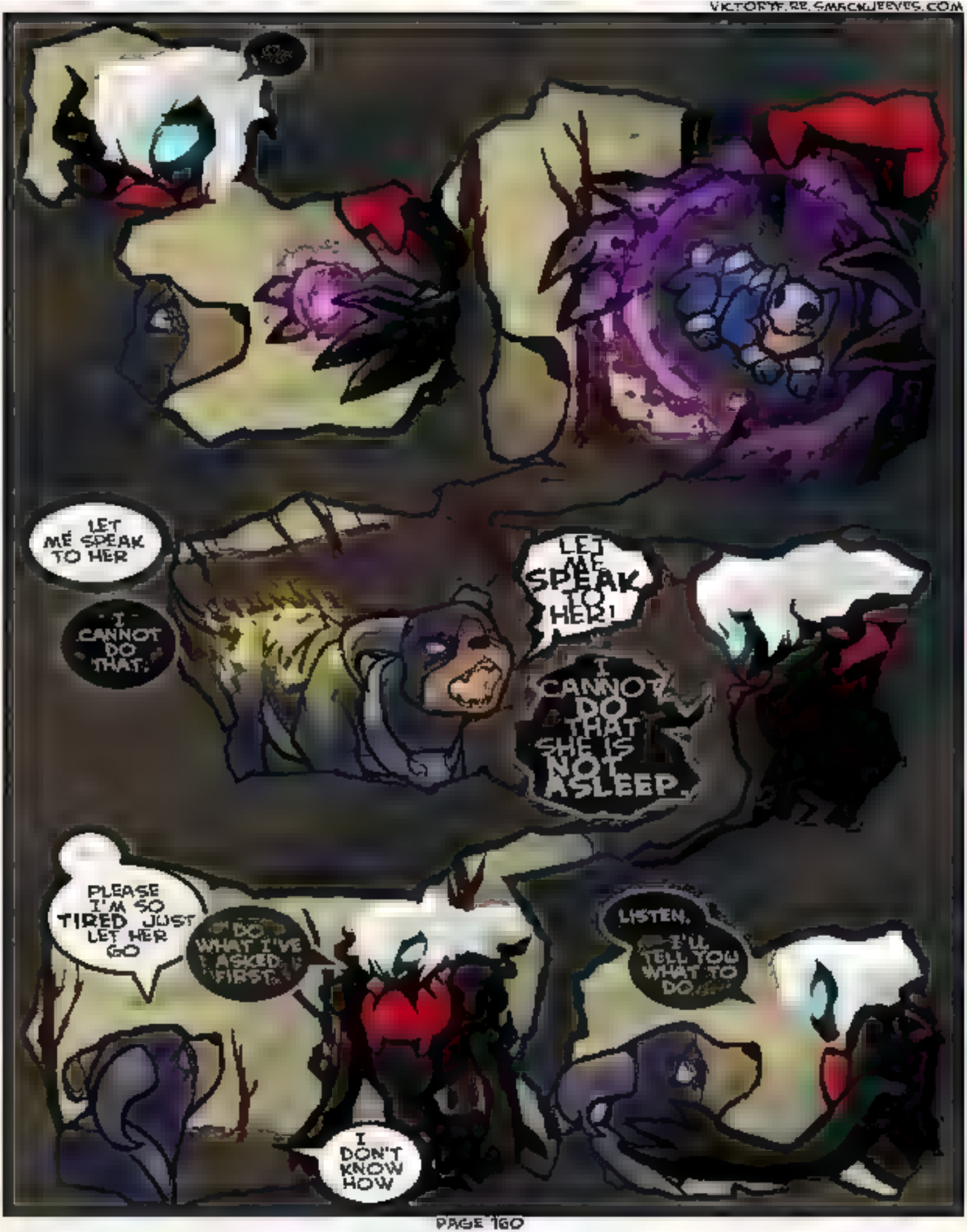
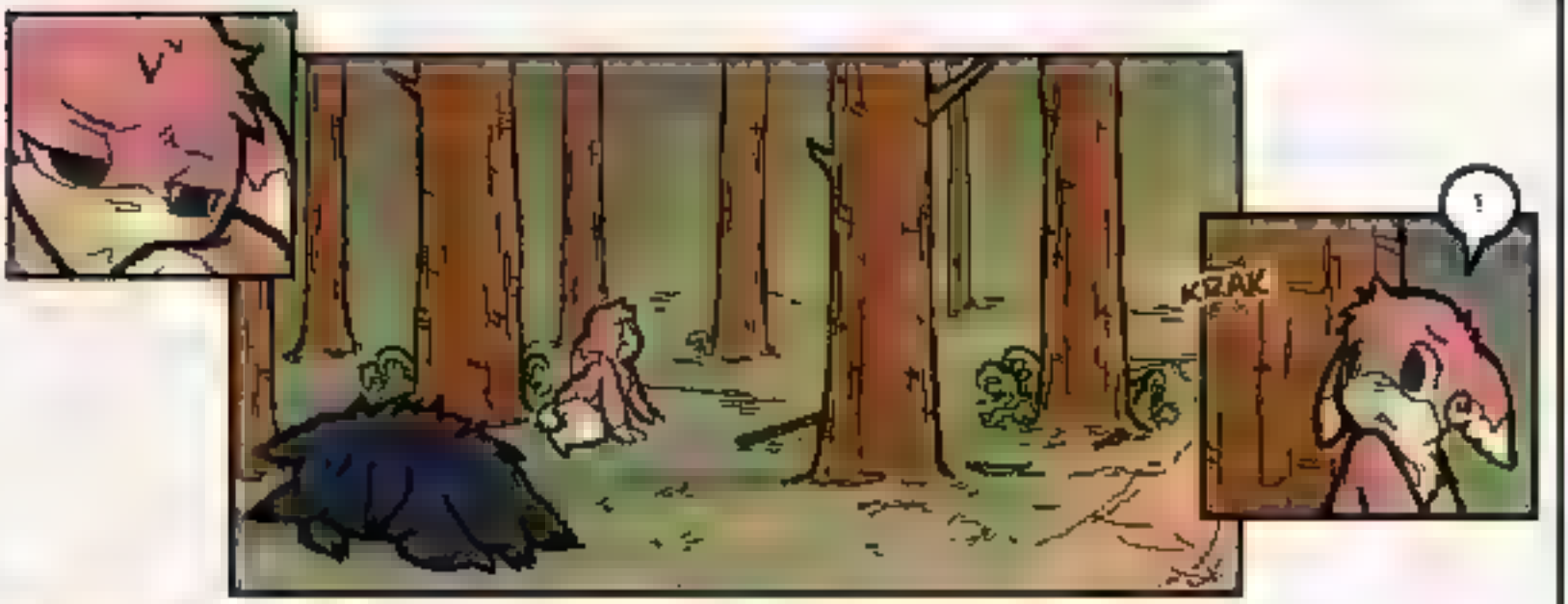


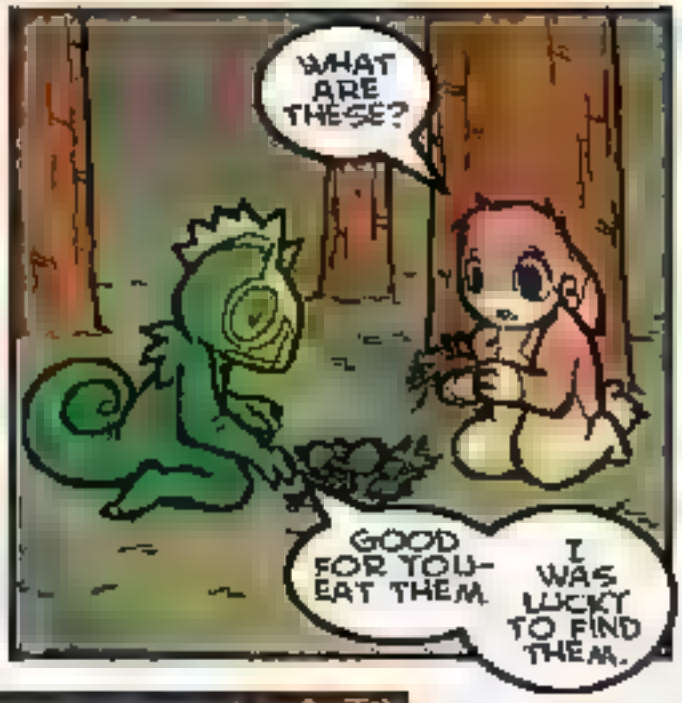
I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING
AGAIN!
AGAIN AND AGAIN!
WHEN IS IT GOING TO BE ENOUGH FOR YOU?
YOU WILL NOT SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY.
DO YOU THINK I AM NOT SUFFERING, TOO?
I'LL SPEAK TO YOU HOW I WISH!
WHAT MORE CAN YOU DO TO ME?

HUH?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
THE GHOST MUST BE GOT RID OF.
THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
NO
YOU WILL DO AS YOU'RE TOLD
YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR PROMISES!
I TOLD YOU SHE WOULD NOT BE HARMED.
I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING.
EVERY-THING IN MY POWER. WHAT LITTLE I HAVE TO SPARE.
SHOW HER TO ME


LET ME SPEAK TO HER
I CANNOT DO THAT.
LET ME SPEAK TO HER!
I CANNOT DO THAT SHE IS NOT ASLEEP.
PLEASE I'M SO TIRED JUST LET HER GO
DO WHAT I'VE ASKED FIRST.
LISTEN. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.
I DON'T KNOW HOW

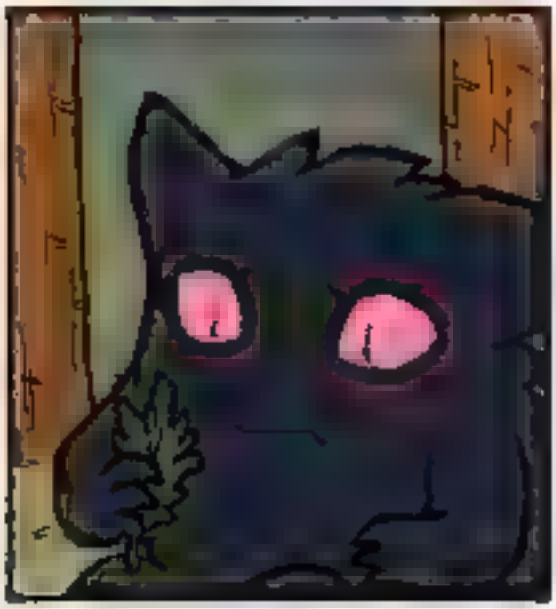

KRAK
!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, JEN
JUST ME
HFF


WHAT ARE THESE?
GOOD FOR YOU- EAT THEM.
I WAS LUCKY TO FIND THEM.

BLEHH

WEH ...?



WORST THING I EVER TASTED.

I STILL SAY YOU WERE TRYING TO POISON ME.

YOU'RE ALREADY A POISON TYPE.

IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT

THOSE CREATURES SEEM TO PREFER STILL WATER

WE'LL USE THE STREAMS FROM NOW ON

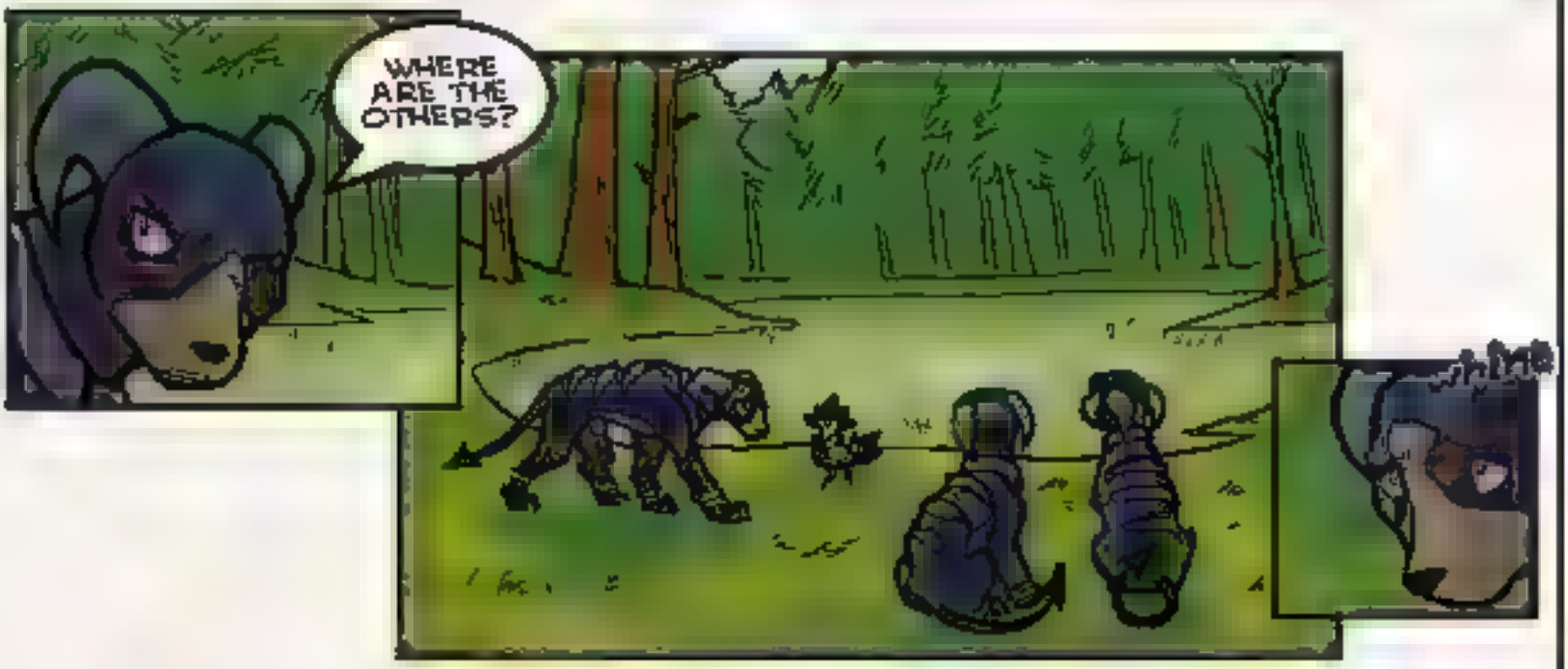
HOW MUCH FURTHER IS IT?

WE DID WELL YESTER-DAY

WE MIGHT MAKE IT BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY

A WHOLE DAY

I'M ALREADY TIRED


WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

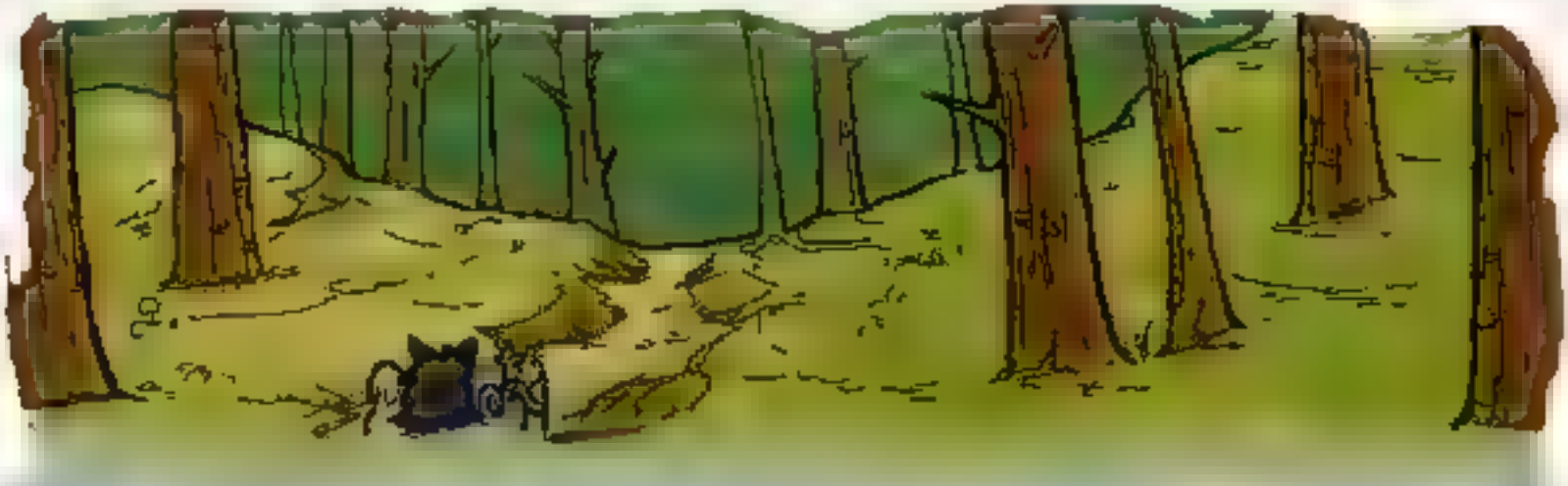
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

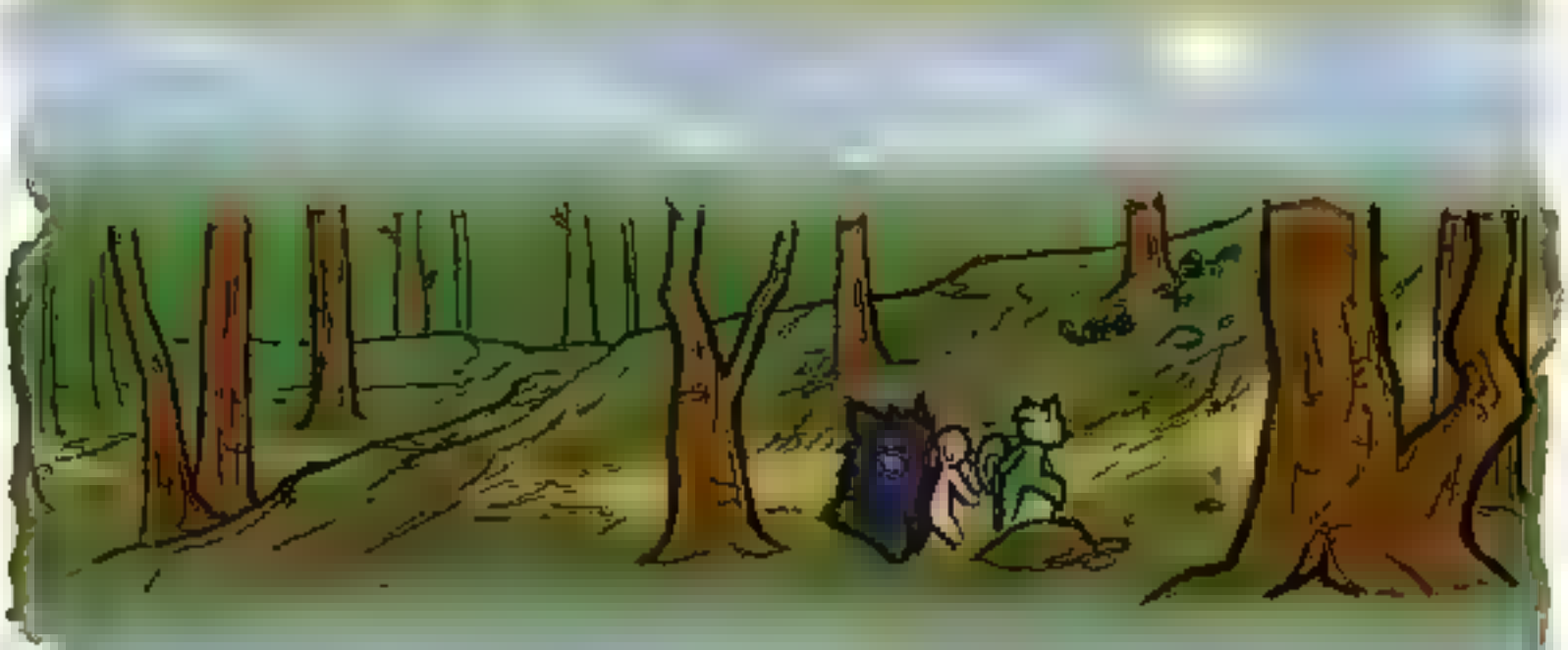
WANT ME TO FLY ON ?
NO

THERE'S A 'TOWN', NORTH OF HERE
A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF POKEMON LIVE.

I KNOW IT

THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING
WE HAVE TO CUT THEM OFF
CAN WE?
YES
IF YOU CAN RUN





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HEAR 'EM YET?
NO
WELL GOOD.
MAYBE WE FINALLY SHOOK 'EM.

WE'D BETTER NOT STOP TOO LONG, EVEN SO
LET'S JUST CATCH OUR BREATH, THEN MOVE ON

STOP

I CAN'T

I CAN'T WALK ANY FURTHER

I KNOW YOU'RE VERY TIRED, JEN.

I'VE PUSHED YOU VERY HARD TODAY

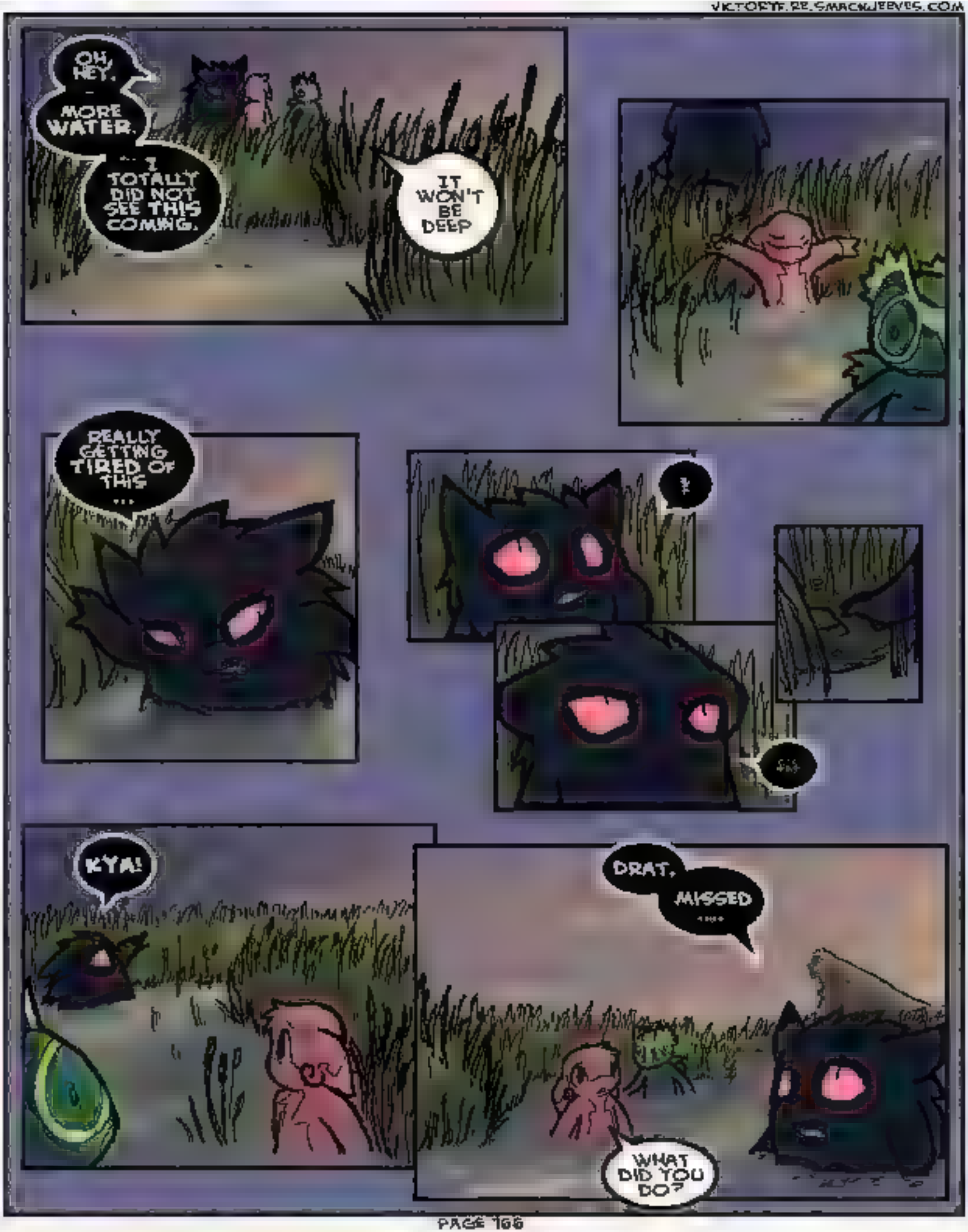
BUT LOOK.

DO YOU SEE IT?

IT LOOKS A LONG WAY

NOT THAT FAR NOW

ONE MORE TRY, ALL RIGHT? WE CAN ALL REST WHEN WE'RE SAFE


OH, HEY.
MORE WATER.
... I TOTALLY DID NOT SEE THIS COMING.
IT WON'T BE DEEP
REALLY GETTING TIRED OF THIS ...
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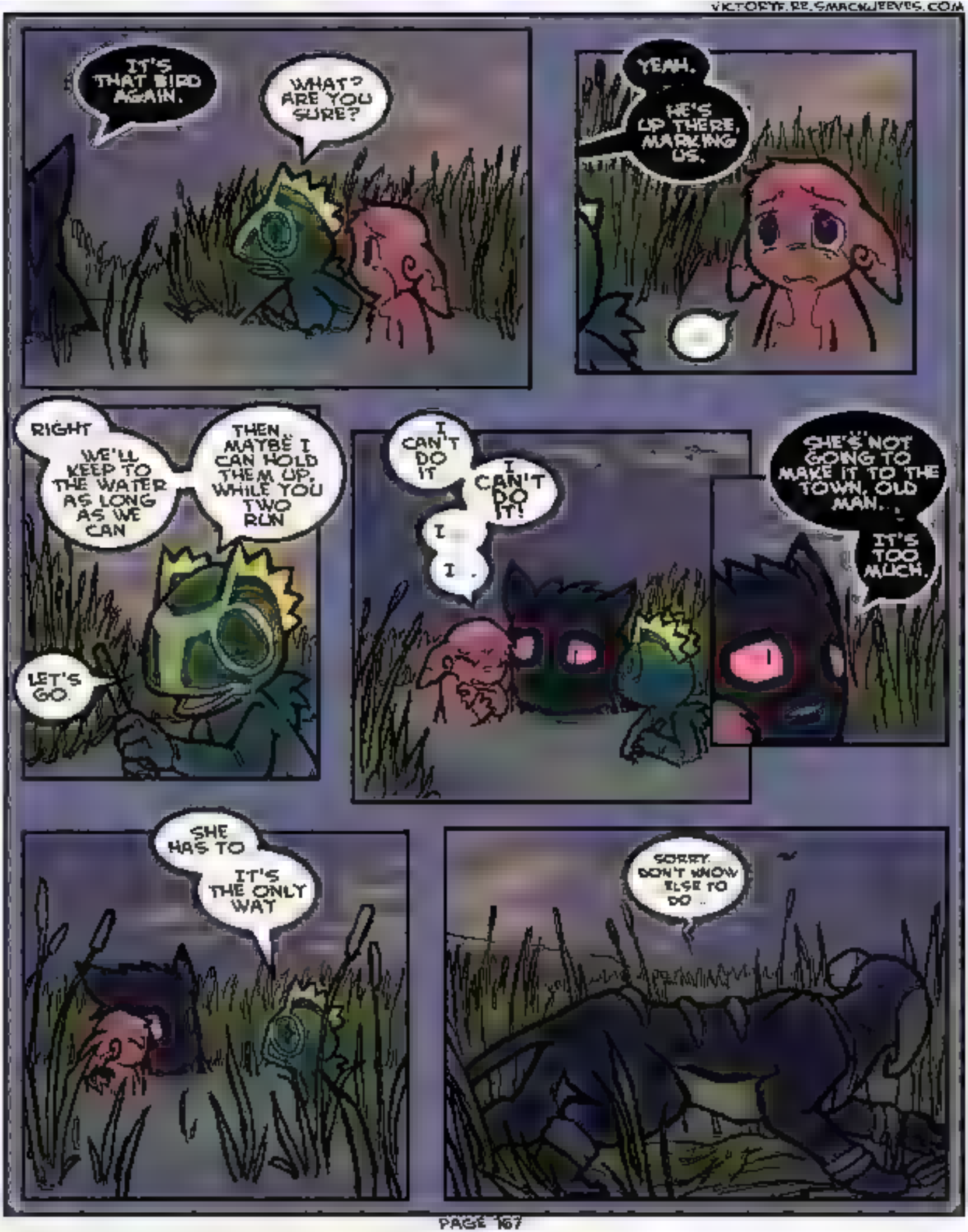
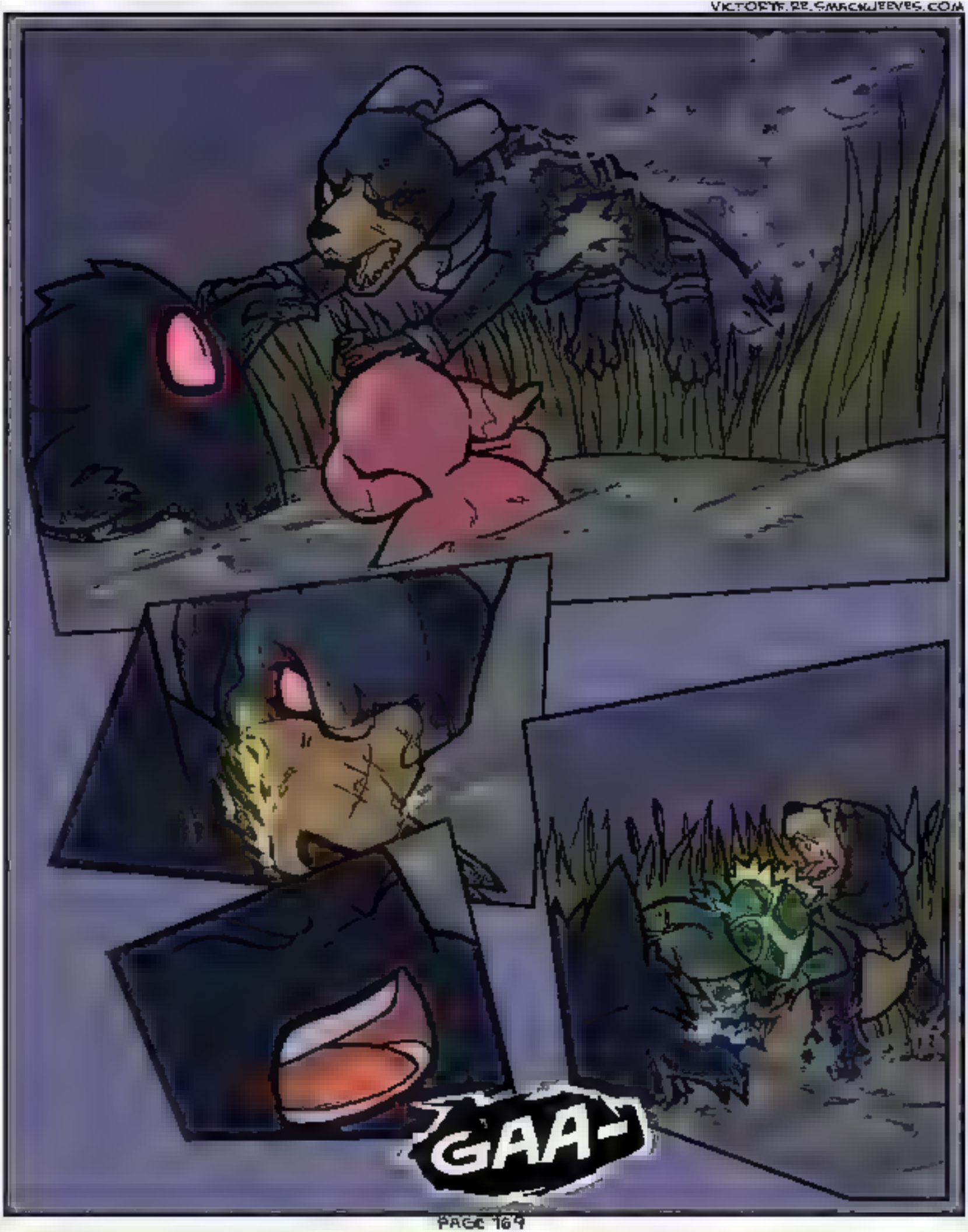
KYA!
DRAT, MISSED
WHAT DID YOU DO?


IT'S THAT BIRD AGAIN.
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH.
HE'S UP THERE, MARKING US.
RIGHT
WE'LL KEEP TO THE WATER AS LONG AS WE CAN
THEN, MAYBE I CAN HOLD THEM UP, WHILE YOU TWO RUN
LET'S GO.
I CAN'T DO IT
I CAN'T DO IT!
I
I
SHE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT TO THE TOWN, OLD MAN...
IT'S TOO MUCH.
SHE HAS TO
IT'S THE ONLY WAY
SORRY. DON'T KNOW ELSE TO DO..

HEY, C'MON, WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO QUIT NOW.
HF
LEAN ON ME IF YA HAVE TO.
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, RIGHT?
AHEH
HH
HH
G-!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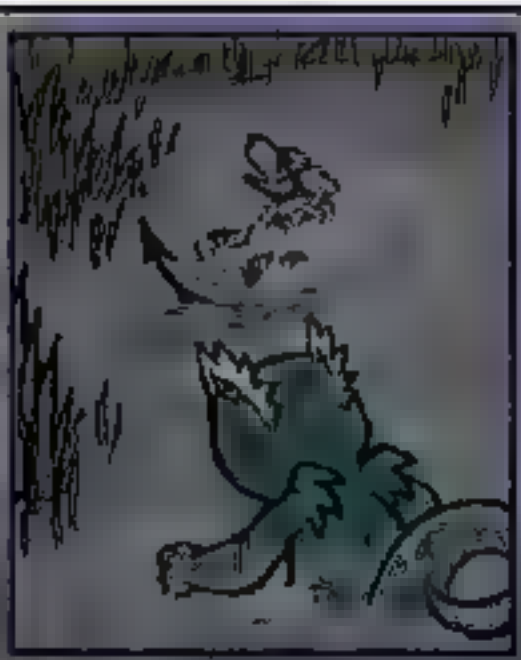
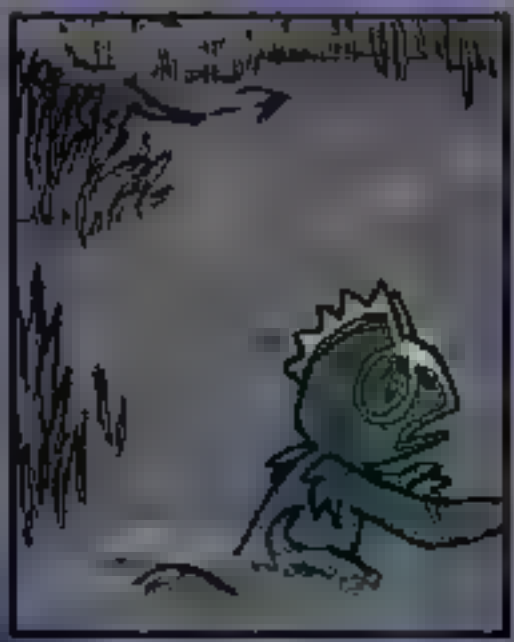
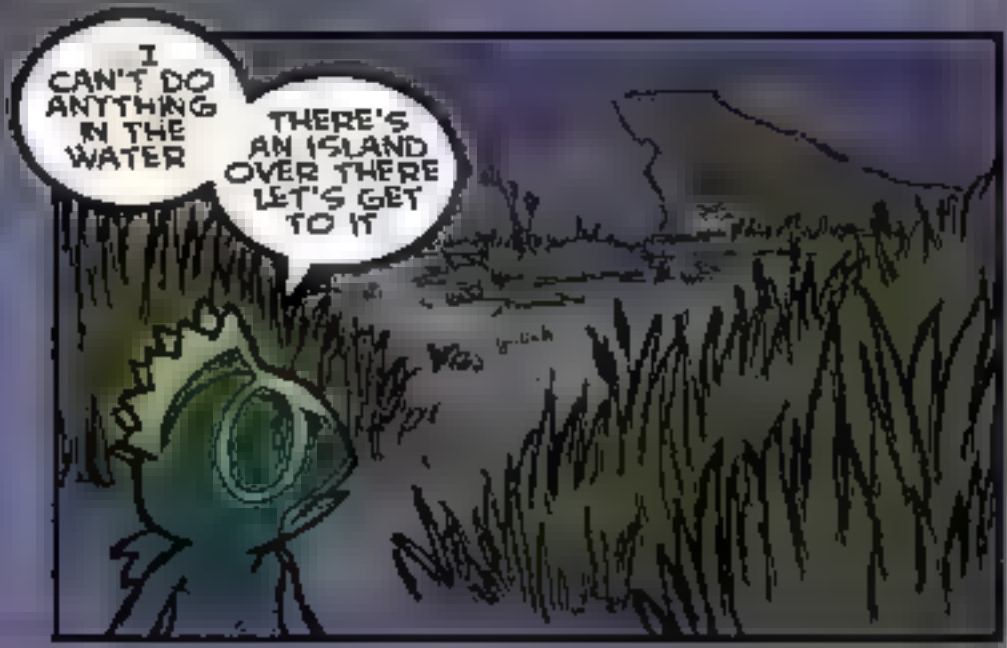
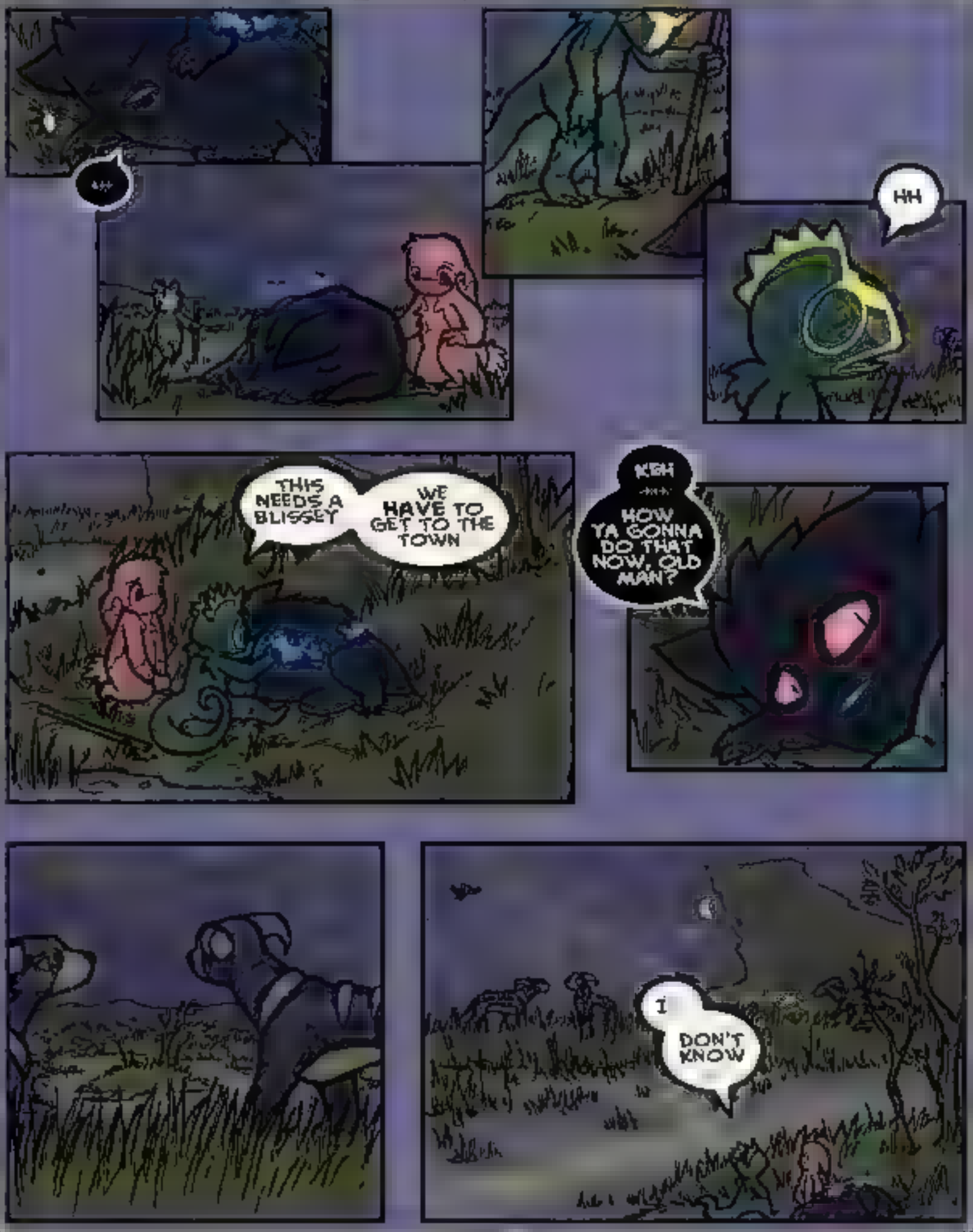




KECLEON, HELP!

HE'S BLEEDING!
CALM DOWN, JEN HE'S TAKEN A BURN


I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THE WATER
THERE'S AN ISLAND OVER THERE LET'S GET TO IT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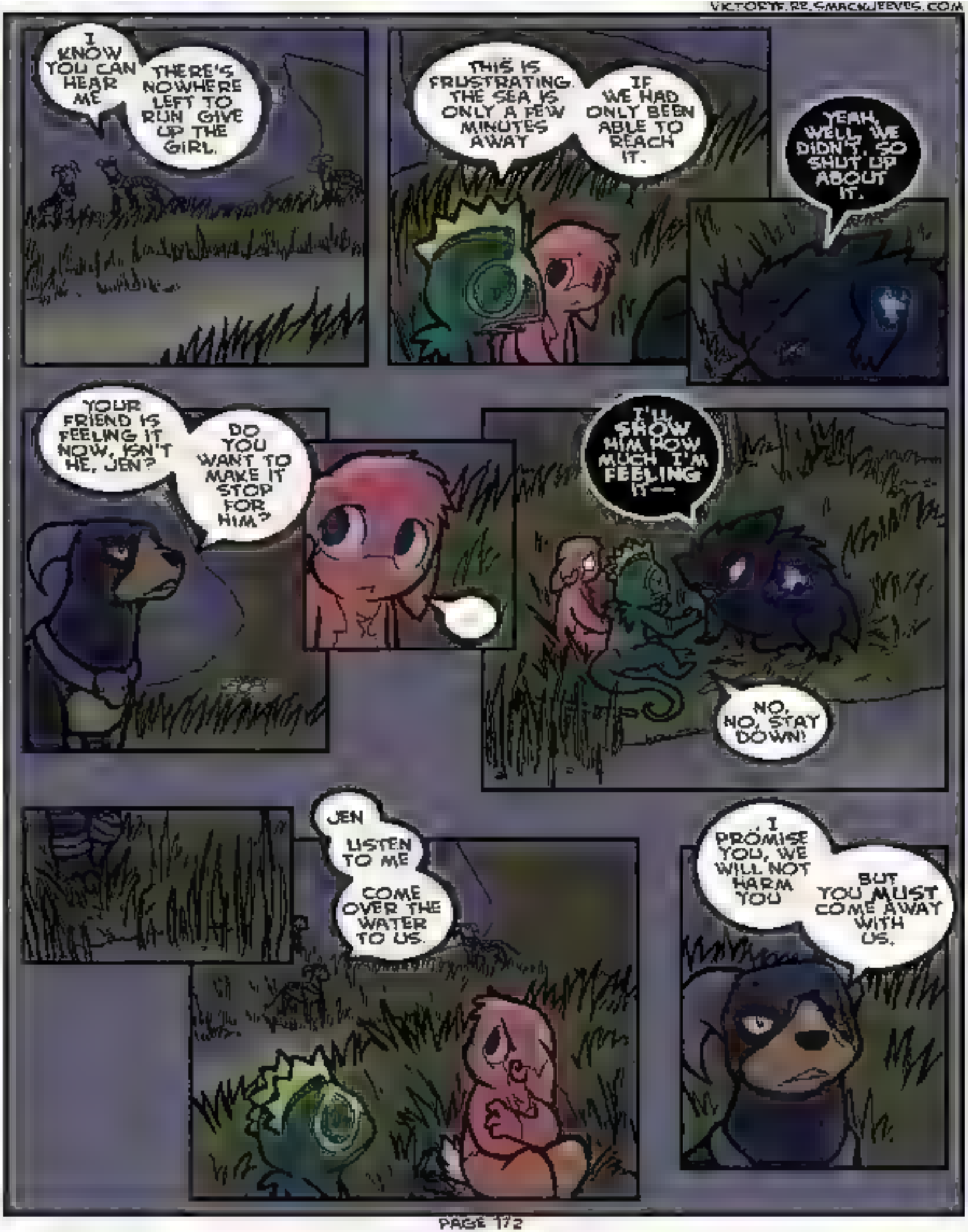
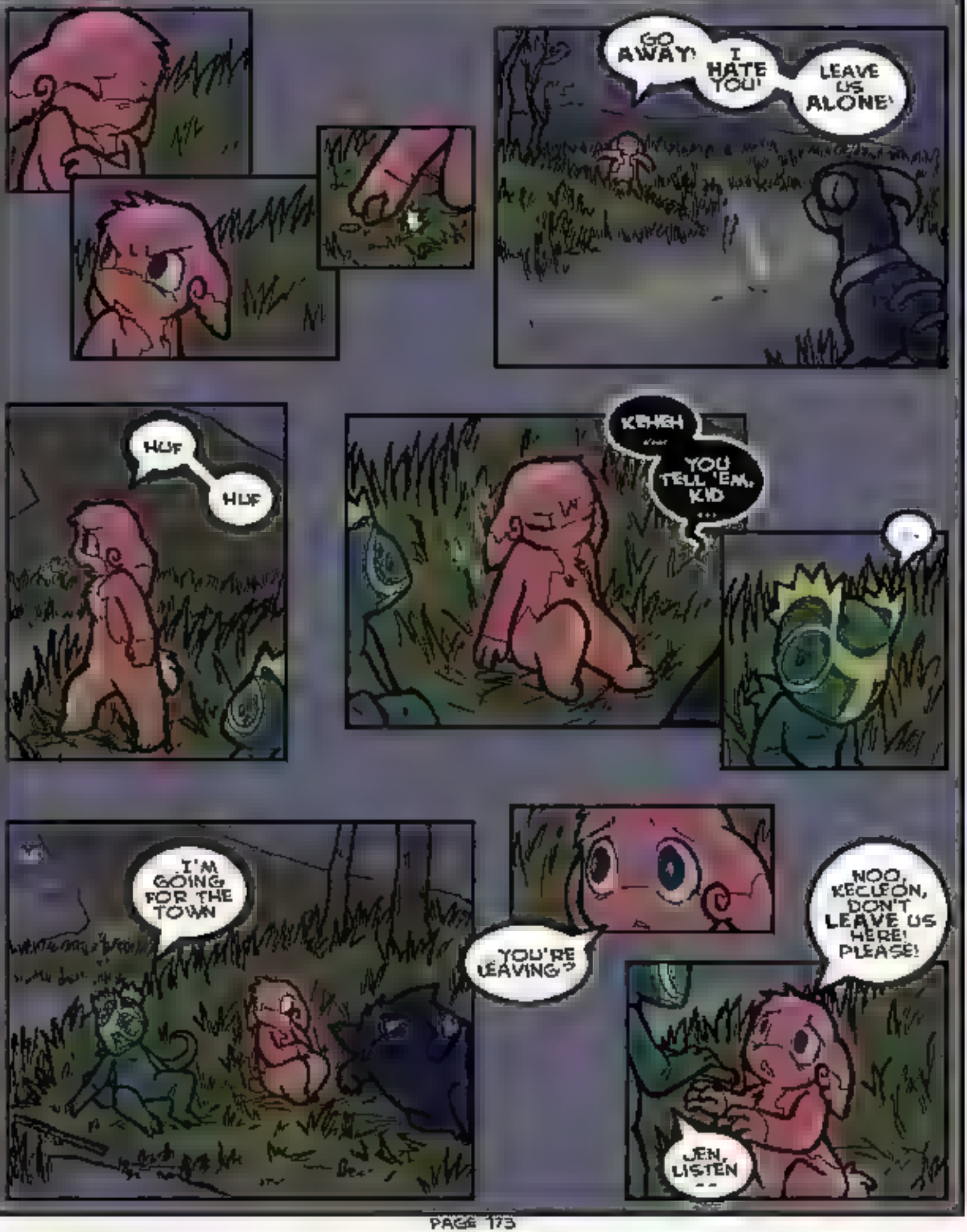
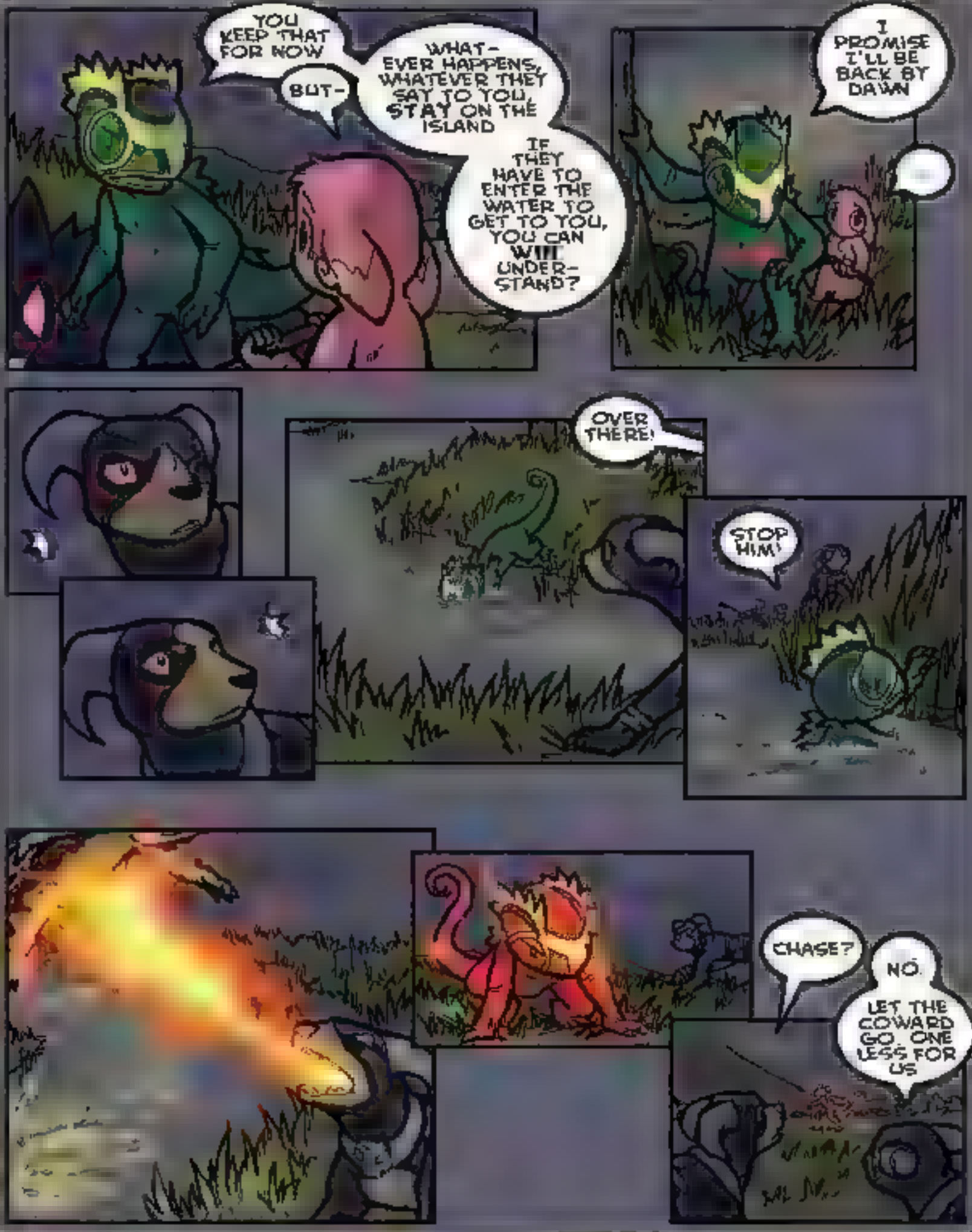
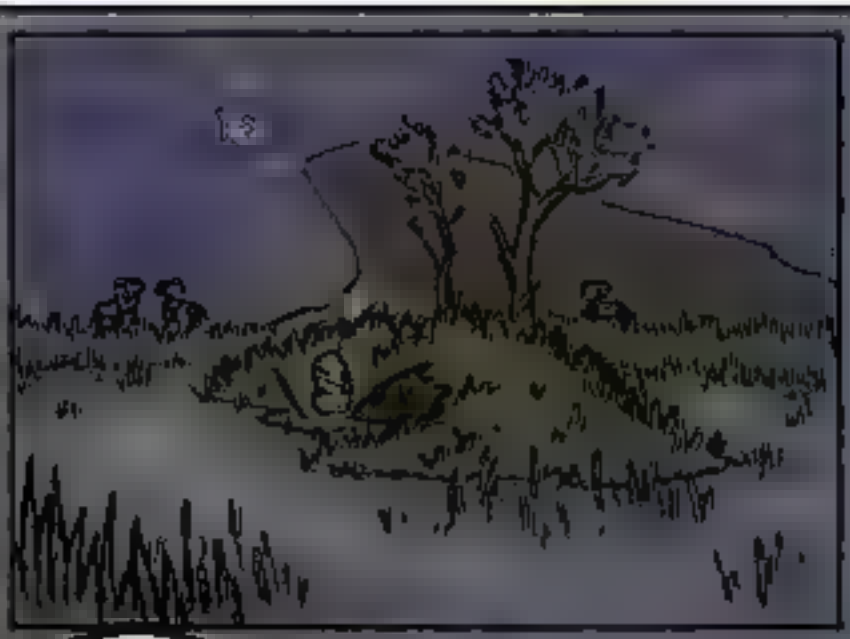
HH
THIS NEEDS A BLISSEY
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE TOWN
KEH
HOW YA GONNA DO THAT NOW, OLD MAN?
I DON'T KNOW


I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME
THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN GIVE UP THE GIRL.
THIS IS FRUSTRATING. THE SEA IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES AWAY
IF WE HAD ONLY BEEN ABLE TO REACH IT.
YEAH, WELL WE DIDN'T. SO SHUT UP ABOUT IT.
YOUR FRIEND IS FEELING IT NOW, ISN'T HE, JEN?
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE IT STOP FOR HIM?
I'LL SHOW HIM HOW MUCH I'M FEELING IT--
NO, NO, STAY DOWN!
JEN
LISTEN TO ME
COME OVER THE WATER TO US.
I PROMISE YOU, WE WILL NOT HARM YOU
BUT YOU MUST COME AWAY WITH US.


GO AWAY!
I HATE YOU!
LEAVE US ALONE!
HUF
HUF
KEHEH
YOU TELL 'EM, KID
I'M GOING FOR THE TOWN
YOU'RE LEAVING?
NOO, KECLEON, DON'T LEAVE US HERE! PLEASE!
JEN, LISTEN


YOU KEEP THAT FOR NOW
BUT-
WHAT-EVER HAPPENS, WHATEVER THEY SAY TO YOU, STAY ON THE ISLAND
IF THEY HAVE TO ENTER THE WATER TO GET TO YOU, YOU CAN WIN UNDER-STAND?
I PROMISE I'LL BE BACK BY DAWN
OVER THERE!
STOP HIM!
CHASE?
NO.
LET THE COWARD GO. ONE LESS FOR US



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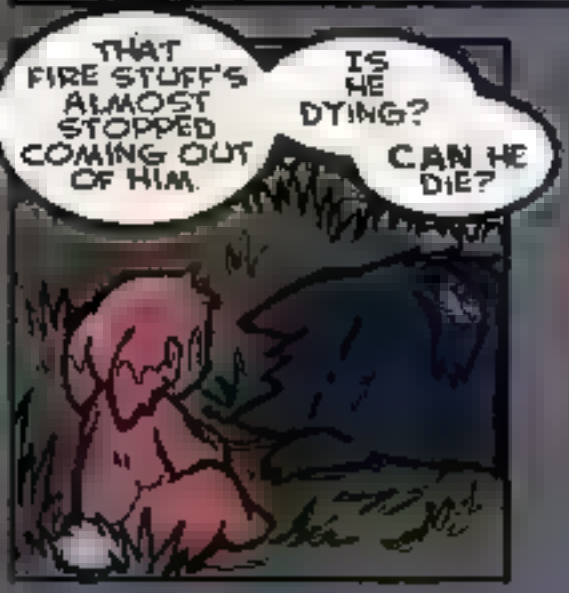
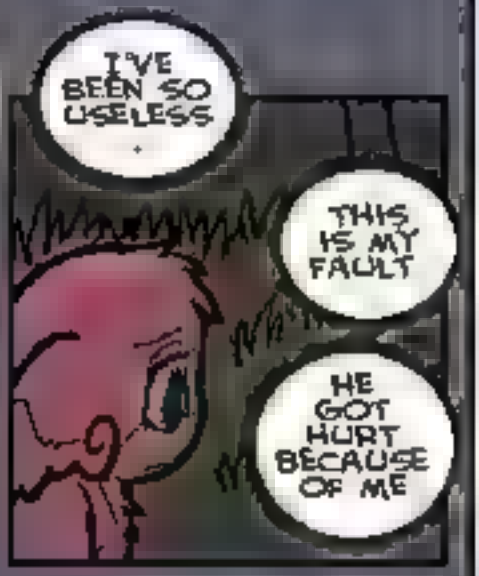
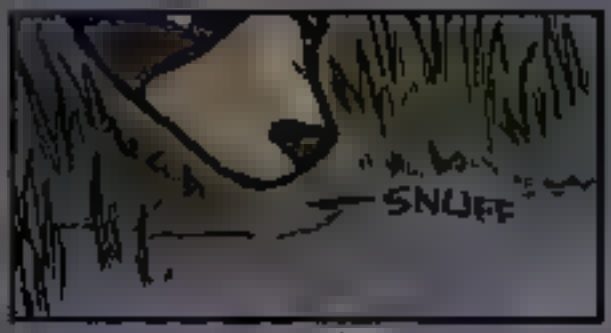

THAT FIRE STUFF'S ALMOST STOPPED COMING OUT OF HIM.
IS HE DYING?
CAN HE DIE?

EVER SINCE I GOT HERE I'VE BEEN HIDING BEHIND OTHER PEOPLE
LETTING THEM PROTECT ME


I'VE BEEN SO USELESS
THIS IS MY FAULT
HE GOT HURT BECAUSE OF ME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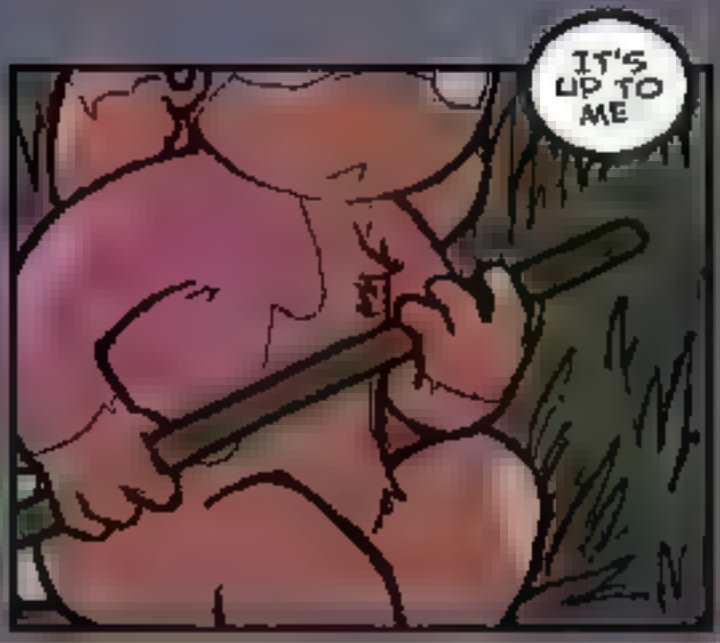
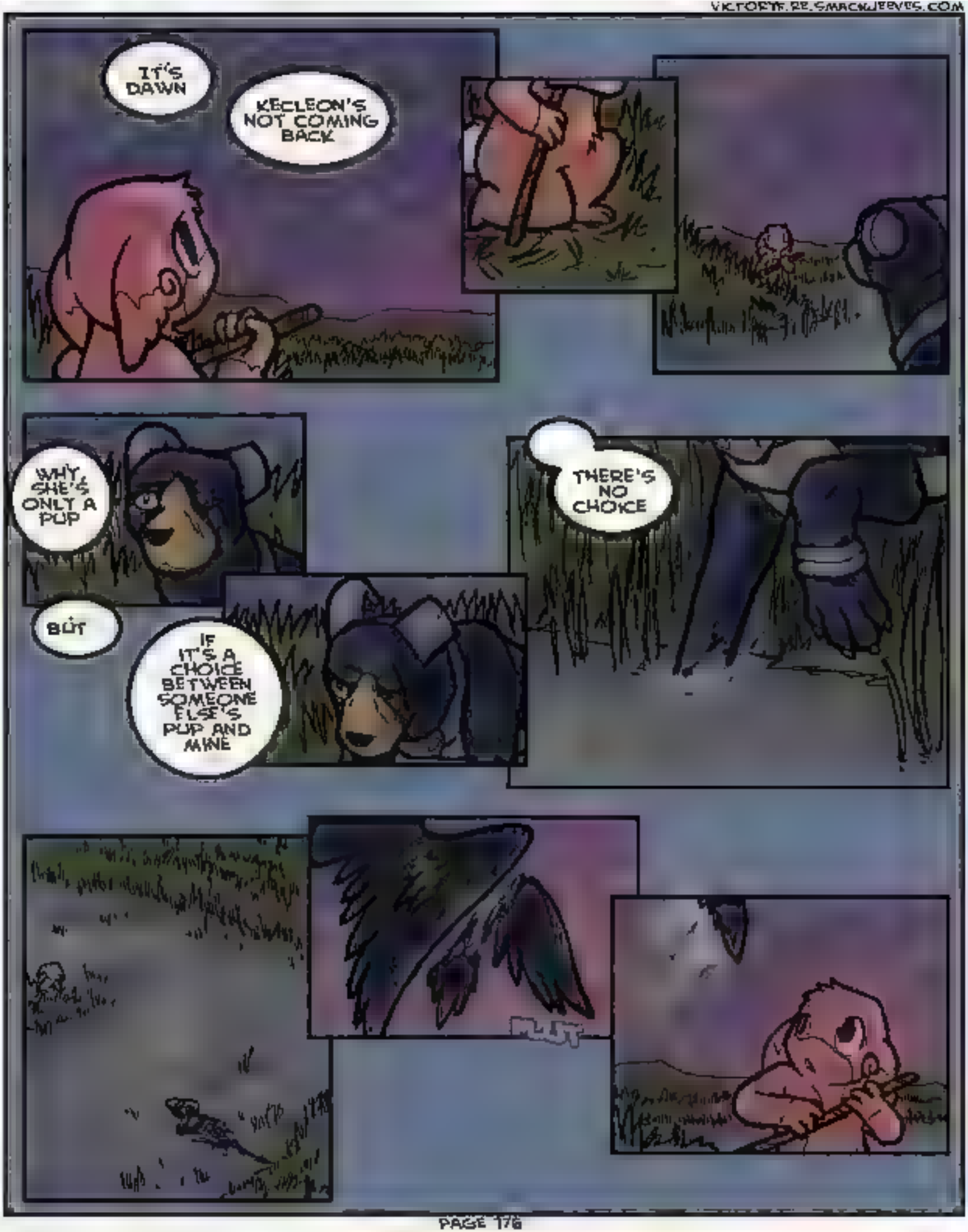
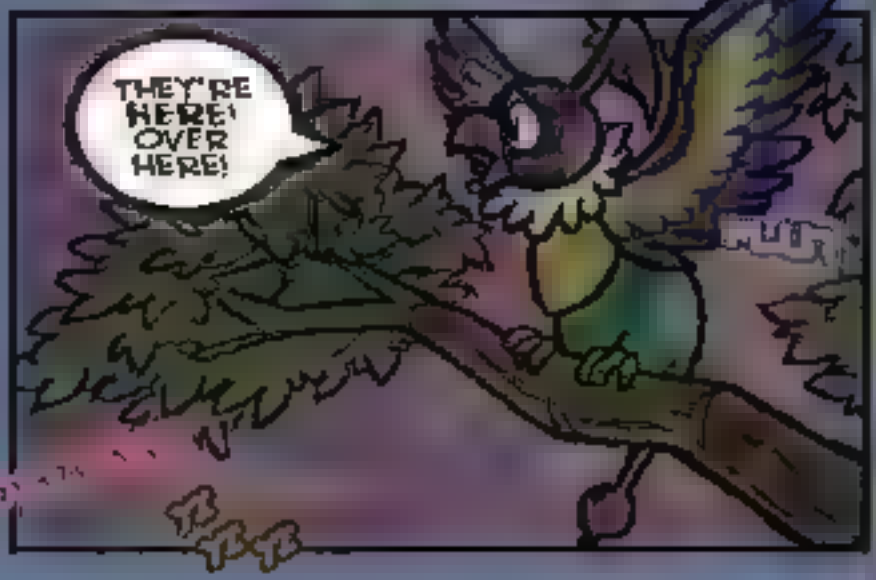
HE'S GOING TO TRY IT
HE'S STEELING HIMSELF FOR IT


IT'S UP TO ME

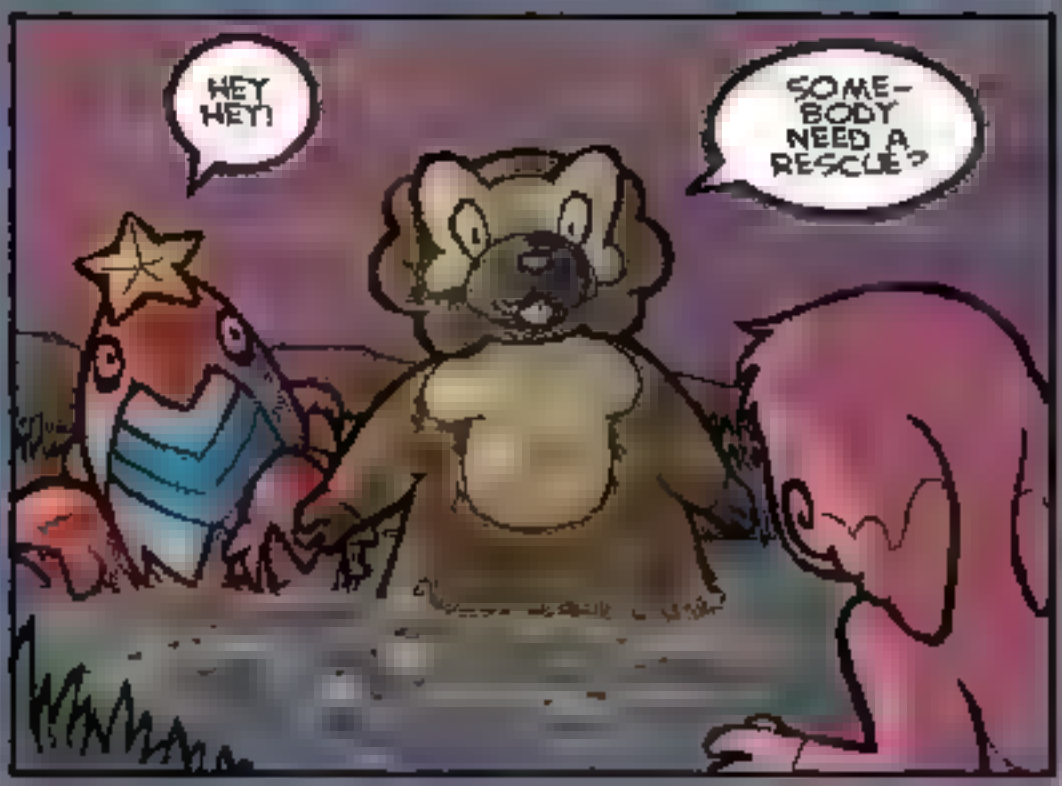

IT'S DAWN
KECLEON'S NOT COMING BACK
WHY, SHE'S ONLY A PUP
BUT
IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE ELSE'S PUP AND MINE
THERE'S NO CHOICE
PLUT

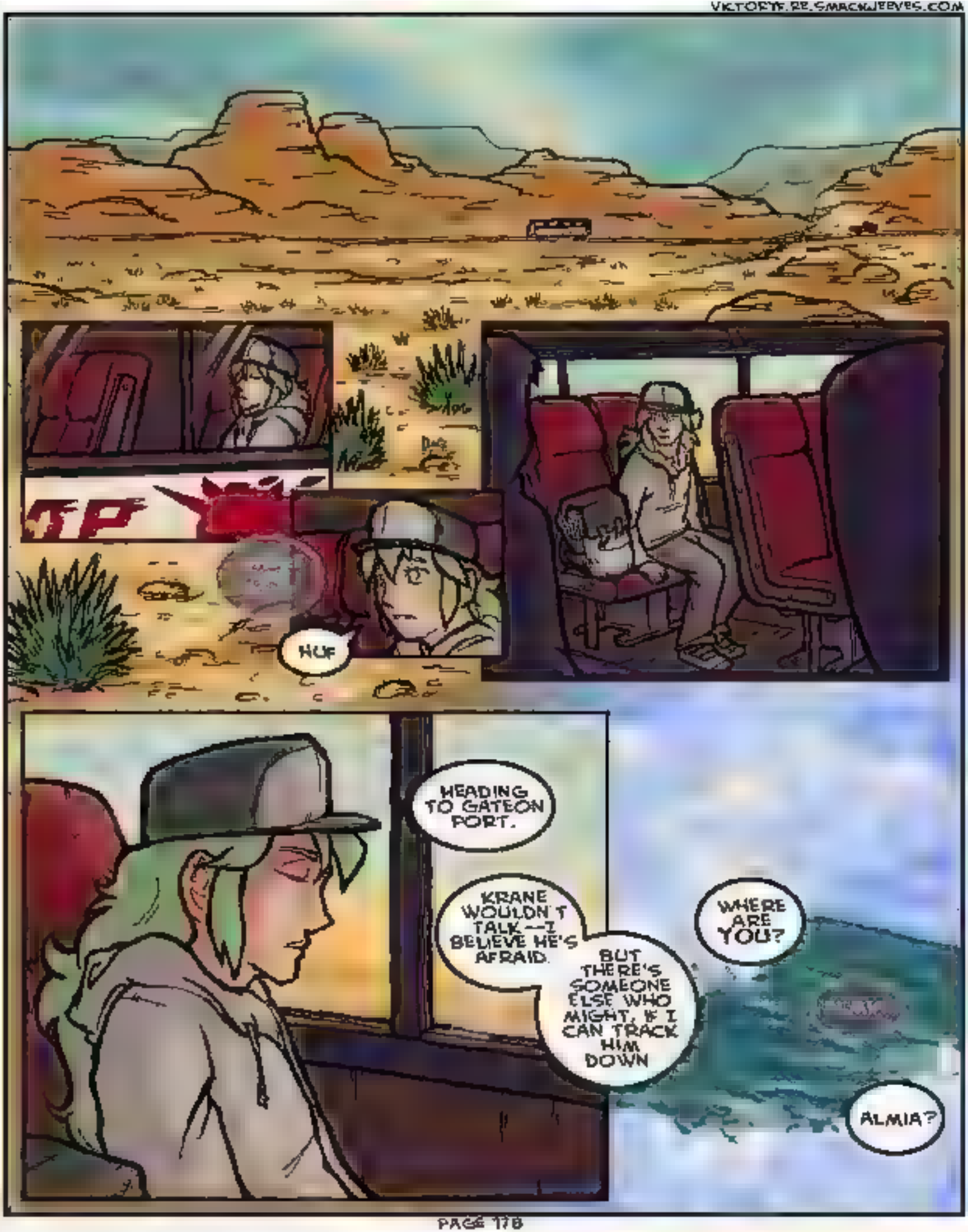
ARE YOU JEN?

HUH
YEAH

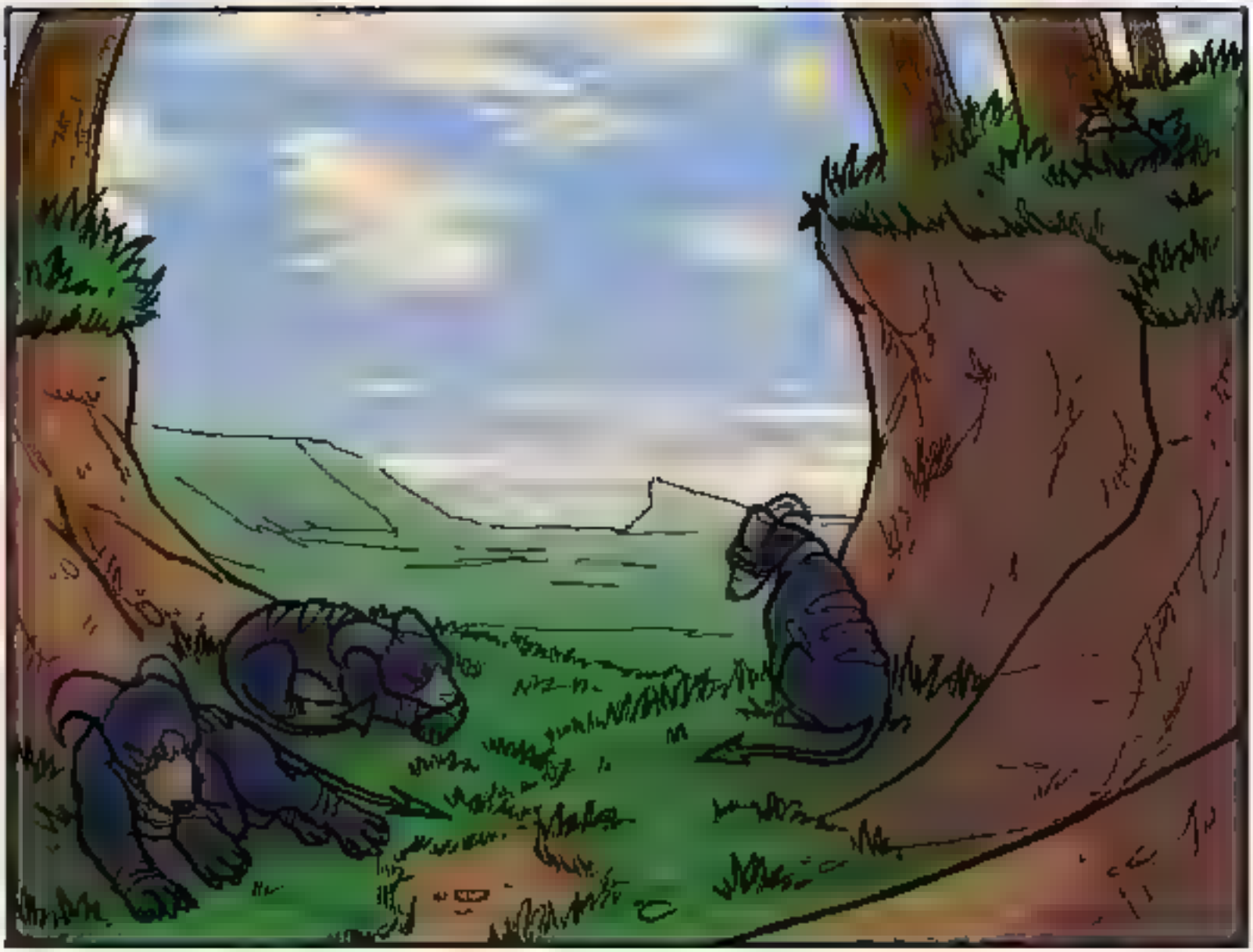

THEY'RE HERE! OVER HERE!

CRASH


HEY HEY!
SOME-BODY NEED A RESCUE?

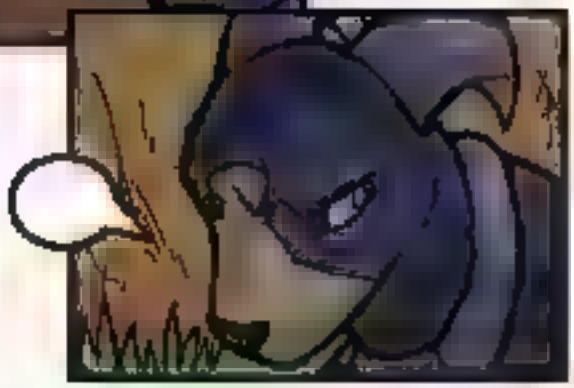

HUF
HEADING TO GATEON PORT.
KRANE WOULDN'T TALK—I BELIEVE HE'S AFRAID.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT, IF I CAN TRACK HIM DOWN
WHERE ARE YOU?
ALMIA?

THERE'S HERE CALLED SLAVE HALL
I'VE LOOKED AT HIM. HIS MIND WAS TAMPERED WITH.
BUT NOT WHERE IT IS?
STOP
WILDLIFE BUSTOVE



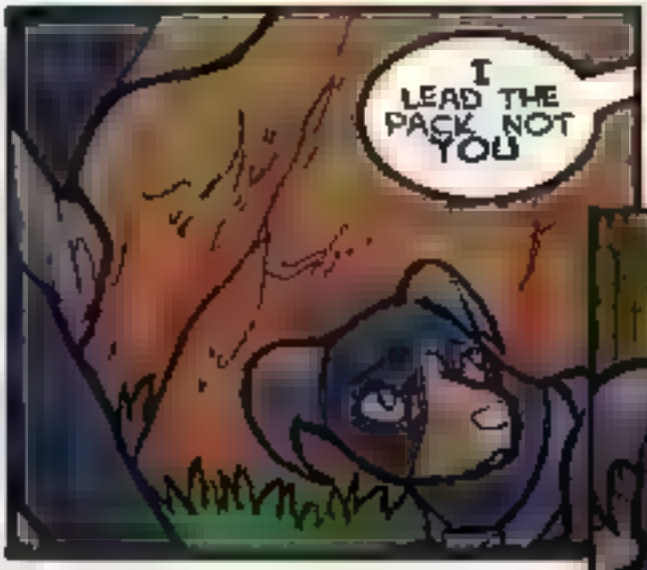
WELL. NOW WHAT?

WE'LL WAIT FOR FURTHER DIREC-TIONS



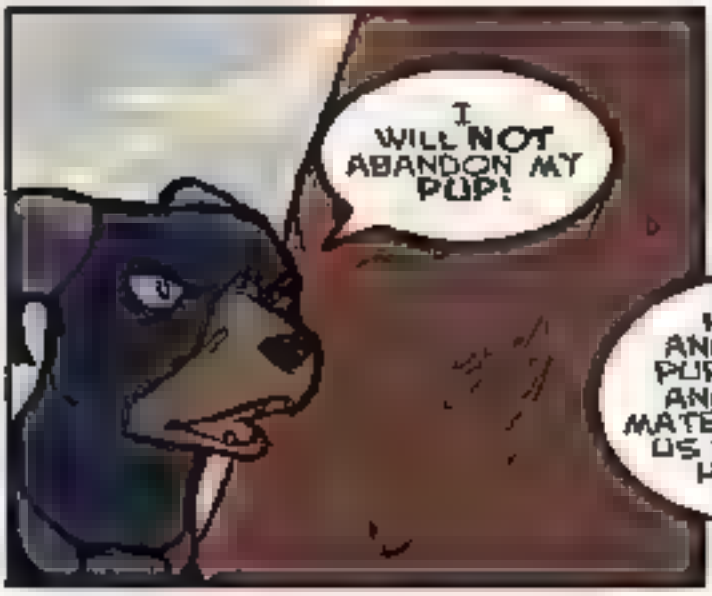
WHY DON'T WE HUNT INSTEAD?
WE WAIT

I SAY WE HUNT!
I'M SICK OF CHEWING BERRIES ON THE RUN!
I WANT MEAT!


I LEAD THE PACK NOT YOU

THERE HASN'T BEEN A 'PACK' SINCE SHE DIED.

YOU DARE?
LOOK AROUND! WHERE ARE THEY?
THEY LEFT BECAUSE YOU WON'T LEAD!


I WILL NOT ABANDON MY PUP!

HAVE ANOTHER PUP! TAKE ANOTHER MATE! ANY OF US WOULD HAVE!

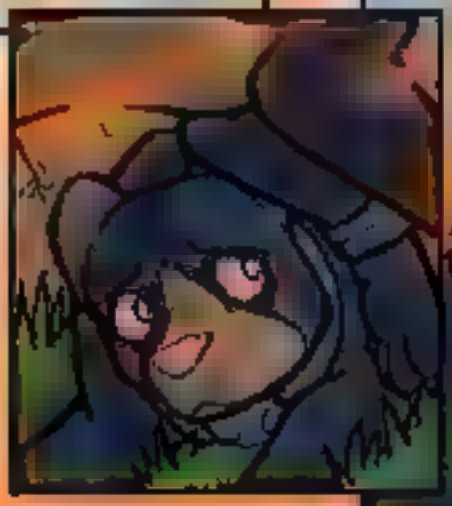
I WOULD HAVE

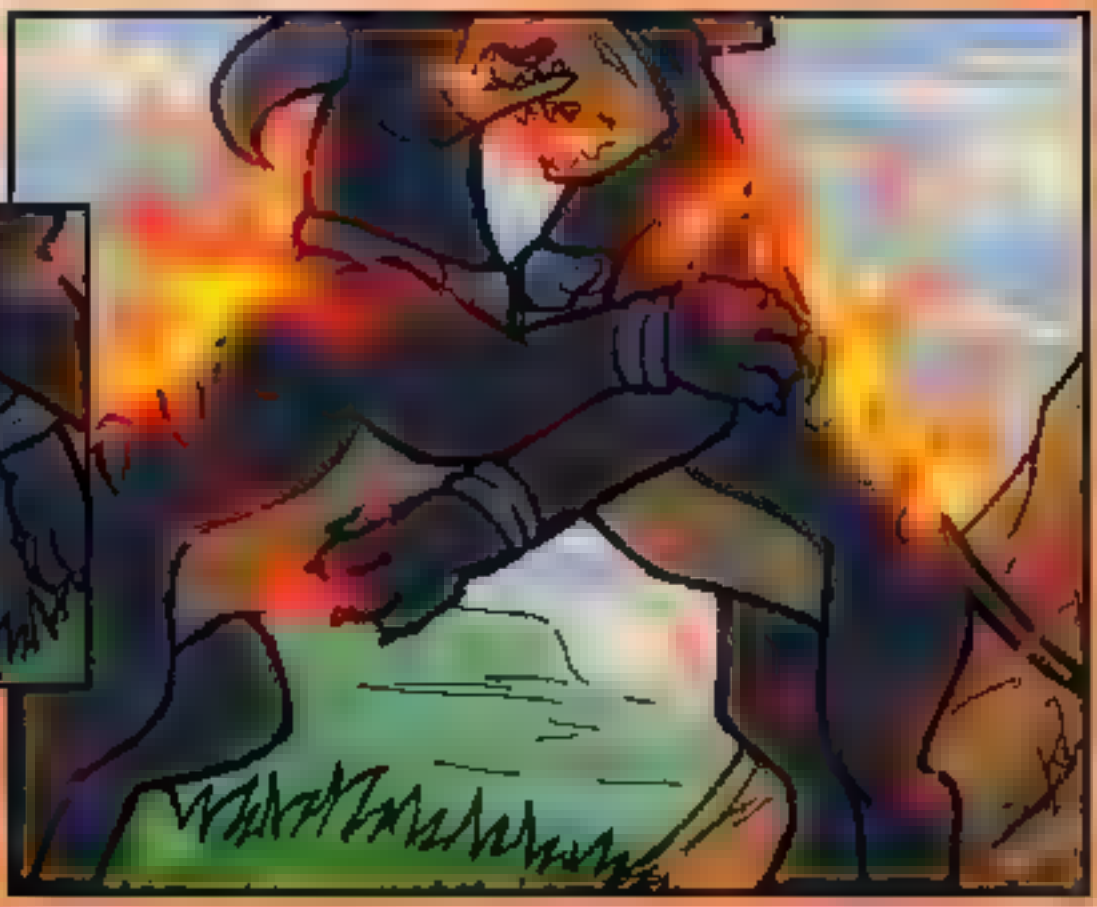
THERE IS NO OTHER FOR ME

THEN THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE, IS THERE?

YOU ARE NO LONGER FIT TO LEAD
I CHALLENGE YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS PACK.

GRRR





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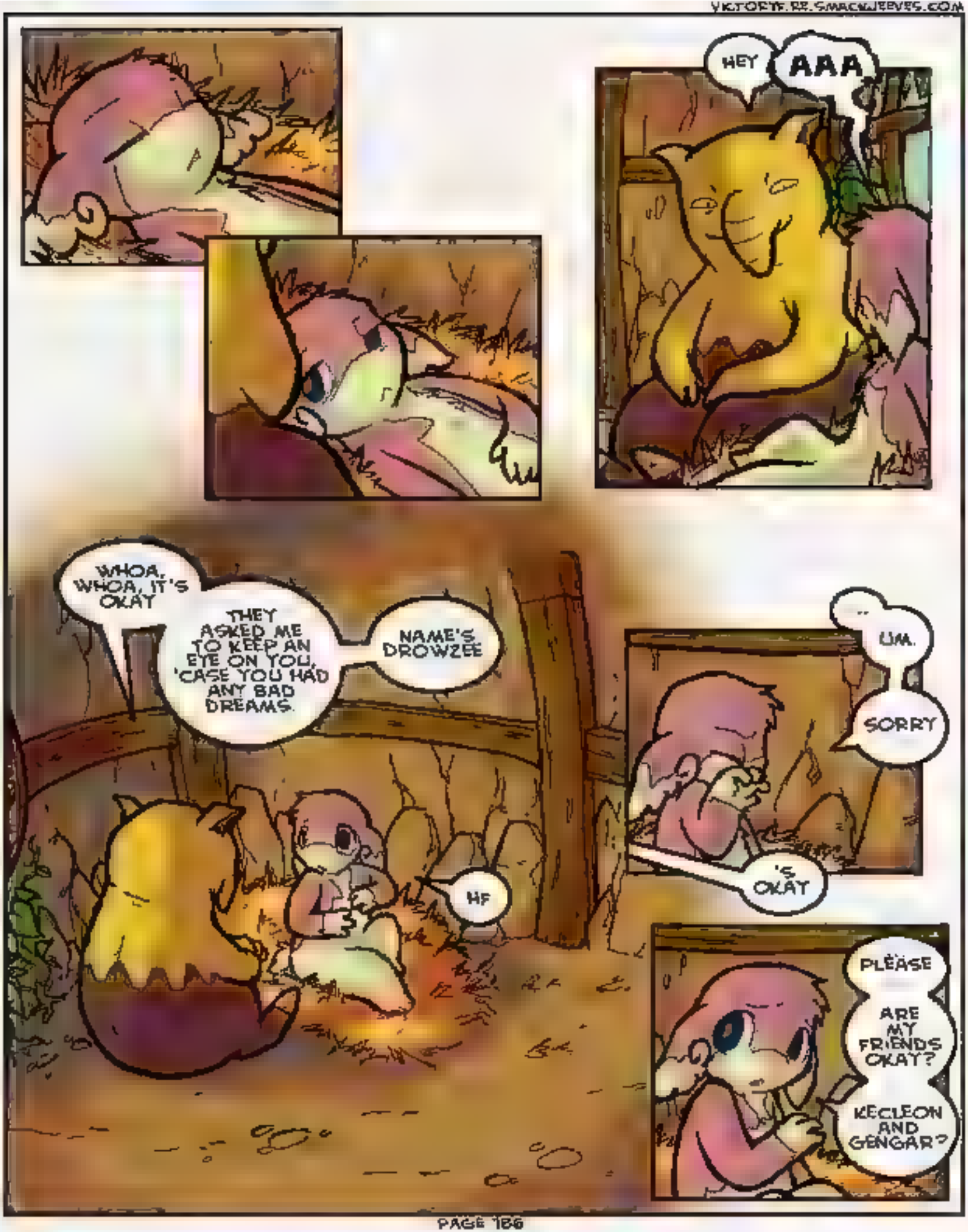
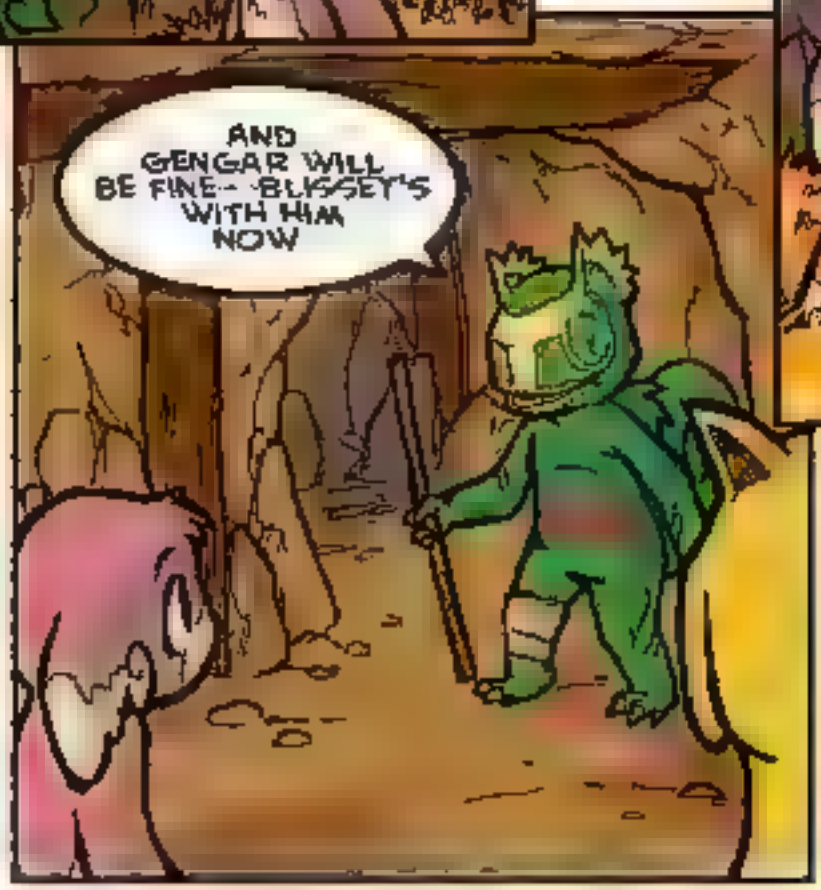
HH
HH
WE HUNT
GET UP AND FOLLOW THE PACK
I WILL FIND MY PUP
HAVE IT YOUR WAY, THEN
LEAVE HIM.
HE'S MADE HIS CHOICE

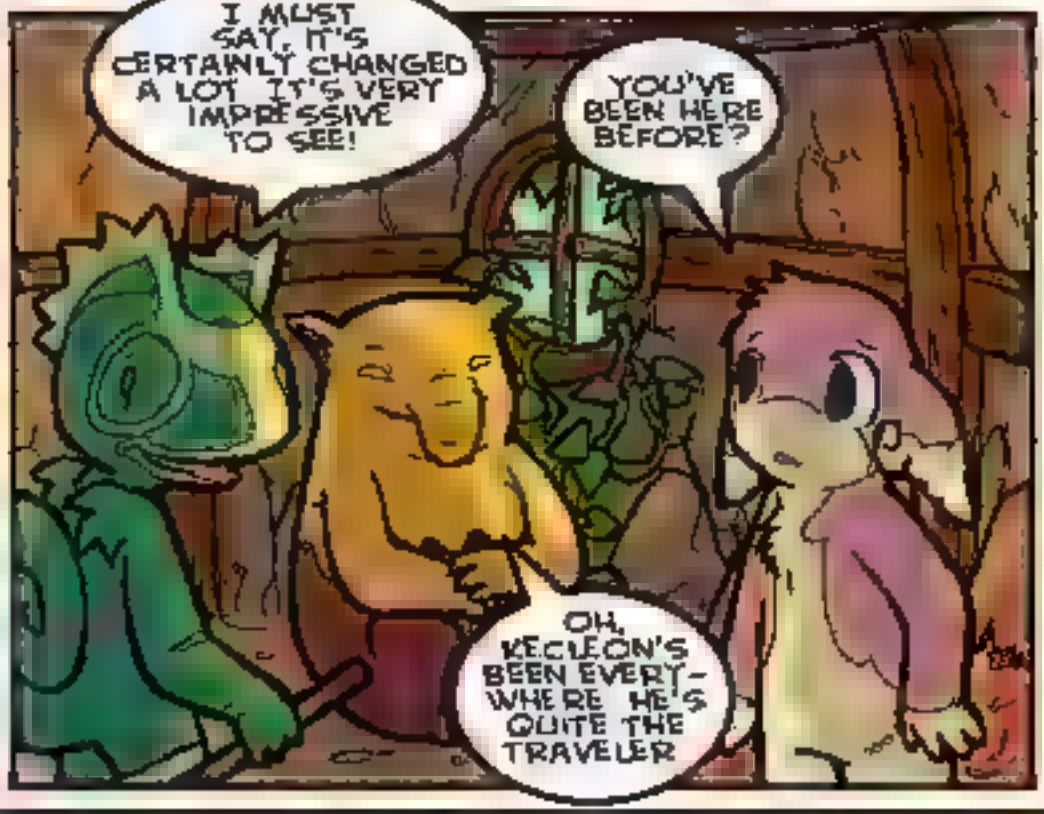

HEY
AAA
WHOA, WHOA, IT'S OKAY
THEY ASKED ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, 'CASE YOU HAD ANY BAD DREAMS.
NAME'S DROWZEE
HF
UM.
SORRY
'S OKAY
PLEASE ARE MY FRIENDS OKAY?
KECLEON AND GENGAR?

KECLEON'S RIGHT HERE

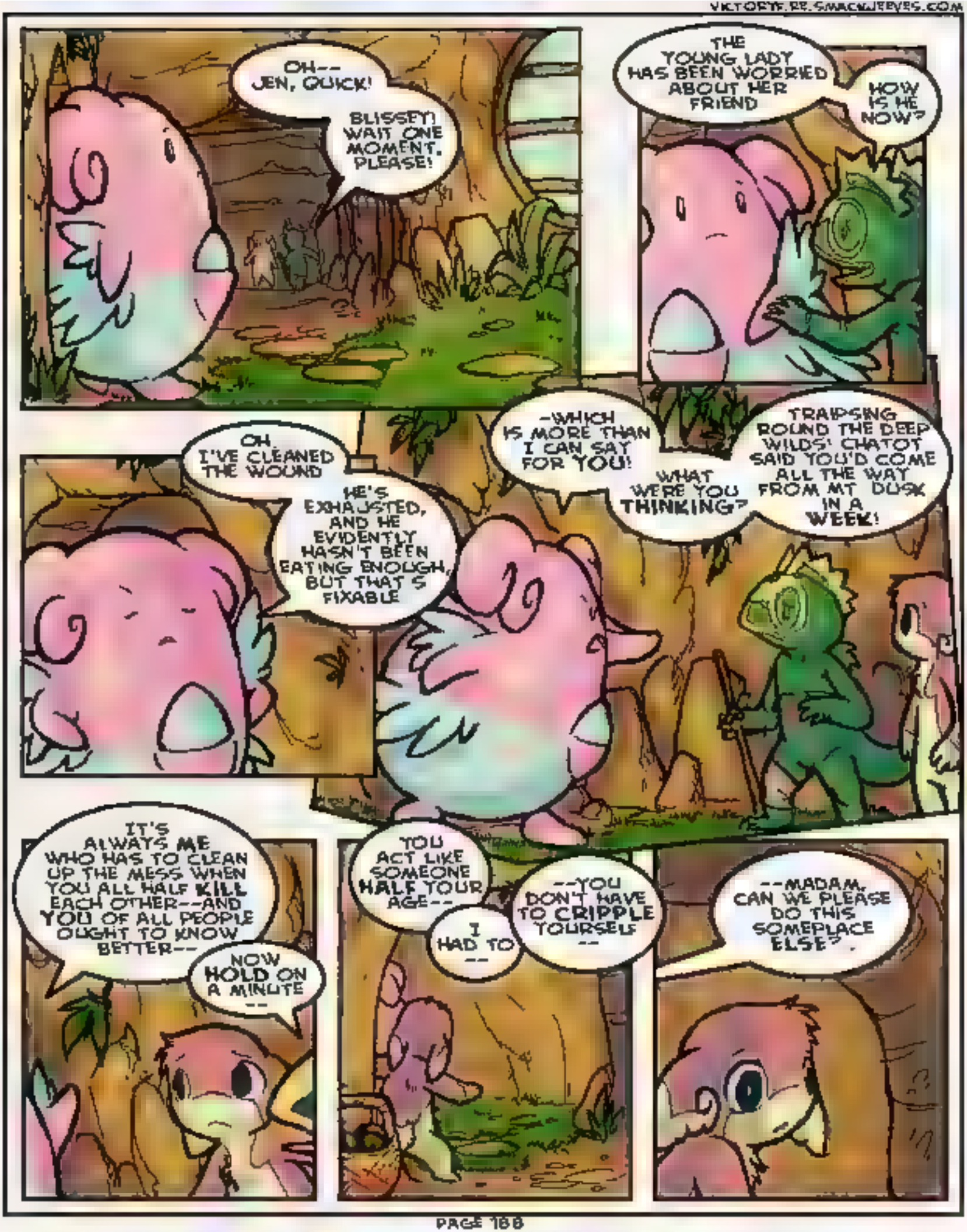

AND GENGAR WILL BE FINE-- BLISSEY'S WITH HIM NOW

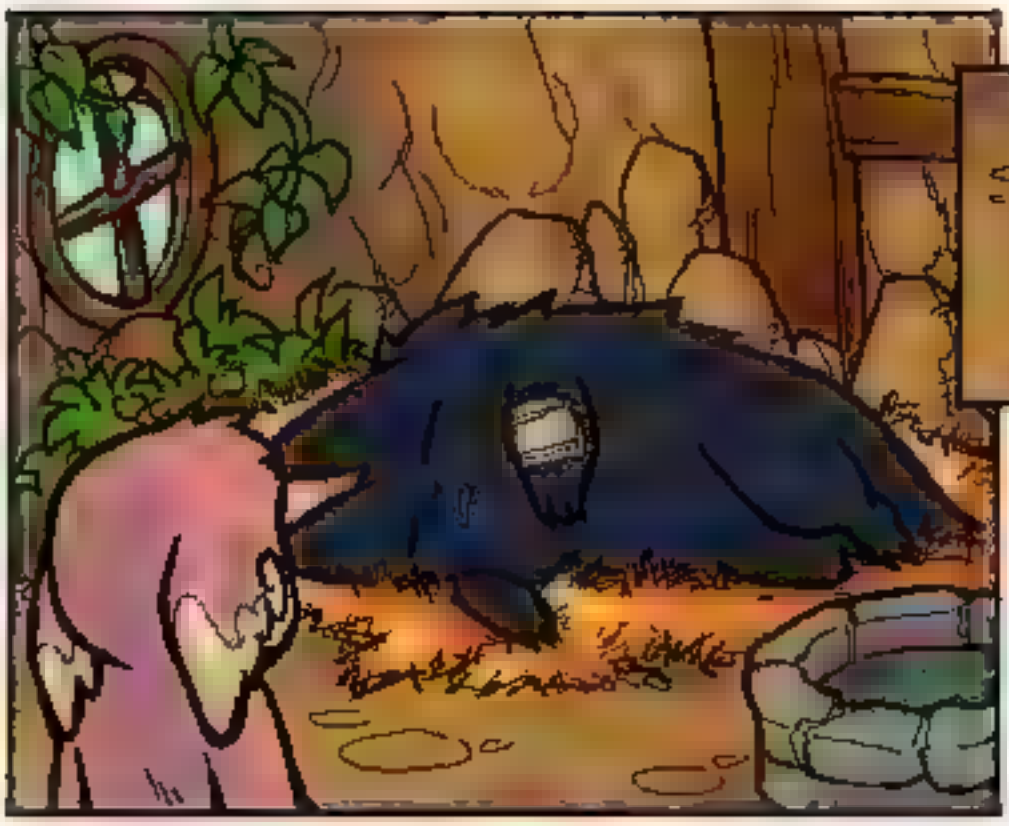
KECLEON-- WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR LEG?
OH, NOTHING
I JUST OVERDID IT A LITTLE, THAT'S ALL.

BIBAREL SAID YOU WERE FAST ASLEEP WHEN HE BROUGHT YOU IN
WELL, THIS IS THE EXPLORER'S GUILD, IN TREASURE TOWN


I MUST SAY, IT'S CERTAINLY CHANGED A LOT. IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE TO SEE!
YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE?
OH, KECLEON'S BEEN EVERY-WHERE. HE'S QUITE THE TRAVELER

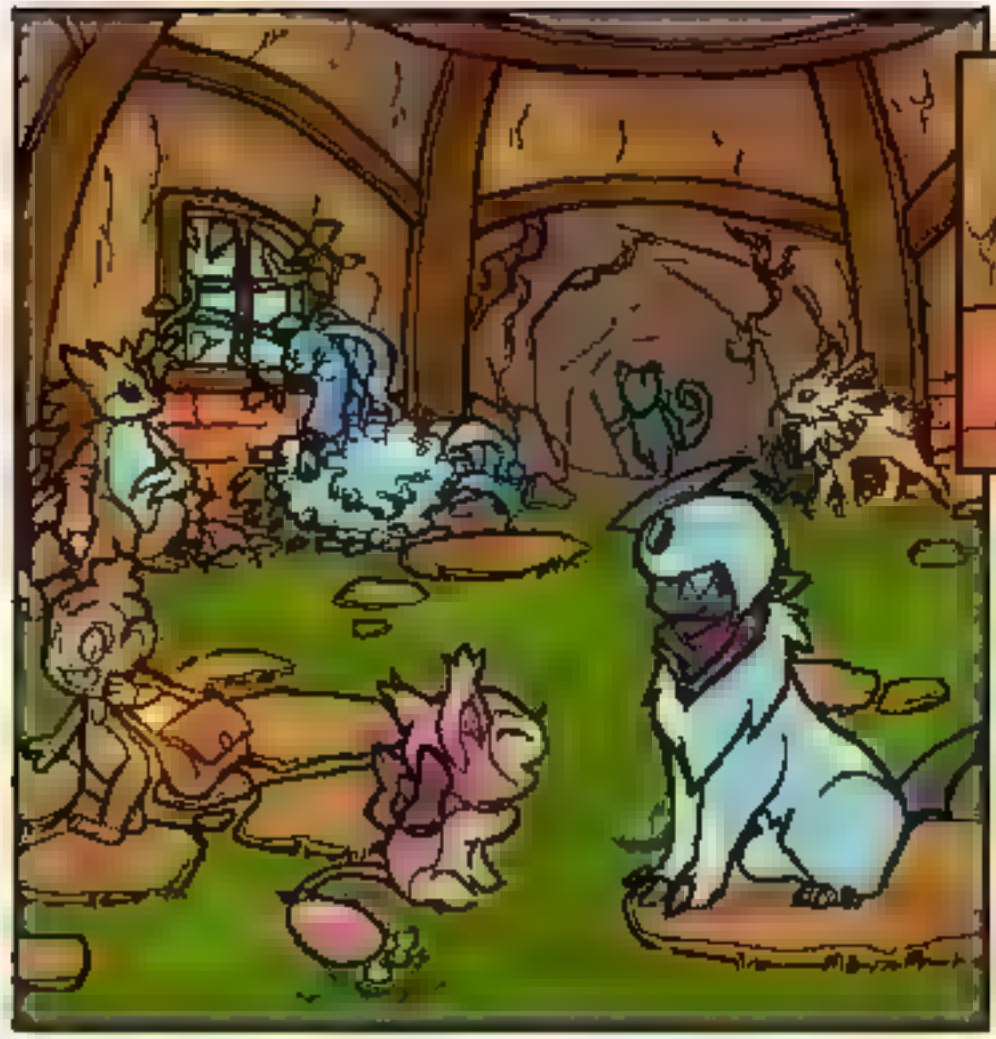
SHALL WE GO AND SEE HOW GENGAR'S DOING?
YEAH, PLEASE


OH-- JEN, QUICK!
BLISSEY! WAIT ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!
THE YOUNG LADY HAS BEEN WORRIED ABOUT HER FRIEND
HOW IS HE NOW?
OH, I'VE CLEANED THE WOUND
HE'S EXHAUSTED, AND HE EVIDENTLY HASN'T BEEN EATING ENOUGH, BUT THAT'S FIXABLE
--WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR YOU!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
TRAIPSING ROUND THE DEEP WILDS! CHATOT SAID YOU'D COME ALL THE WAY FROM MT DUSK IN A WEEK!
IT'S ALWAYS ME WHO HAS TO CLEAN UP THE MESS WHEN YOU ALL HALF KILL EACH OTHER--AND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE OUGHT TO KNOW BETTER--
NOW HOLD ON A MINUTE --
YOU ACT LIKE SOMEONE HALF YOUR AGE--
I HAD TO --
--YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRIPPLE YOURSELF --
--MADAM, CAN WE PLEASE DO THIS SOMEPLACE ELSE?



...WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT, DUMMY?
YOU DUMMY

KEHEH

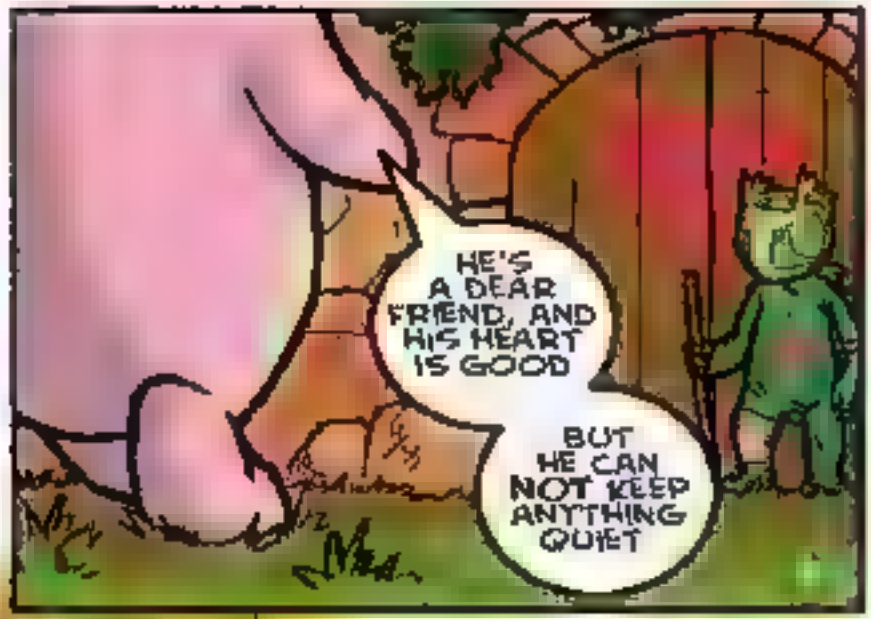


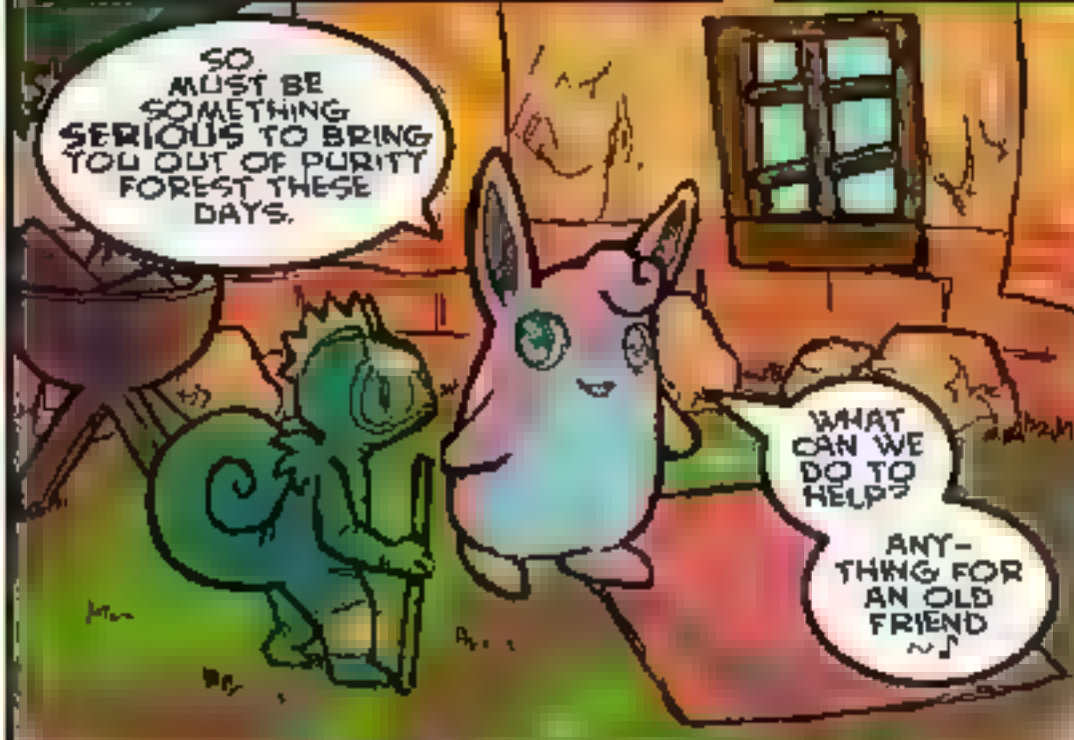
OH! NO NEED, NO NEED ~♪ HERE HE IS!
FRIENDLY FRIEND ~♪

CLAC

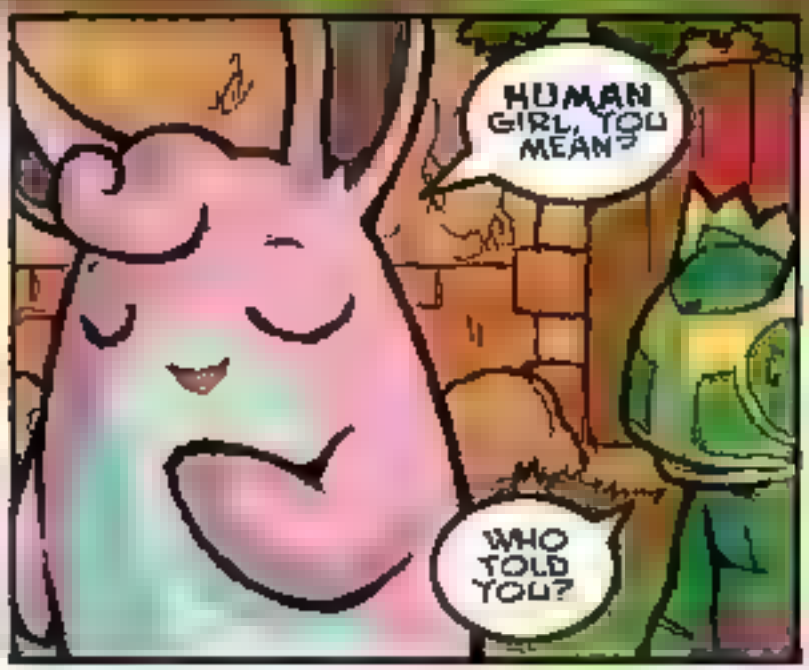
CHATOT, CAN YOU GIVE US A FEW MINUTES TO OUR-SELVES?
YES, GUILD-MASTER

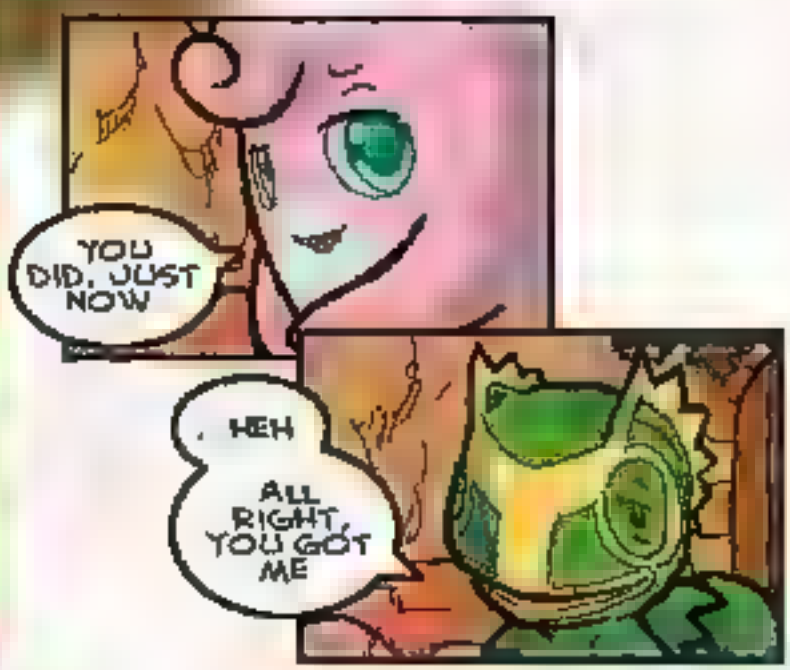
OHH
I THINK I HURT HIS FEELINGS.

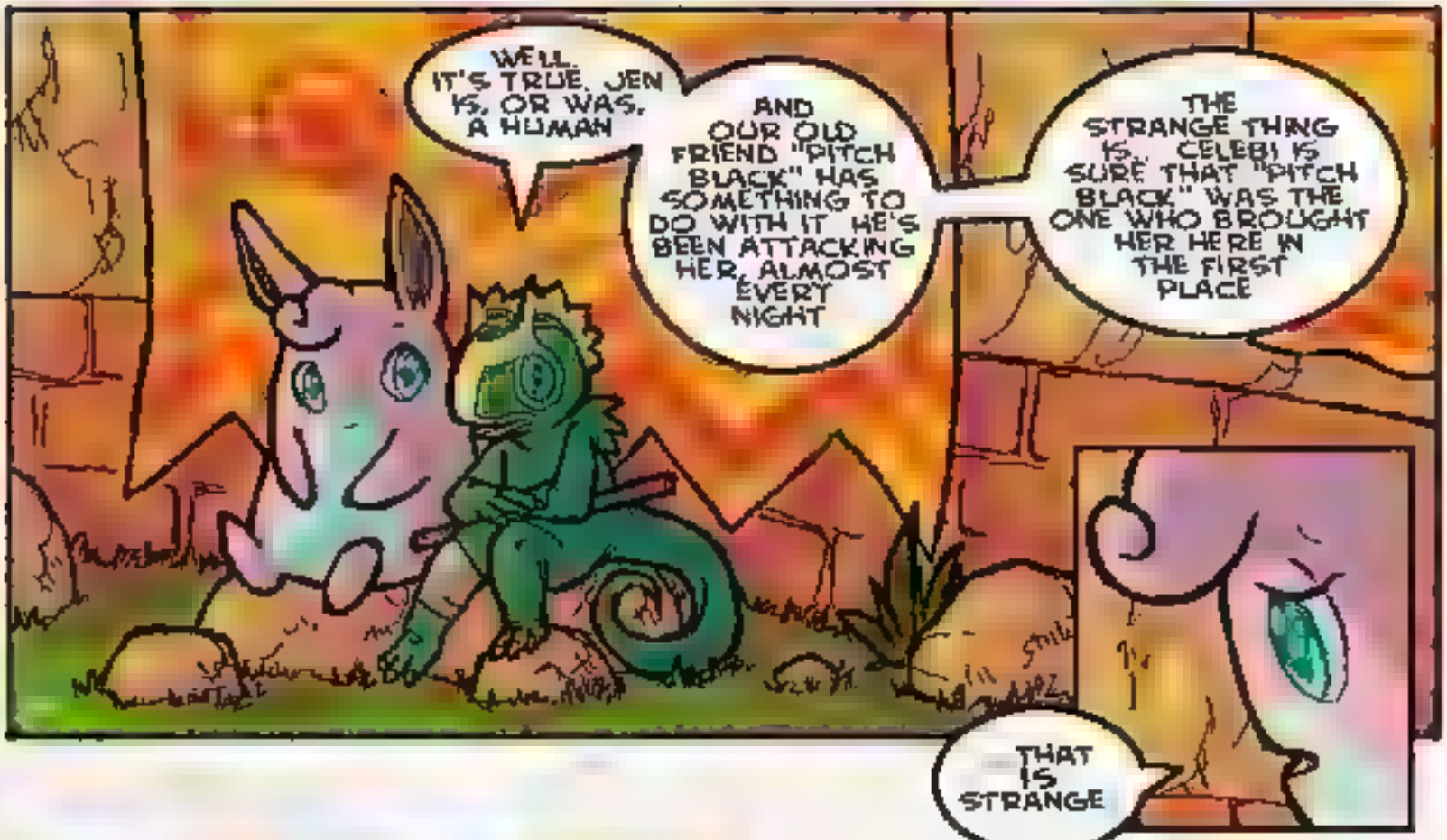

HE'S A DEAR FRIEND, AND HIS HEART IS GOOD
BUT HE CAN NOT KEEP ANYTHING QUIET


SO MUST BE SOMETHING SERIOUS TO BRING YOU OUT OF PURITY FOREST THESE DAYS.
WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?
ANY-THING FOR AN OLD FRIEND ~♪

ABOUT THE GIRL "JEN"
GIRL?


HUMAN GIRL, YOU MEAN?
WHO TOLD YOU?


YOU DID, JUST NOW
HEH
ALL RIGHT, YOU GOT ME

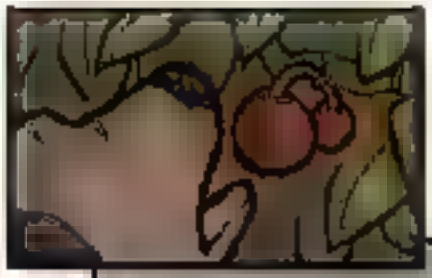

WELL, IT'S TRUE. JEN IS, OR WAS, A HUMAN
AND OUR OLD FRIEND "PITCH BLACK" HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT. HE'S BEEN ATTACKING HER, ALMOST EVERY NIGHT
THE STRANGE THING IS, CELEBI IS SURE THAT "PITCH BLACK" WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HER HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE
THAT IS STRANGE

THE GENGAR HAS BEEN SHIELDING HER, BUT IT'S A STRAIN ON HIM. I'M FRANKLY SURPRISED HE'S BEEN ABLE TO KEEP IT UP SO LONG
CONSIDERING WHAT HE'S UP AGAINST

SOME KIND OF PROTECTION. THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED FOR HER TO STOP THE DREAMS.
MAYBE AN ITEM?
IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE?
SURELY, SURELY~♪! I'LL ASK AROUND

SO THAT'S WHY YOU NEEDED DROWZEE
BUT, I DOUBT DROWZEE IS ANY STRONGER

OKAY~♪! I KNOW WHAT TO DO



STILL HERE?
STILL HERE.

WHY?

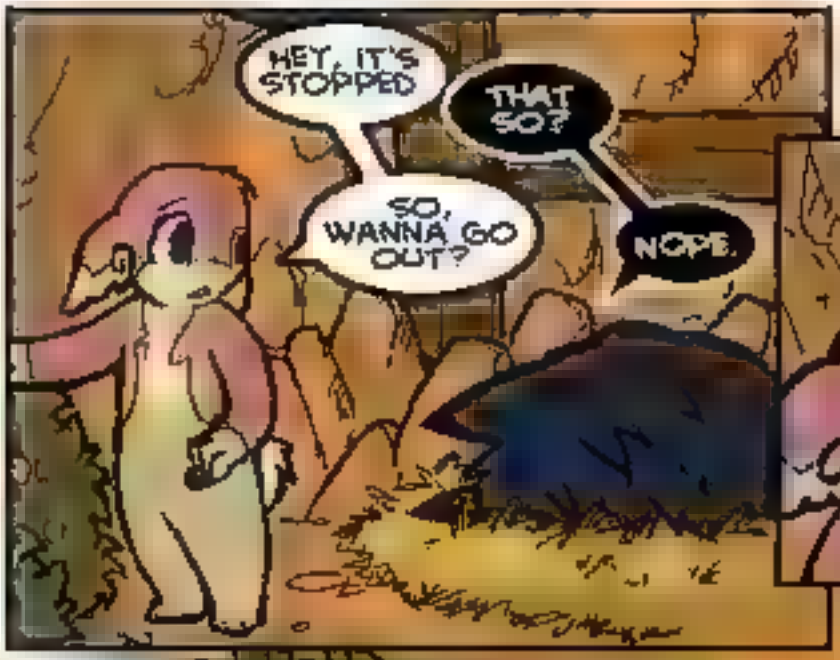
I'M CURIOUS. WHAT 'PUP'?

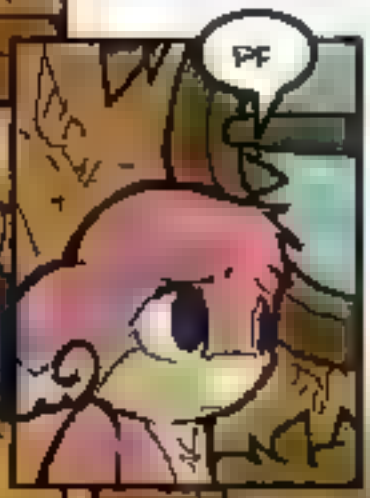
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

I'M GOING TO KILL HIM
SO IS THIS WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW?
THWARTING?
YOU'RE THWARTING ME?
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
I WISH YOU WOULD...
I WANTED HER SCARED
SCARED AND ALONE! SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SCARED OF YOU SO THAT I CAN GO IN AND GAIN HER TRUST!
AND YET THERE SHE IS, HAVING A NICE LITTLE SLEEP IN A NICE WARM BED WITH ALL HER NICE LITTLE FRIENDS AROUND HER!
NOT QUITE WHAT WE WERE GOING FOR IS IT?
OOPS.
MY BAD.
AM I LOSING YOU?
'CAUSE THERE'S WAYS AROUND THAT

IN FACT, IT JUST STRUCK ME
IF YOU WON'T PLAY NICE WE DON'T NEED TO KEEP THAT PUPPY, DO WE?
...VICTIN! NO, PLEASE DON'T DO SOMETHING UNFORGIVABLE
THEN YOU BETTER NOT MAKE ME, 'CAUSE I'M GETTING KINDA ANNOYED WITH YOU
THEN AGAIN MAYBE IT'S NOT SO BAD
THEY MUST BE SCARED OF HIM WHY ELSE WOULD THEY BRING IN A DROWZEE?
YEAH! I CAN TOTALLY STILL USE IT
A HUMAN SOUL IS THE KEY I'M SURE OF THAT
USING THE DREAMS TO SCARE HER INTO IT IT WOULD HAVE WORKED
BUT THEN AGAIN, MAYBE I COULD JUST GET THEM TO BRING HER HERE.
ALL SHE'S GOT TO DO IS OPEN IT ANYWAY I CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE

IT'S STOPPED RAINING


HEY, IT'S STOPPED
THAT SO?
SO, WANNA GO OUT?
NOPE.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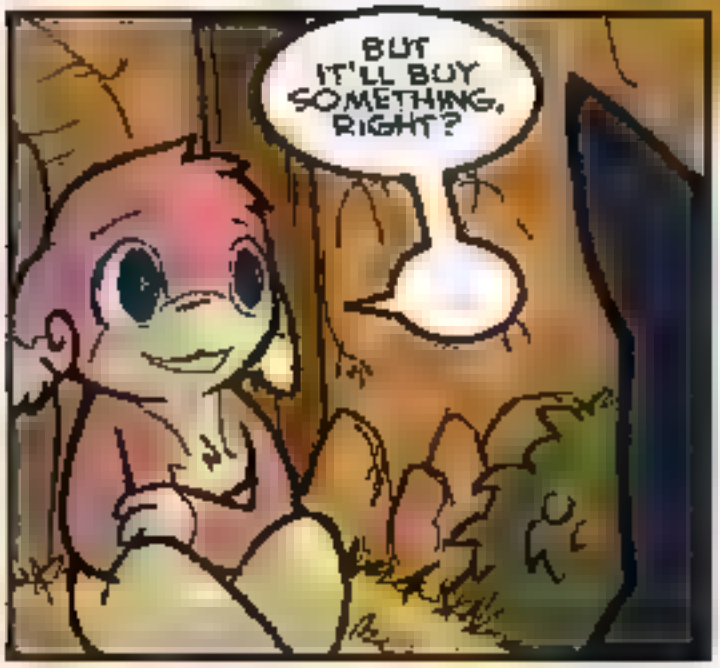
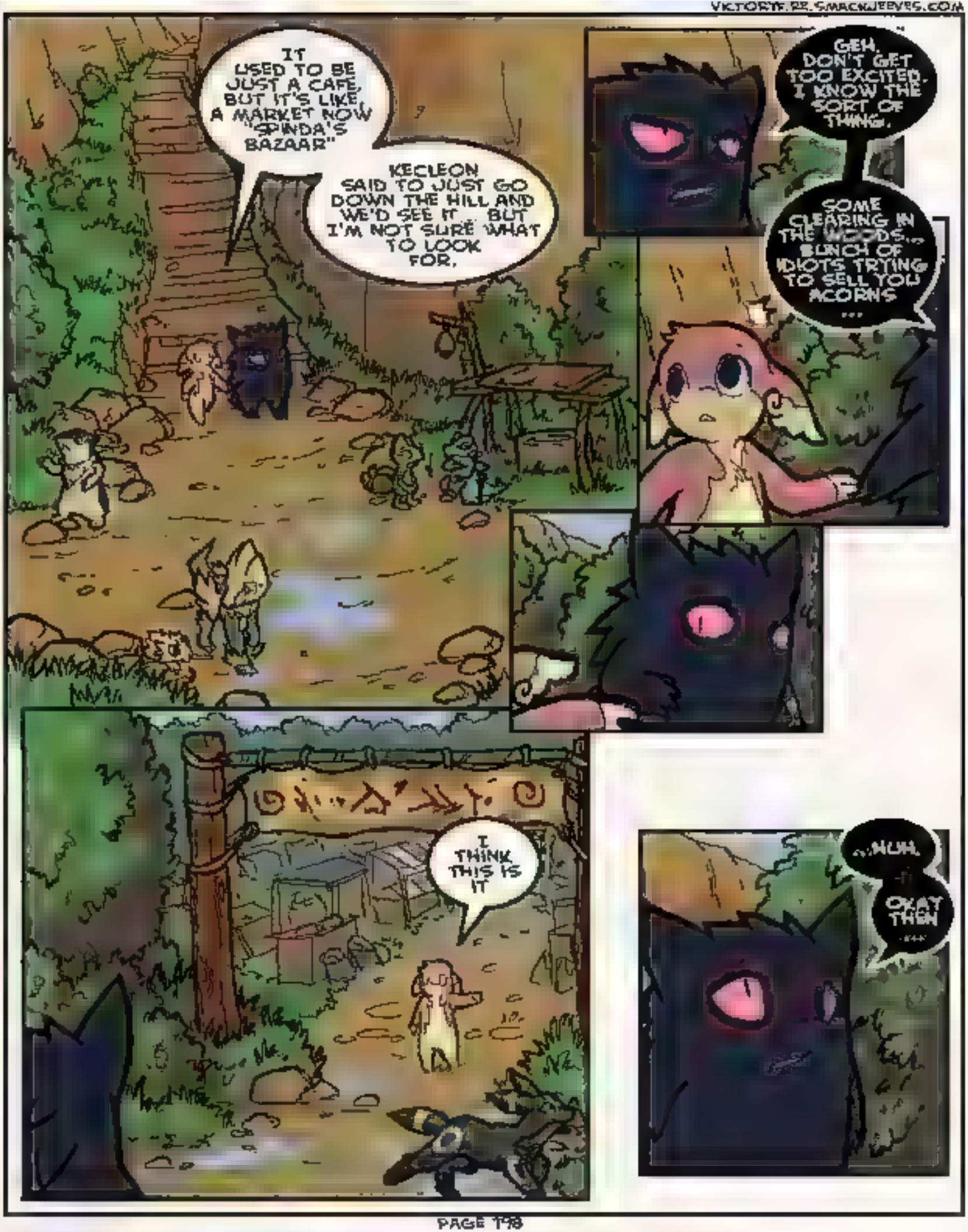
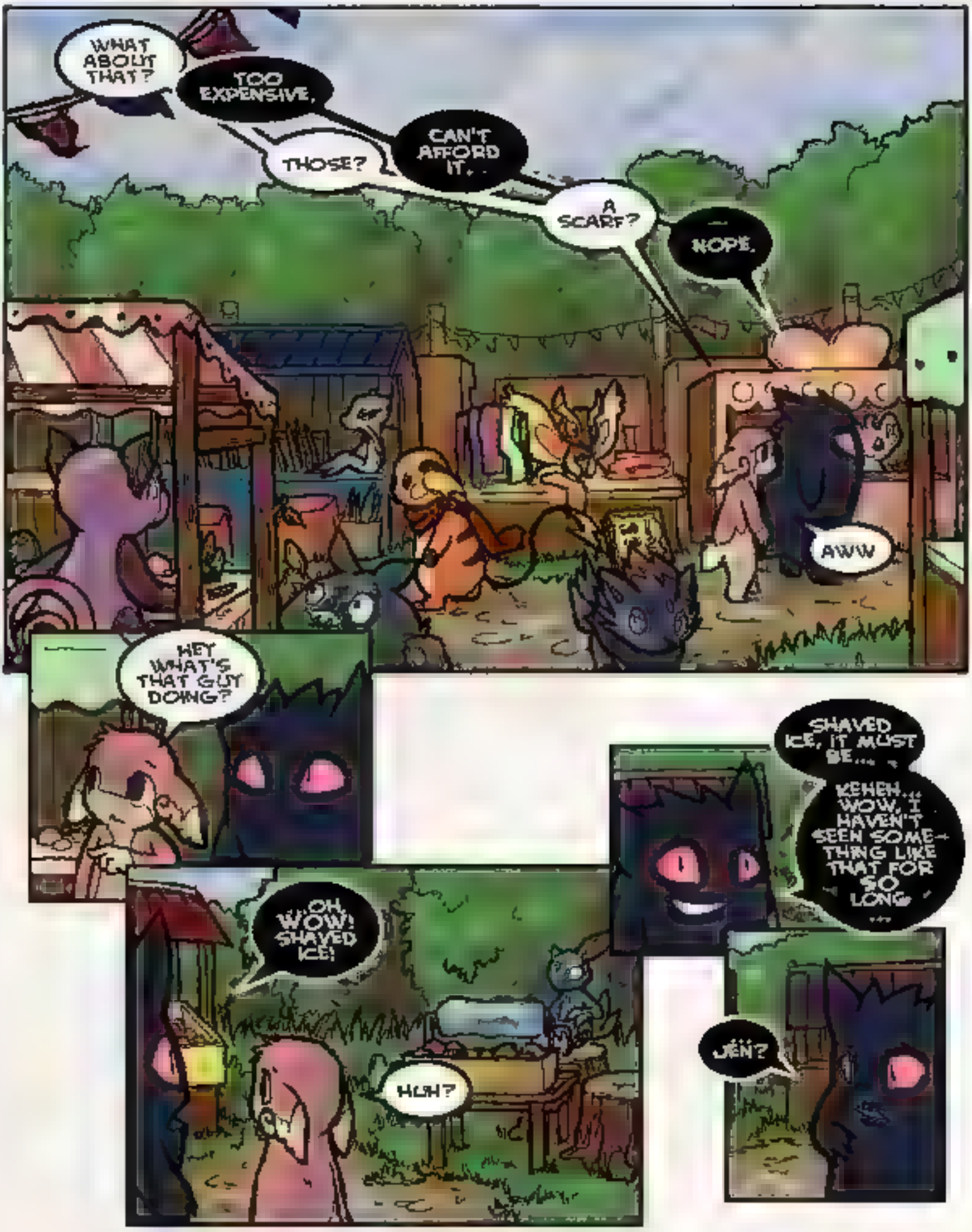
...BUT KECLEON GAVE ME SOME MONEY~♪

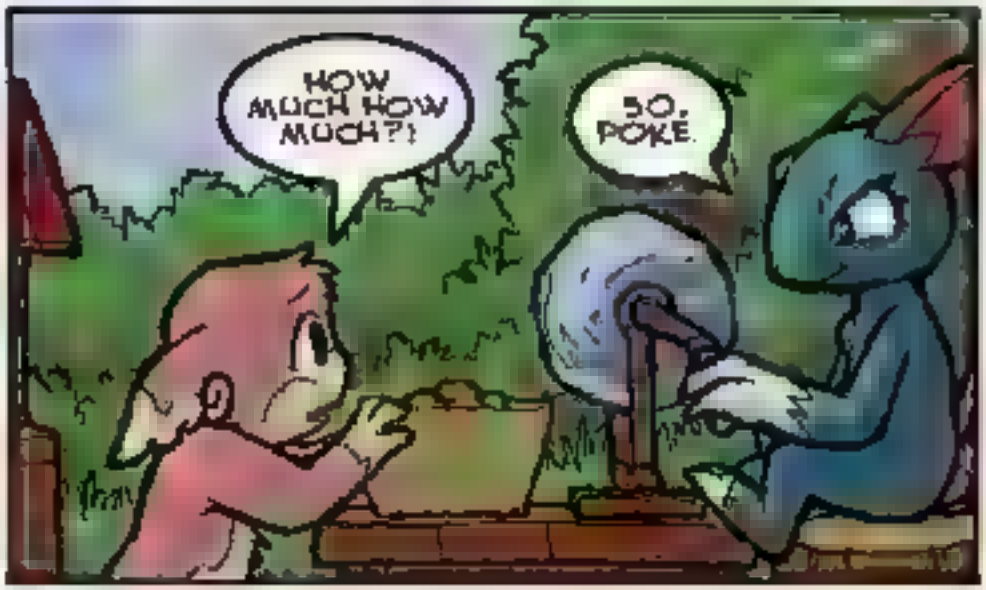
...100 POKÉ? REALLY?
IS THAT A LOT?
NOPE.


BUT IT'LL BUY SOMETHING, RIGHT?

...I'M NOT GETTING OUT OF THIS, AM I?
YAY!

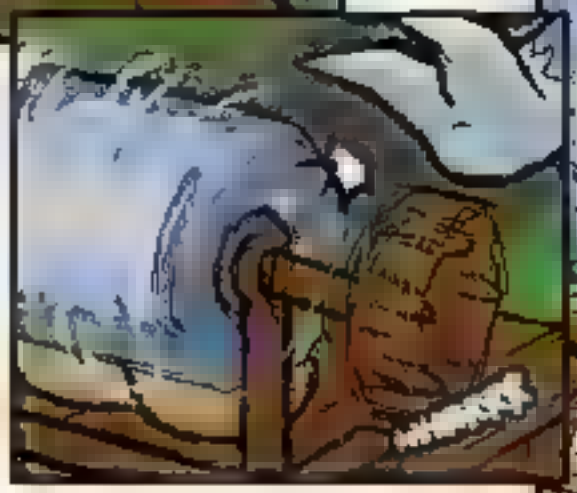

IT USED TO BE JUST A CAFE, BUT IT'S LIKE A MARKET NOW "SPINDA'S BAZAAR"
KECLEON SAID TO JUST GO DOWN THE HILL AND WE'D SEE IT... BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO LOOK FOR.
GEH. DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. I KNOW THE SORT OF THING.
SOME CLEARING IN THE WOODS... BUNCH OF IDIOTS TRYING TO SELL YOU ACORNS ...
I THINK THIS IS IT
...NUH.
OKAY THEN

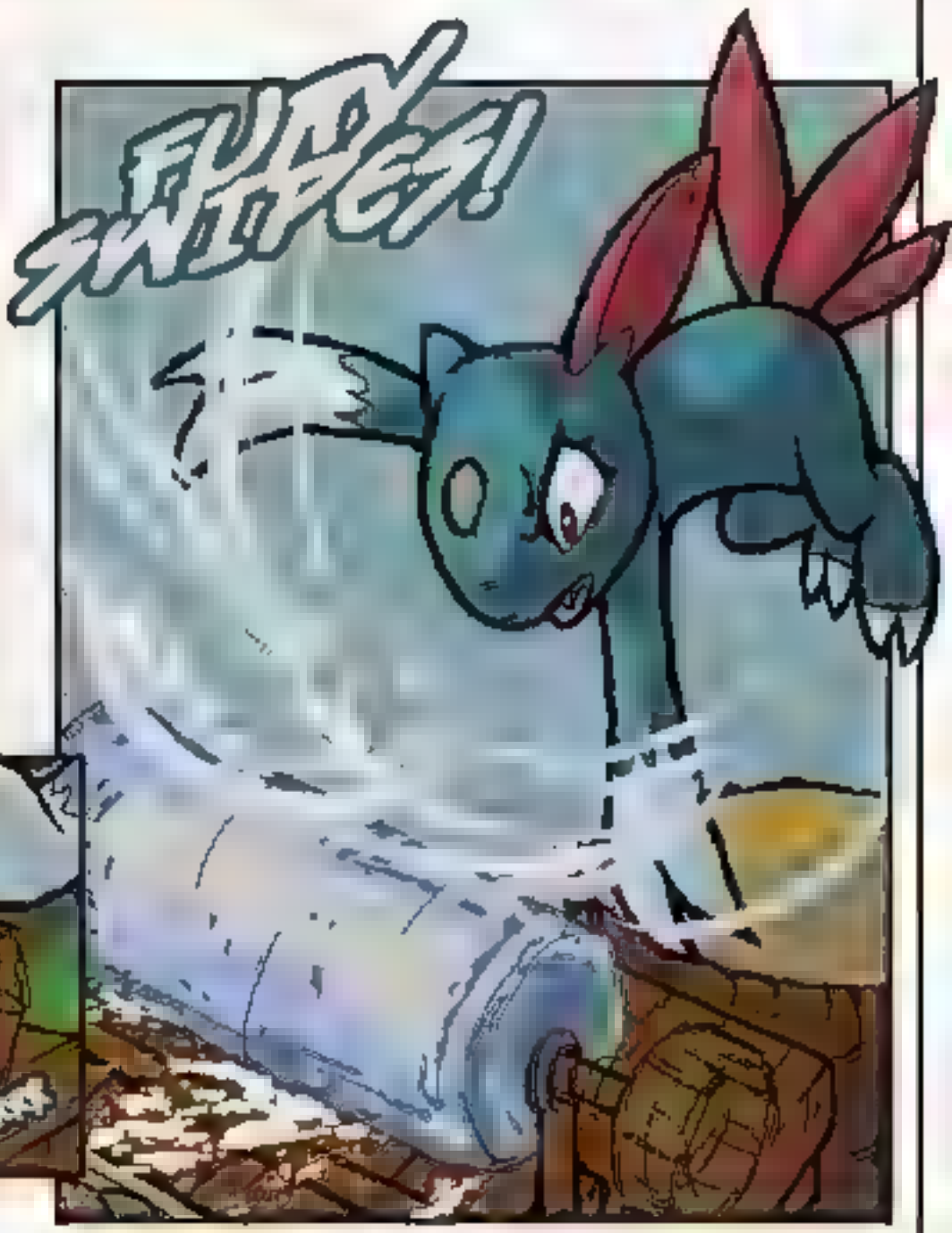

WHAT ABOUT THAT?
TOO EXPENSIVE.
THOSE?
CAN'T AFFORD IT...
A SCARF?
NOPE.
AWW
HEY WHAT'S THAT GUY DOING?
SHAVED ICE, IT MUST BE...
KEHEH... WOW, I HAVEN'T SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR SO LONG
OH WOW! SHAVED ICE!
HUH?
JEN?


HOW MUCH HOW MUCH?!
SO, POKE

YESS!

TWO ICE TOO POKE

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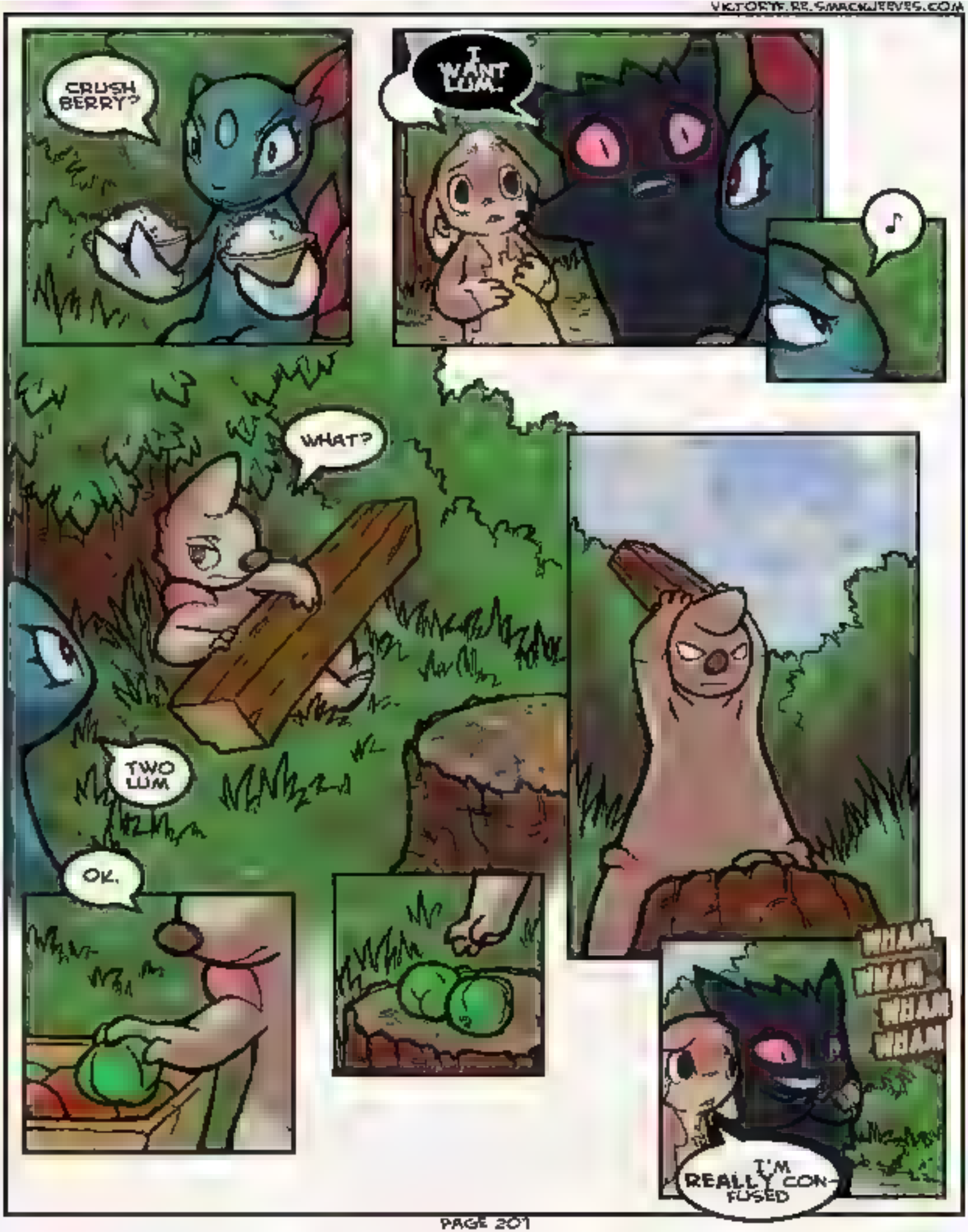
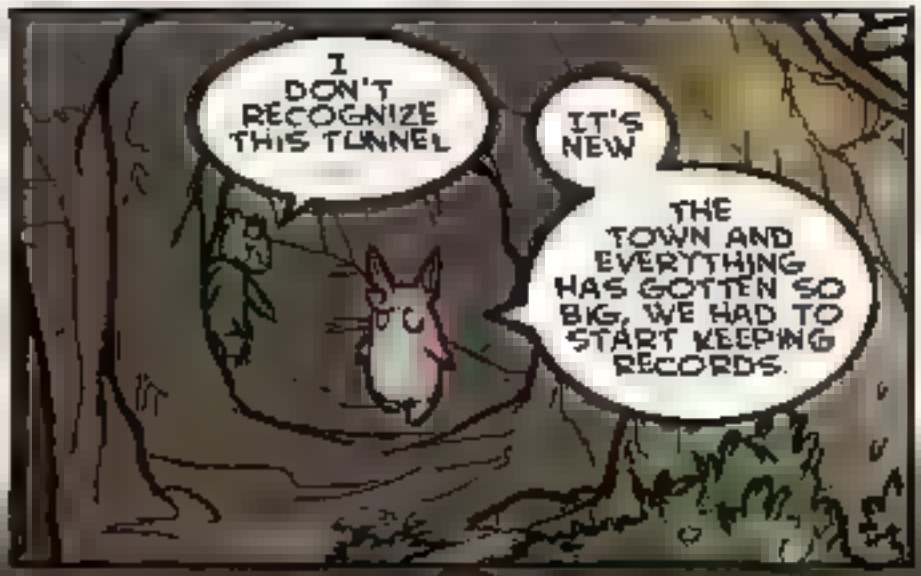

CRUSH BERRY?
I WANT LUM.
♪
WHAT?
TWO LUM
OK.
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
I'M REALLY CON-FUSED



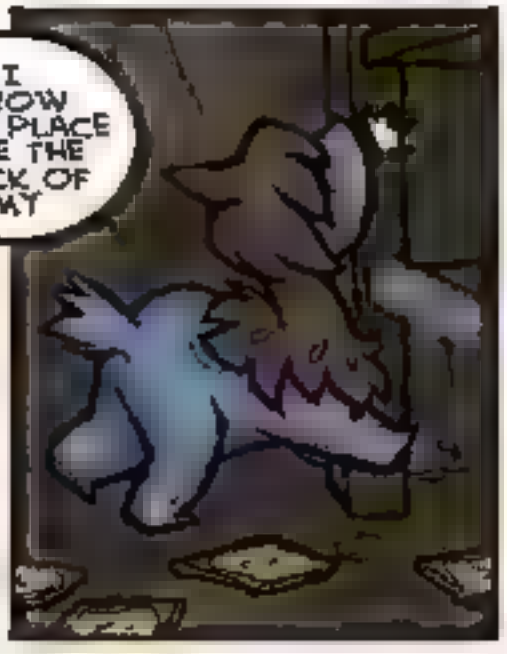
OF COURSE

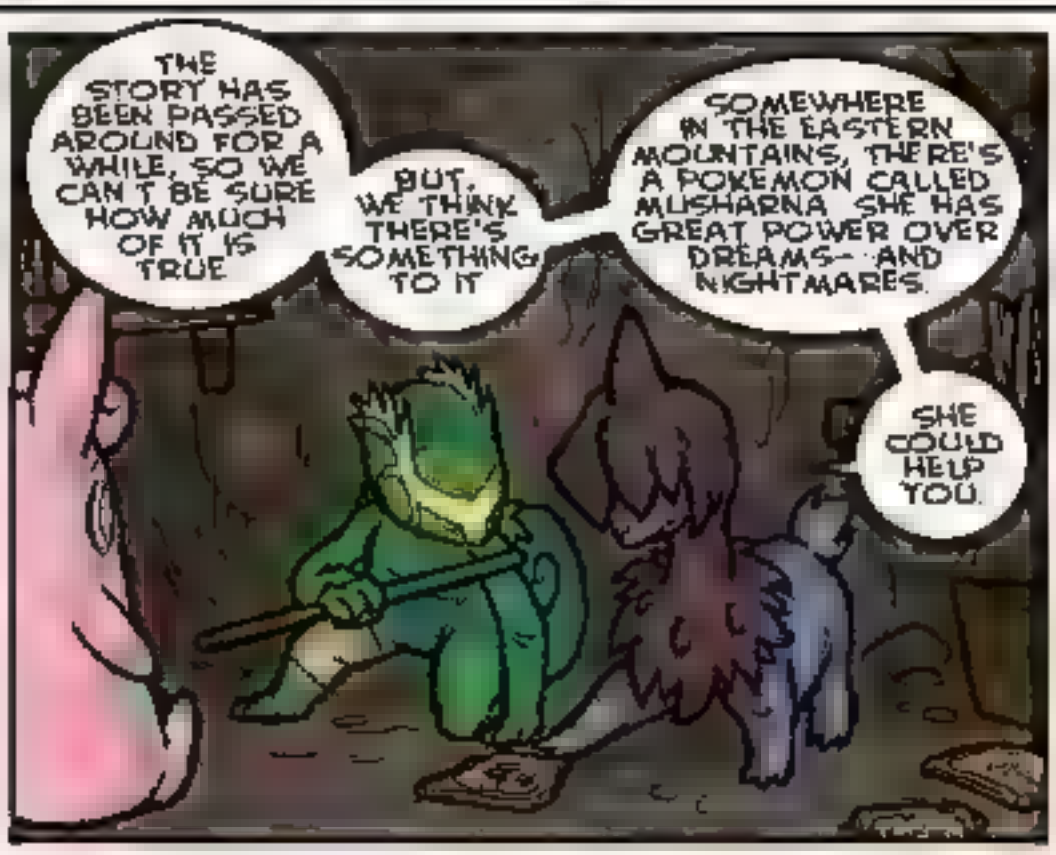
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE WHOLE "FILING" THING

BUT I'M SURE OUR ARCHIVIST WILL GET THE HANG OF IT SOON

OH! GUILD-MASTER!

I WAS JUST CLEANING UP A BIT.

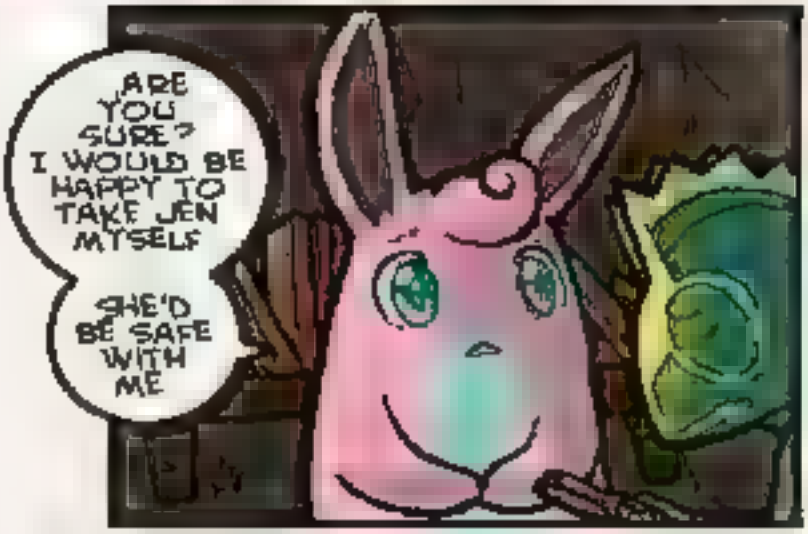


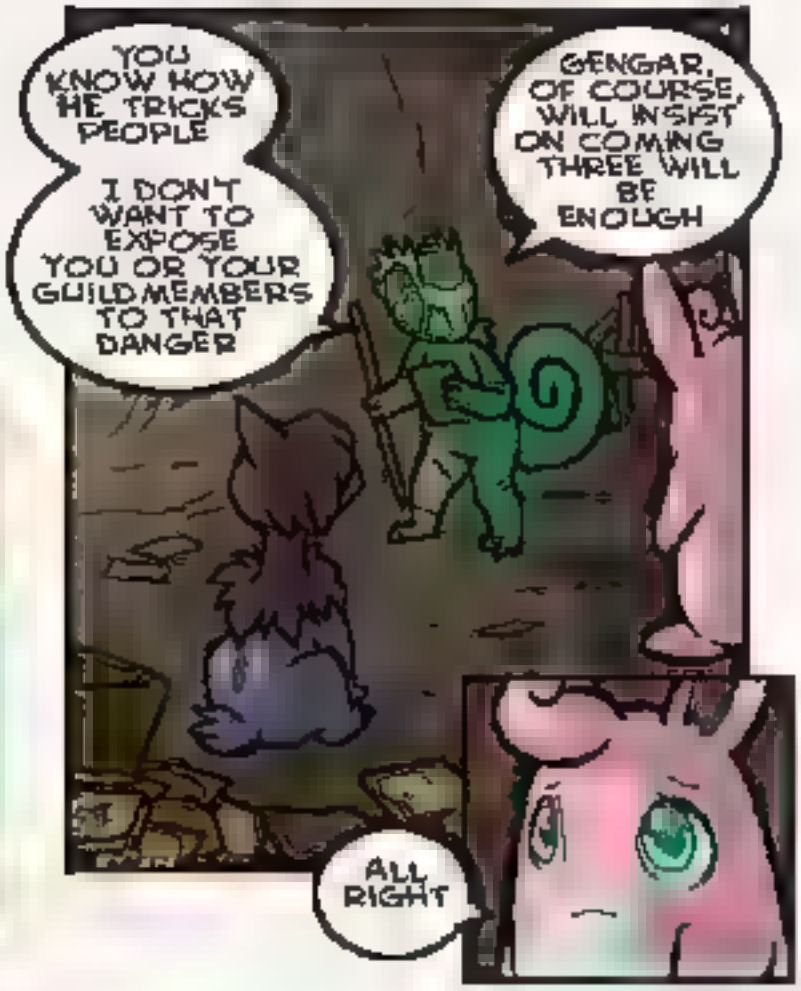

THE STORY HAS BEEN PASSED AROUND FOR A WHILE, SO WE CAN'T BE SURE HOW MUCH OF IT IS TRUE
BUT, WE THINK THERE'S SOMETHING TO IT
SOMEWHERE IN THE EASTERN MOUNTAINS, THERE'S A POKEMON CALLED MUSHARNA. SHE HAS GREAT POWER OVER DREAMS-- AND NIGHTMARES.
SHE COULD HELP YOU.

IF WE CAN FIND HER
YES

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO, KECLEON THE GUILD IS READY TO HELP
WE COULD SET OFF AT DAWN

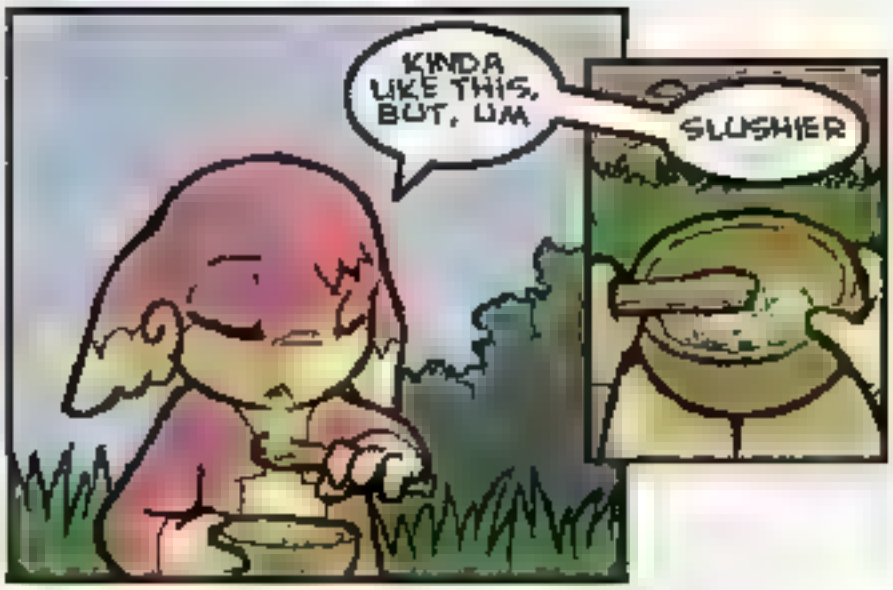
NO
IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO OFFER, BUT
I NEED TO DO IT


ARE YOU SURE? I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE JEN MYSELF
SHE'D BE SAFE WITH ME


YOU KNOW HOW HE TRICKS PEOPLE
I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE YOU OR YOUR GUILDMEMBERS TO THAT DANGER
GENGAR, OF COURSE, WILL INSIST ON COMING THREE WILL BE ENOUGH
ALL RIGHT

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S KINDA LIKE A SLUSHIE

WHAT'S A SLUSHIE?


KINDA LIKE THIS, BUT, UM
SLUSHIER

GLAD WE CLEARED THAT UP.
EHEH.

HEY, UM
CAN I ASK A QUESTION? A PERSONAL ONE?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

C'MON, IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD

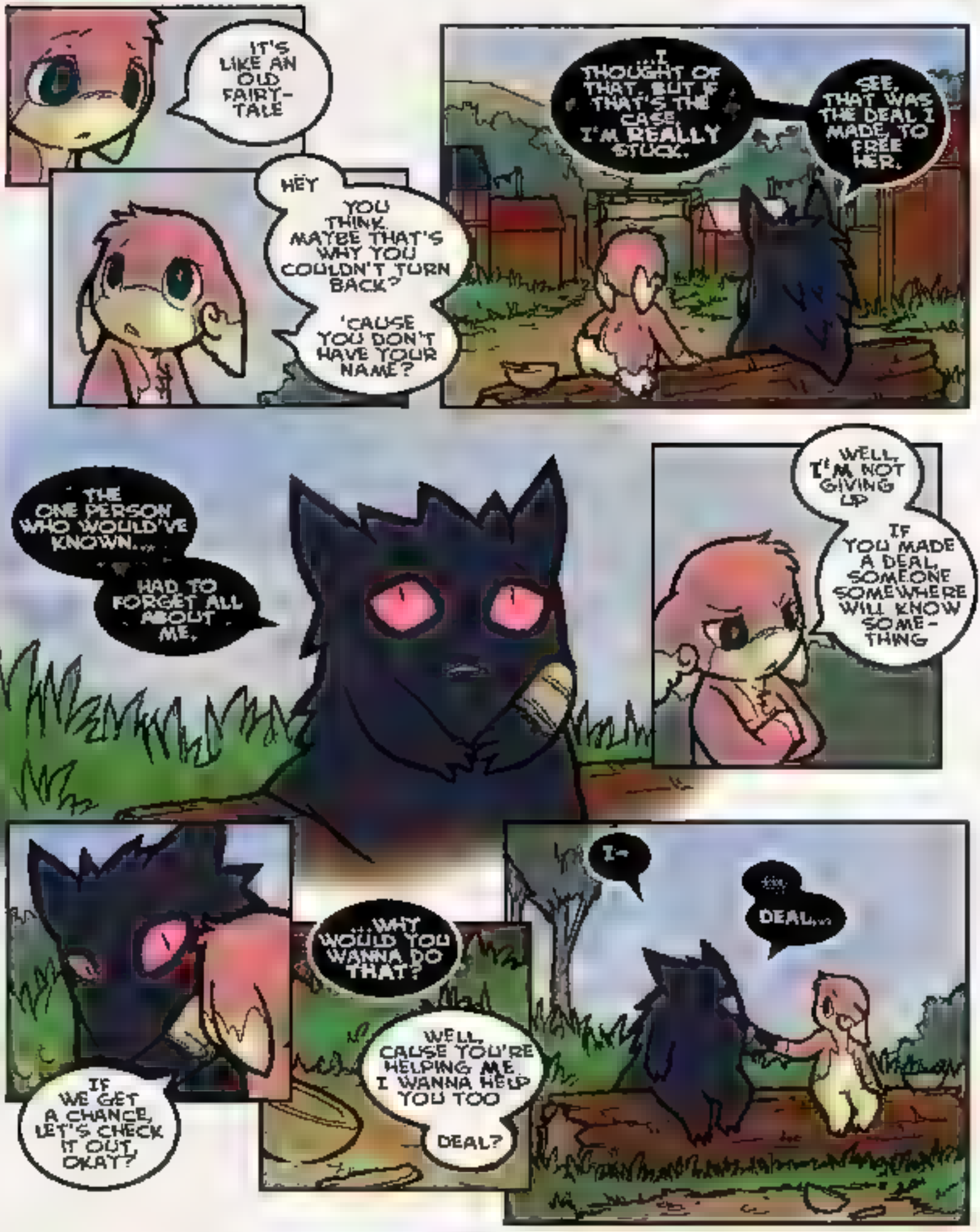
I DON'T REMEMBER.

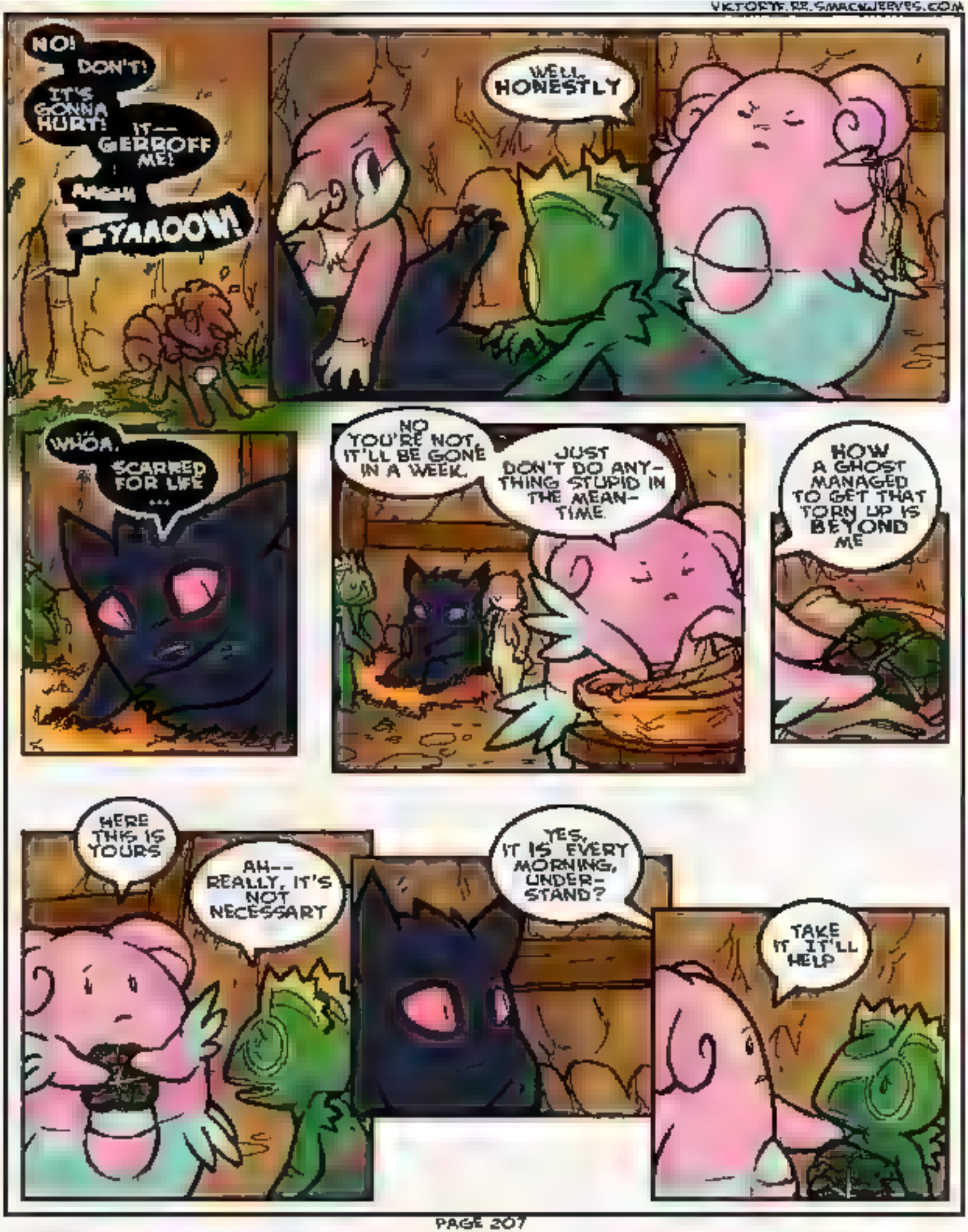
WHAA?
HOW CAN YOU NOT REMEMBER YOUR OWN NAME?

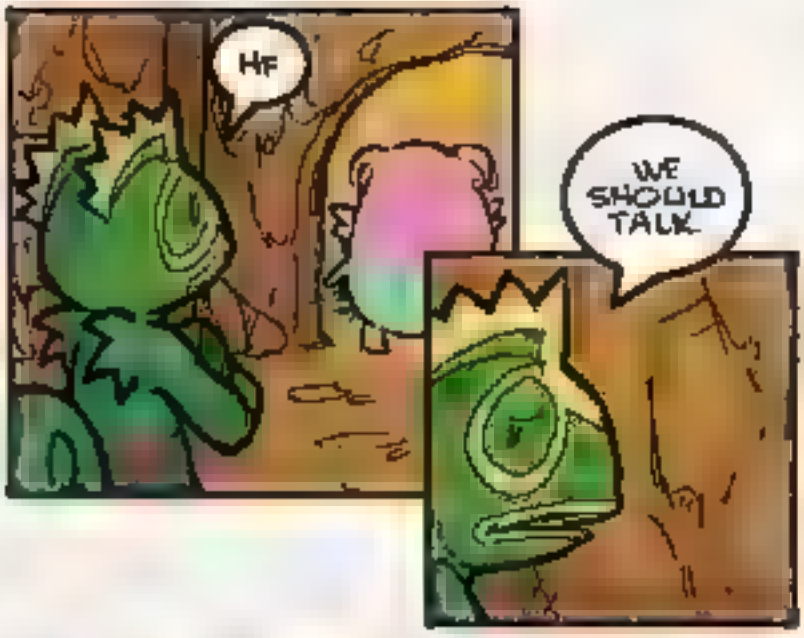
I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS A LONG TIME, KID.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW LONG.
THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT OF WHO I USED TO BE.

GEN, BUT WHO CARES, REALLY?

THAT GUY SUCKED. THE WORLD'S BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM.


IT'S LIKE AN OLD FAIRY-TALE
HEY
YOU THINK MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU COULDN'T TURN BACK?
'CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR NAME?
I... THOUGHT OF THAT, BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE I'M REALLY STUCK.
SEE, THAT WAS THE DEAL I MADE TO FREE HER.
THE ONE PERSON WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN...
HAD TO FORGET ALL ABOUT ME.
WELL, I'M NOT GIVING UP
IF YOU MADE A DEAL, SOMEONE SOMEWHERE WILL KNOW SOME-THING
IF WE GET A CHANCE, LET'S CHECK IT OUT, OKAY?
...WHY WOULD YOU WANNA DO THAT?
WELL, CAUSE YOU'RE HELPING ME. I WANNA HELP YOU TOO
DEAL?
I-
...DEAL...


NO!
DON'T!
IT'S GONNA HURT!
IT-- GERROFF ME!
AAGH!
YAAOOW!
WELL, HONESTLY
WHOA.
SCARRED FOR LIFE...
NO YOU'RE NOT. IT'LL BE GONE IN A WEEK.
JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID IN THE MEANTIME.
HOW A GHOST MANAGED TO GET THAT TORN UP IS BEYOND ME
HERE THIS IS YOURS
AH-- REALLY, IT'S NOT NECESSARY
YES, IT IS EVERY MORNING, UNDERSTAND?
TAKE IT IT'LL HELP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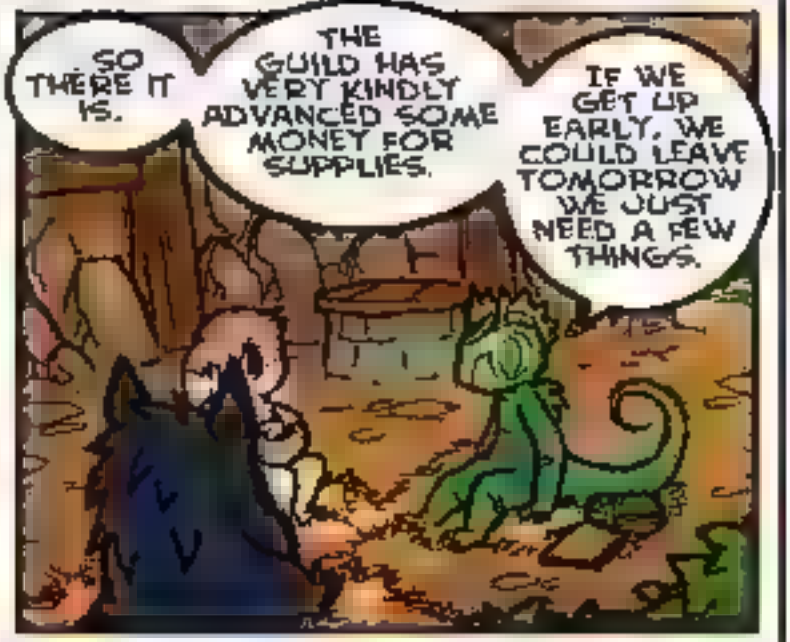
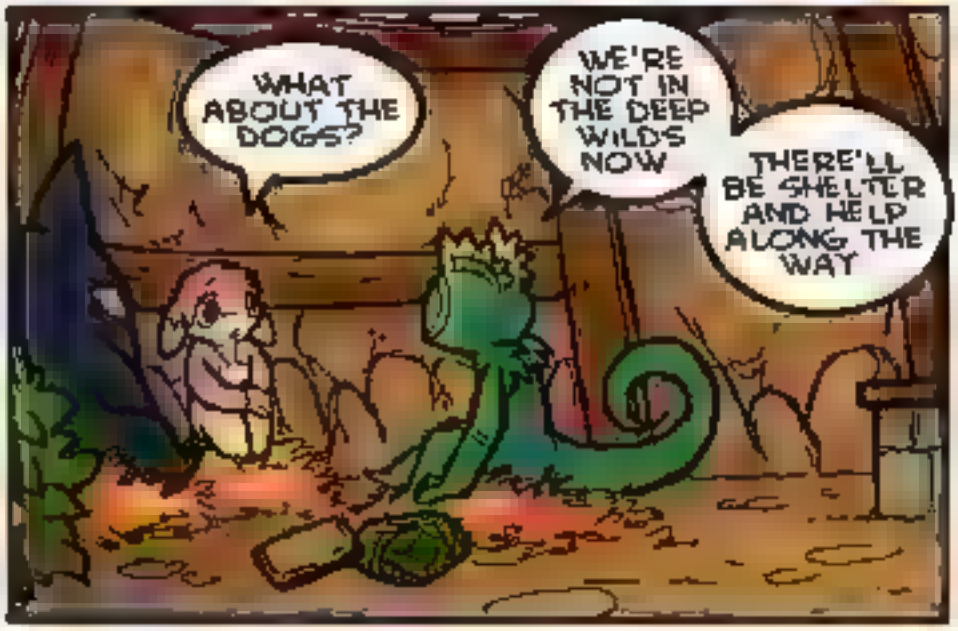
WE SHOULD TALK.


SO THERE IT IS.
THE GUILD HAS VERY KINDLY ADVANCED SOME MONEY FOR SUPPLIES.
IF WE GET UP EARLY, WE COULD LEAVE TOMORROW. WE JUST NEED A FEW THINGS.


WHAT ABOUT THE DOGS?
WE'RE NOT IN THE DEEP WILDS NOW.
THERE'LL BE SHELTER AND HELP ALONG THE WAY.

YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO THIS TREK?
NO OFFENSE.

THANK YOU
BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO DROP DEAD QUITE YET

BESIDES
CAN EITHER OF YOU READ FOOTPRINT RUNES?

...I'VE NEVER BEEN CONVINCED THAT STUFF MEANS ANYTHING.
THAT'S SETTLED, THEN!

YOU SAW THEM?

IN THE TOWN, THIS AFTERNOON YES

BUT THEY KNOW ME NOW. I COULDN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR, WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

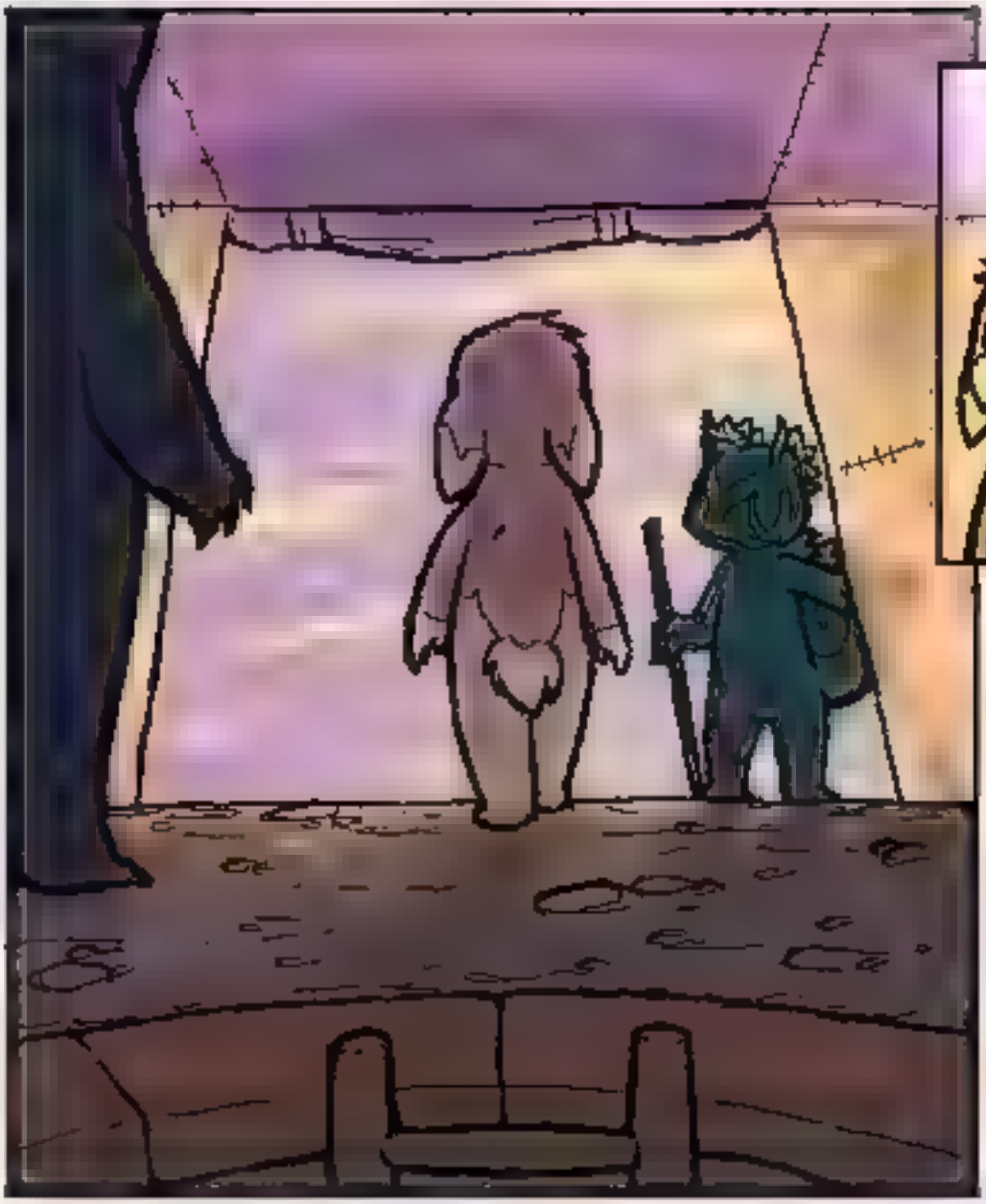
HF

LOOK.

YOUR PACK--

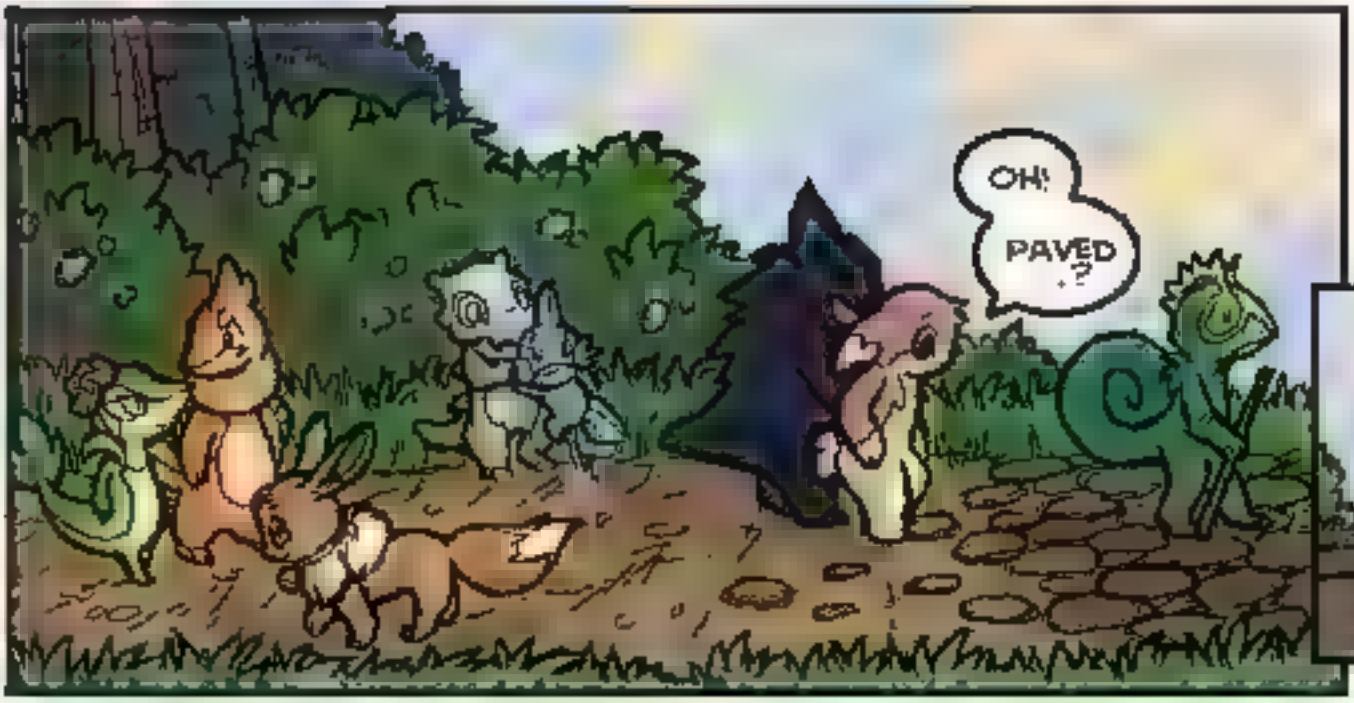
I HAVE NO PACK.

WELL, WHAT CAN WE DO BY OURSELVES?



GAH! SOMEBODY TURN THAT OFF!
IT'S NICE

WE'LL VISIT THE REAL TOWN TODAY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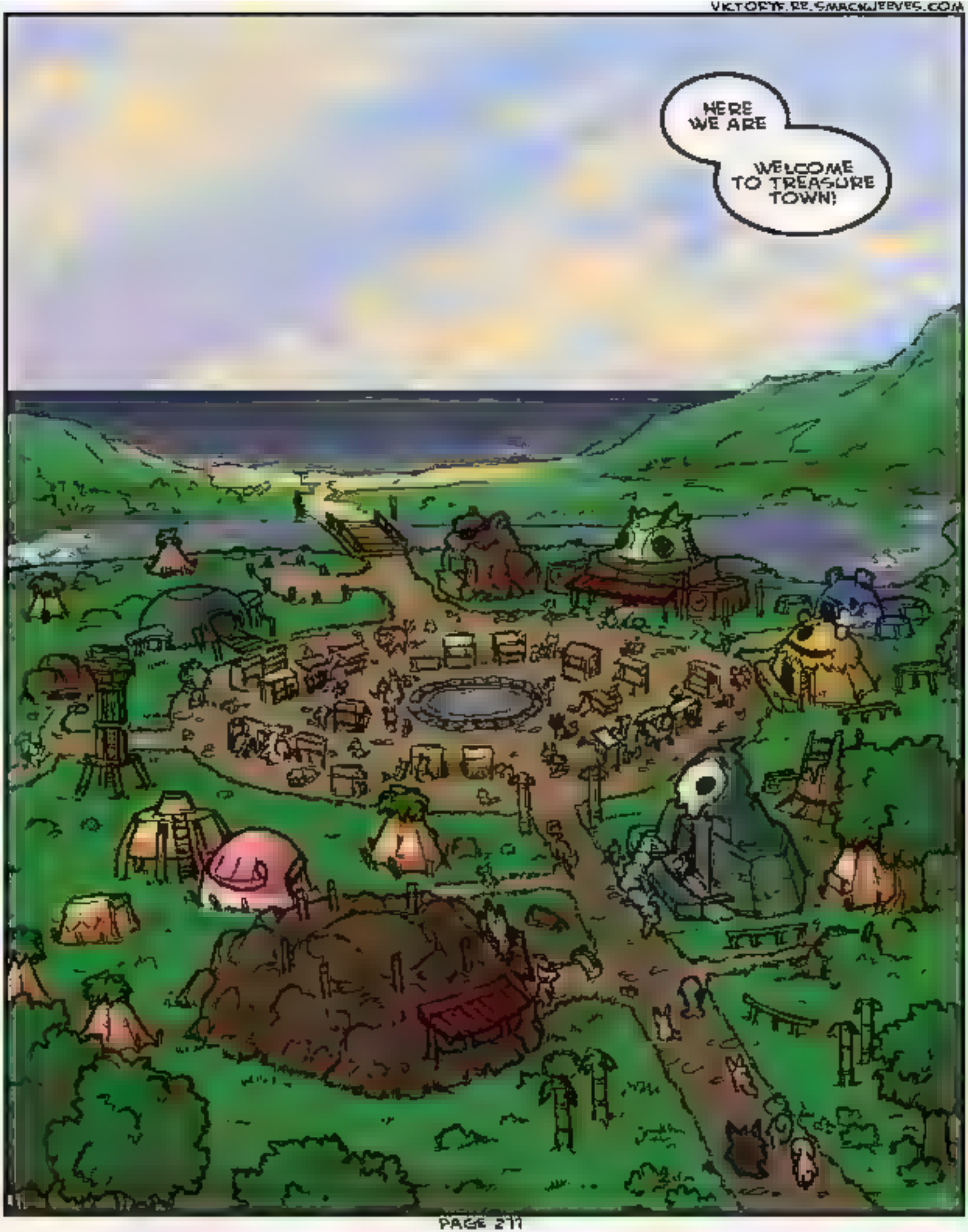
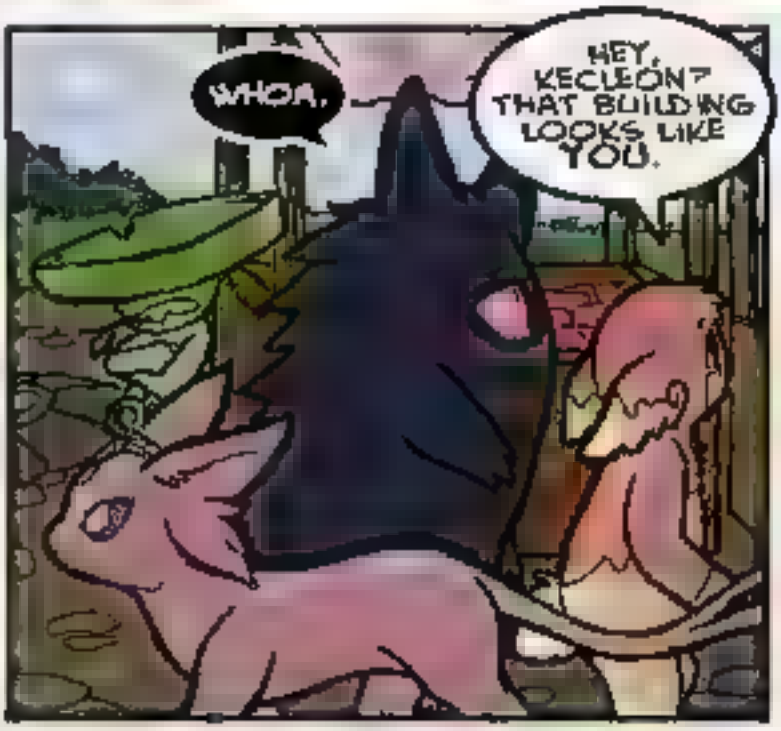
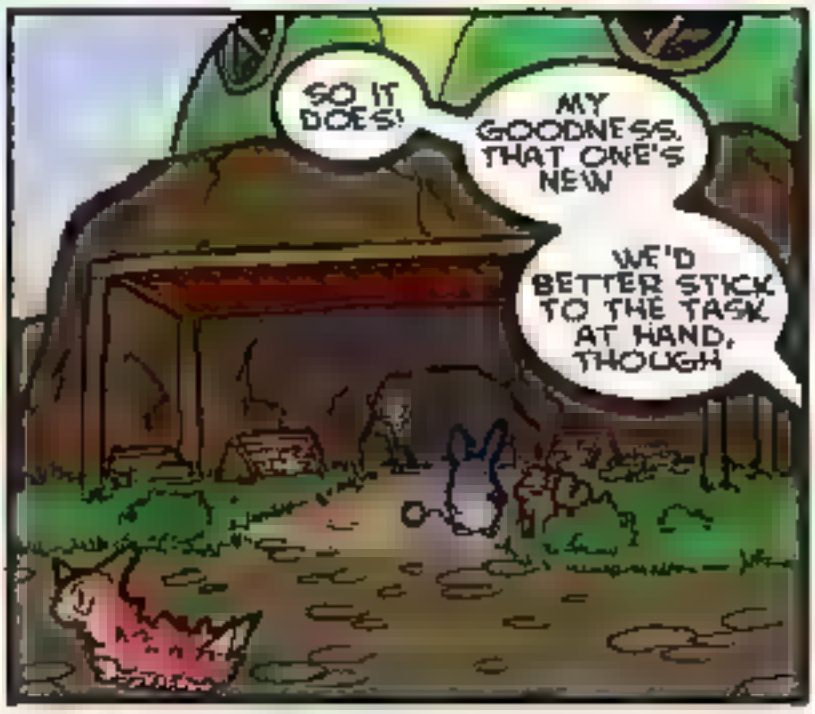

HERE WE ARE
WELCOME TO TREASURE TOWN!

THIS IS AWESOME!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

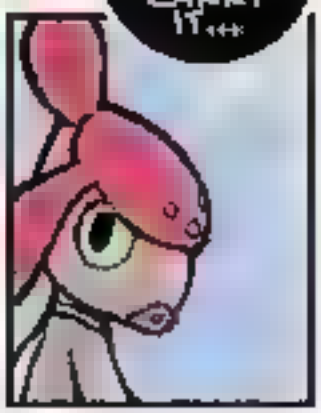
WHERE'D THEY GET ALL THIS STUFF?
HOW'D THEY BUILD IT?
THEY'RE NOT THIS SMART!
-HEY!

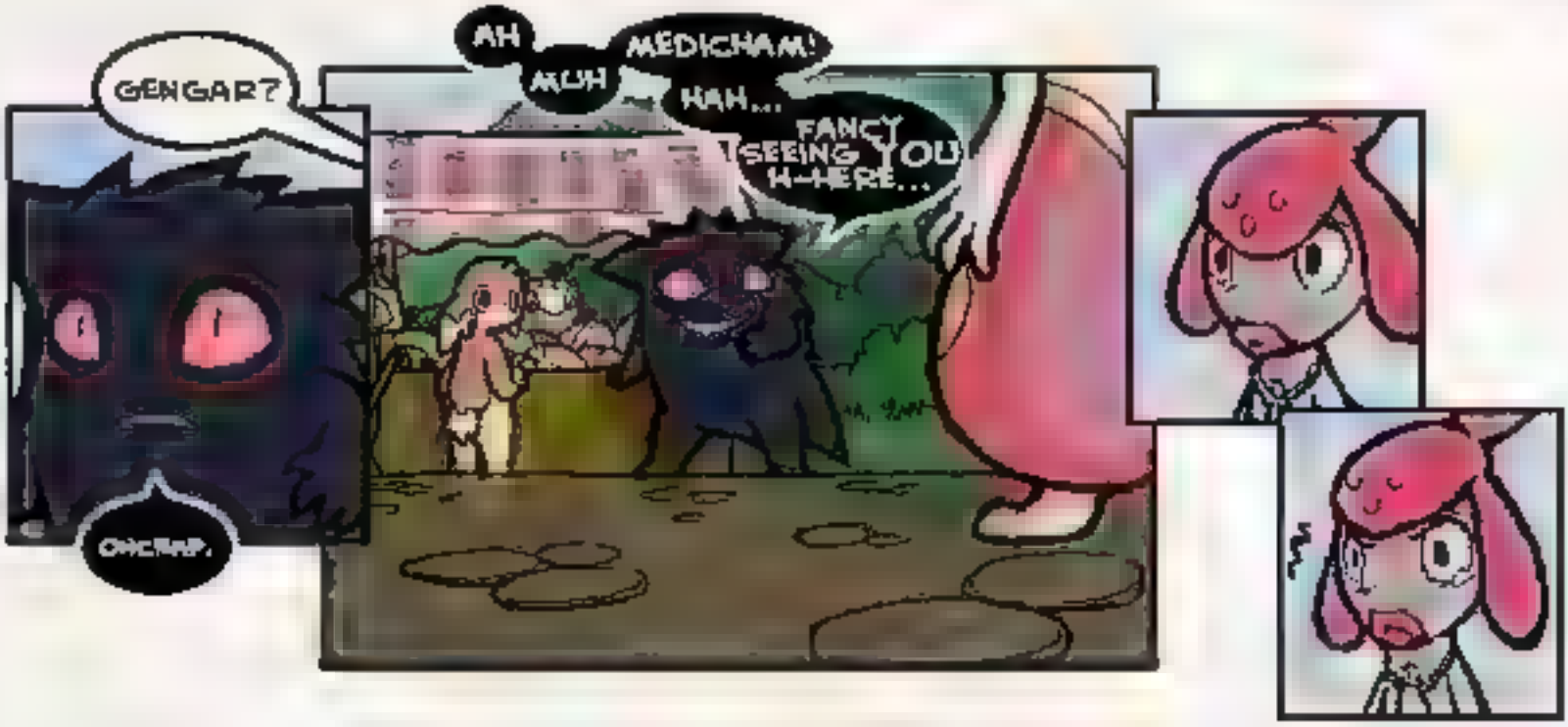

WHOA.
HEY, KECLEON? THAT BUILDING LOOKS LIKE YOU.

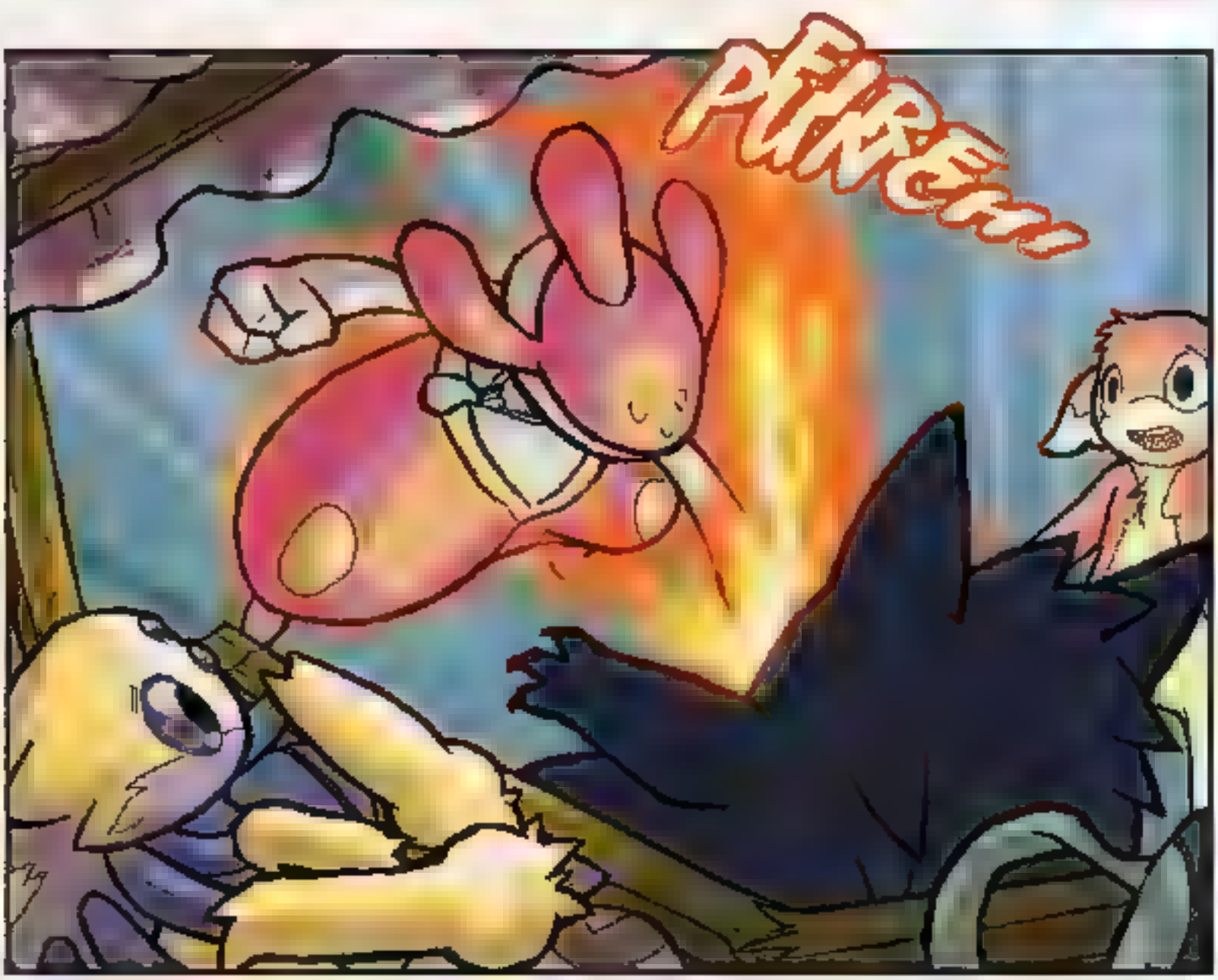

SO IT DOES!
MY GOODNESS, THAT ONE'S NEW
WE'D BETTER STICK TO THE TASK AT HAND, THOUGH

WE'LL NEED A BAG
OHH, I LIKE THAT PINK ONE

WE ARE NOT GETTING A PINK BAG.
HEEY WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST PINK?


KEH! I'M NOT BEING SEEN WITH THAT!
YOU WANT IT SO MUCH YOU CAN CARRY IT...

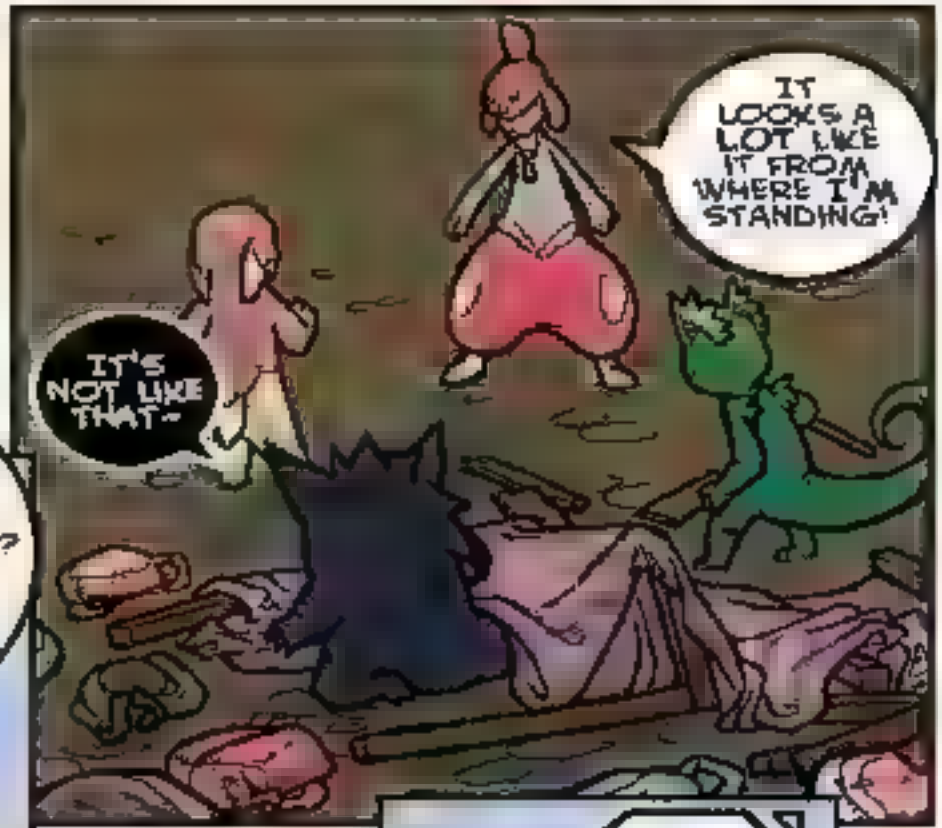

GENGAR?
CHCHAP.
AH
AUH
MEDICHAM!
HAH...
FANCY SEEING YOU H-HERE...


PFIRE!!!

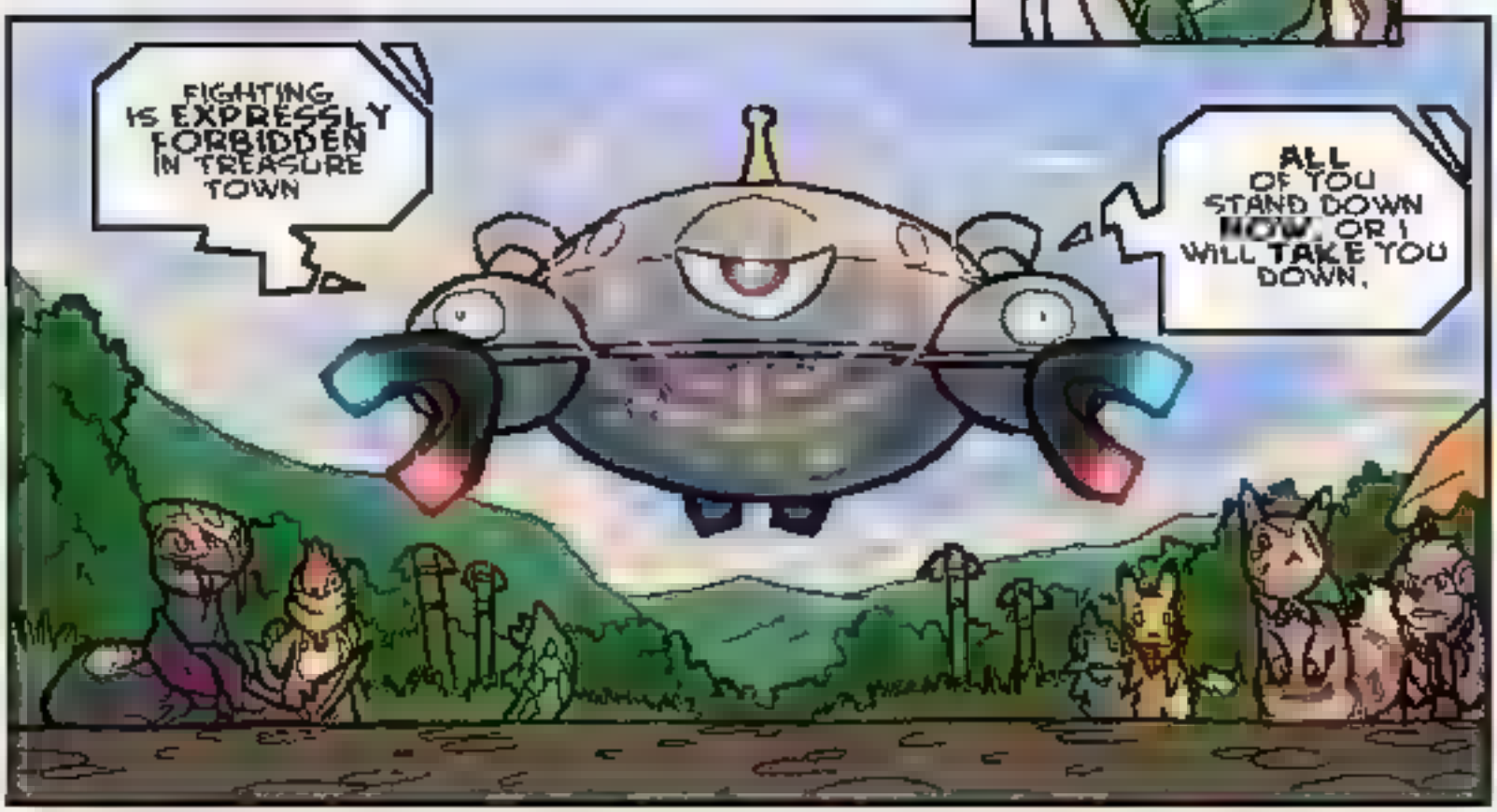
FIGHT! FIGHT IN THE SQUARE!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
OW.
SIX YEARS!
SIX YEARS AND NOT ONE WORD!
WHERE WERE YOU?
JEN, DON'T
WHO IS THIS?

DON'T HURT HIM PLEASE

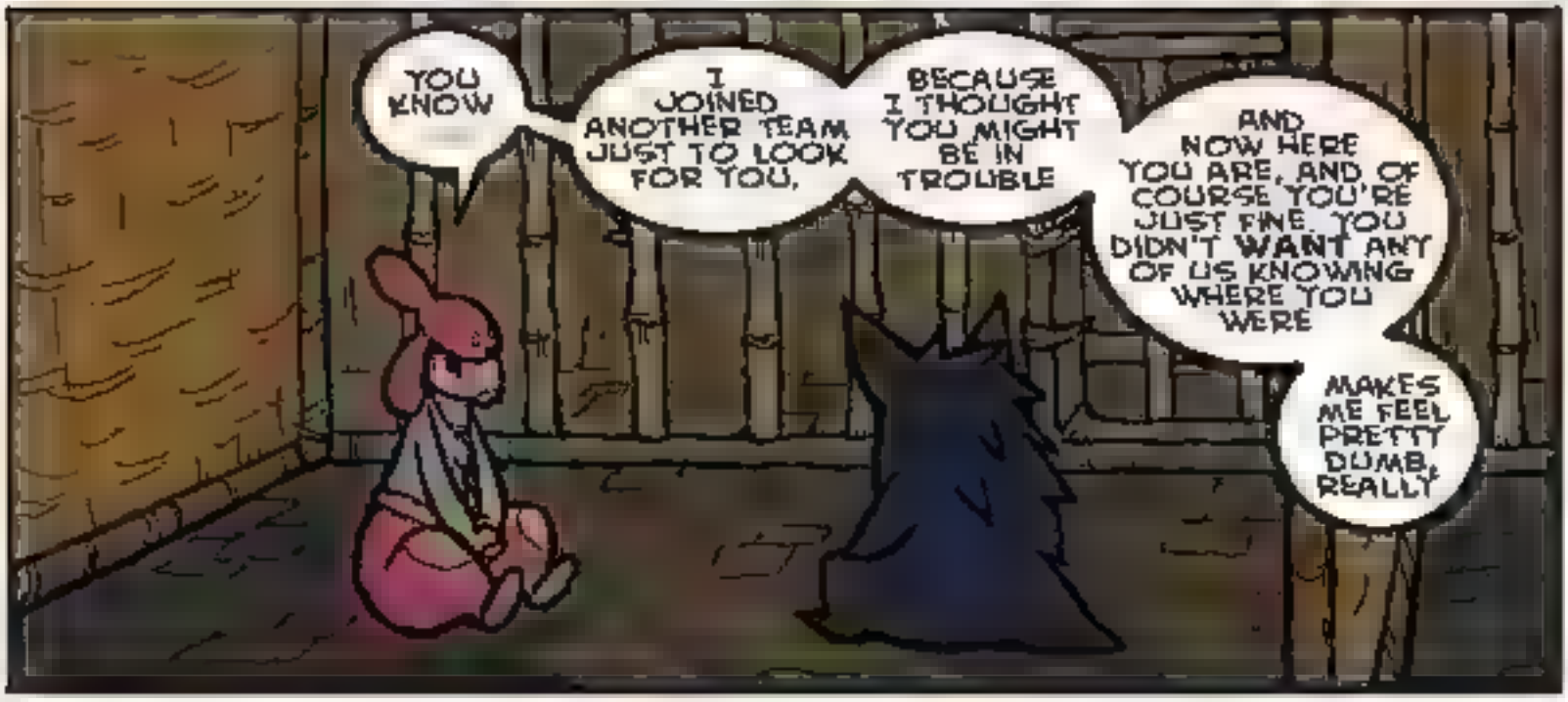
OH, I GET IT.
YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF SOME NEW FRIENDS NOW? WE WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?


IT'S NOT LIKE THAT--
IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE IT FROM WHERE I'M STANDING!

STAND DOWN.


FIGHTING IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN IN TREASURE TOWN
ALL OF YOU STAND DOWN NOW, OR I WILL TAKE YOU DOWN.

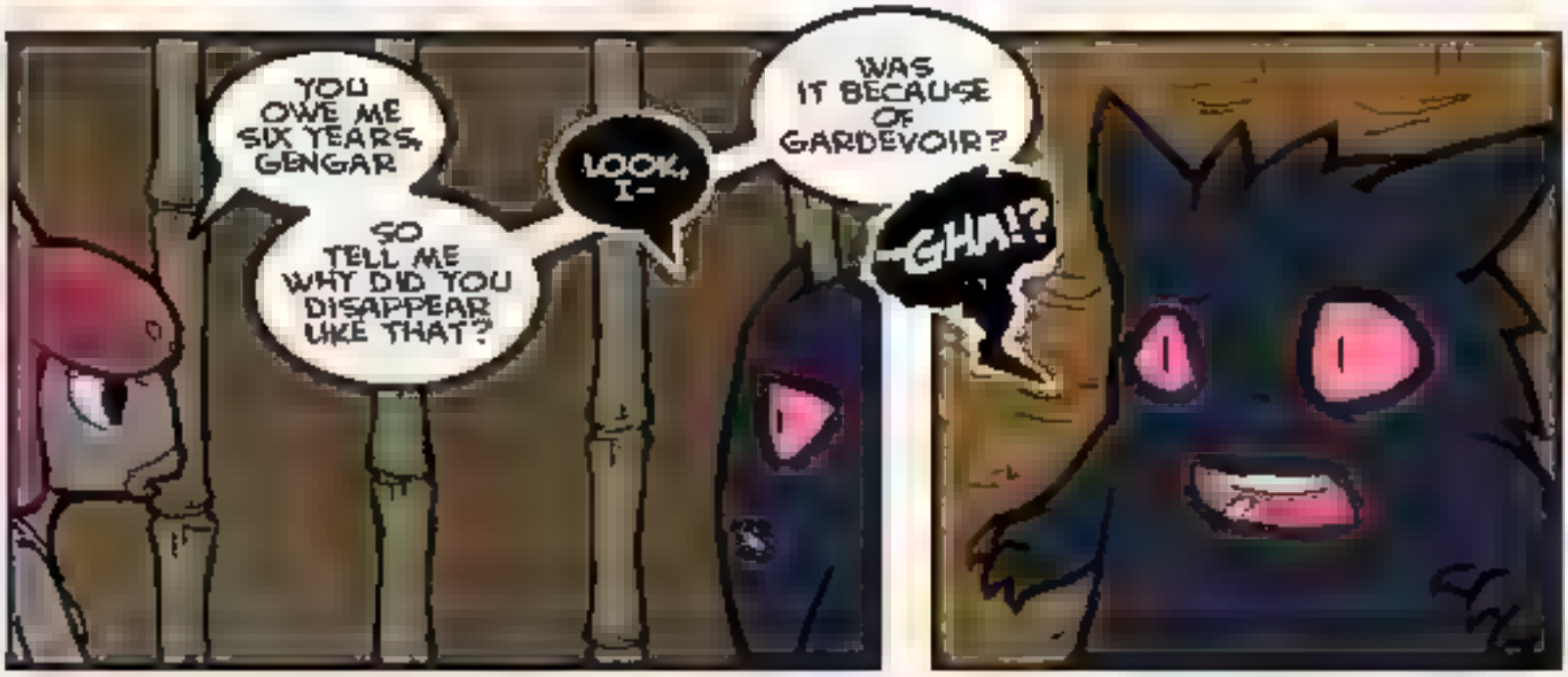
YOU'VE HAD AN INTERESTING MORNING, HAVEN'T YOU, KECLEON?
I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO GALVANTULA ABOUT DAMAGES. THE GUILD WILL COVER IT ALL.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT--
IF WE CAN'T COME WITH YOU, WE CAN DO THIS AT LEAST OKAY?
WITNESSES SAY THAT ONLY ONE BLOW WAS STRUCK.
I WOULD WAIVE THE FINE.
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT RULES ARE RULES~♪
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
DOWN BELOW


YOU KNOW
I JOINED ANOTHER TEAM JUST TO LOOK FOR YOU,
BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE
AND NOW HERE YOU ARE, AND OF COURSE YOU'RE JUST FINE. YOU DIDN'T WANT ANY OF US KNOWING WHERE YOU WERE
MAKES ME FEEL PRETTY DUMB, REALLY

I... DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD MISS ME...

ARE YOU REALLY THAT STUPID?

YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU.


YOU OWE ME SIX YEARS, GENGAR
SO TELL ME WHY DID YOU DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT?
LOOK, I-
WAS IT BECAUSE OF GARDEVOIR?
-GHA!?

SHE TURNED UP IN TOWN THE SAME DAY YOU VANISHED.
I DON'T NEED TO BE A METAGROSS TO SPOT A LINK THERE
ALL RIGHT
LOOK.
YOU KNOW THAT OLD LEGEND?

ABOUT THE--
THE HUMAN, WHO WAS CURSED BECAUSE HE ABANDONED HIS PARTNER?
YOU THOUGHT IT WAS THAT KID, TEAM WHAT'S-THEIR NAME.
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT. I KNEW THE TRUTH ALL ALONG.

IT WAS ME, OKAY? GARDEVOIR WAS MY PARTNER.
...IT WAS ALWAYS ME.

PLEASE DON'T HIT ME AGAIN.

YOU WERE ALWAYS SO DIFFERENT SO CLEVER.

THE PLANS YOU CAME UP WITH. NOBODY ELSE COULD THINK OF HALF THE THINGS YOU DID

I KNOW, OKAY? ... I KNOW HOW BAD I MESSED UP!

IT'S WHY I HAD TO LEAVE!

THAT'S...

THAT'S REALLY SICK!

WHAT WERE WE TO YOU, YOUR PETS?

THAT GIRL'S EYES SHE REMINDED ME SO MUCH OF YOU

SHE'S GOT THE SAME LOOK

WHAT ARE YOU MIXED UP IN NOW, GENGAR? IT'S BIG, ISN'T IT?

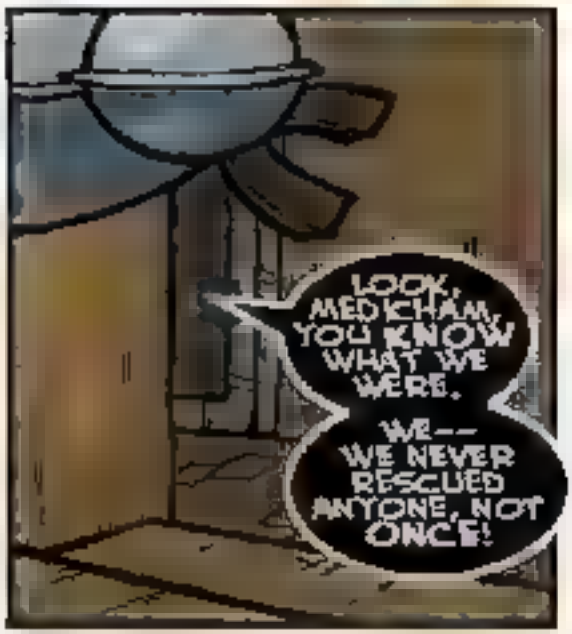
...I DON'T KNOW. IT MIGHT BE.

SHE'S HUMAN TOO. WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHY SHE CHANGED.

OR... WE WERE. SOME OTHER STUFF HAPPENED

HN
I HAVE SOMETHING OF YOURS. YOU LEFT IT BEHIND WHEN YOU WALKED OUT
I ALWAYS HOPED I'D SEE YOU TO GIVE IT BACK SOME DAY

...I CAN'T.
I... I DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE THAT.

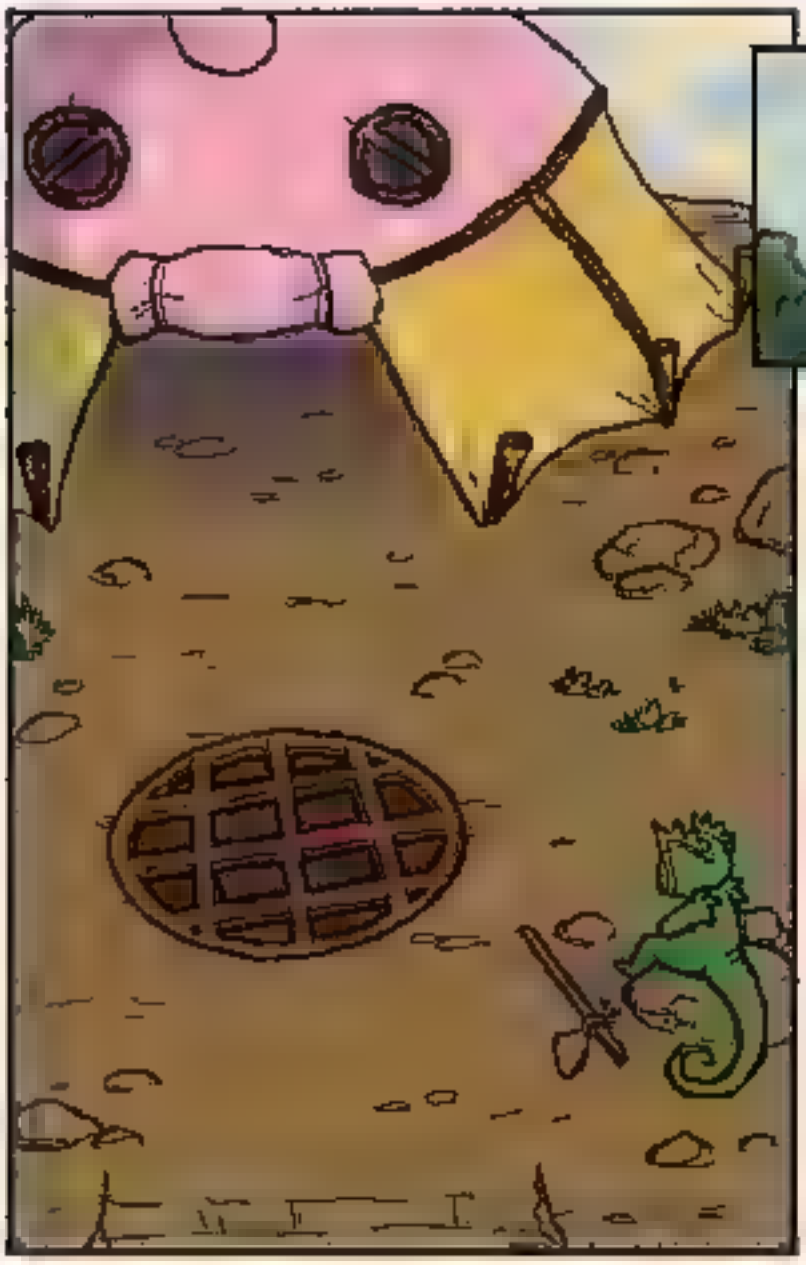

LOOK, MEDICHAM, YOU KNOW WHAT WE WERE.
WE-- WE NEVER RESCUED ANYONE, NOT ONCE!

YOU RESCUED GARDEVOIR.

AND YOU'RE HELPING THAT LITTLE GIRL NOW, RIGHT? I THINK THAT COUNTS.

TAKE IT
IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE, USE IT. CALL TEAM CHARM. WE'RE GOOD. ONE OF THE BEST

THE GUILD-MASTER HAS SPOKEN ON YOUR BEHALF. YOU'RE FREE TO GO



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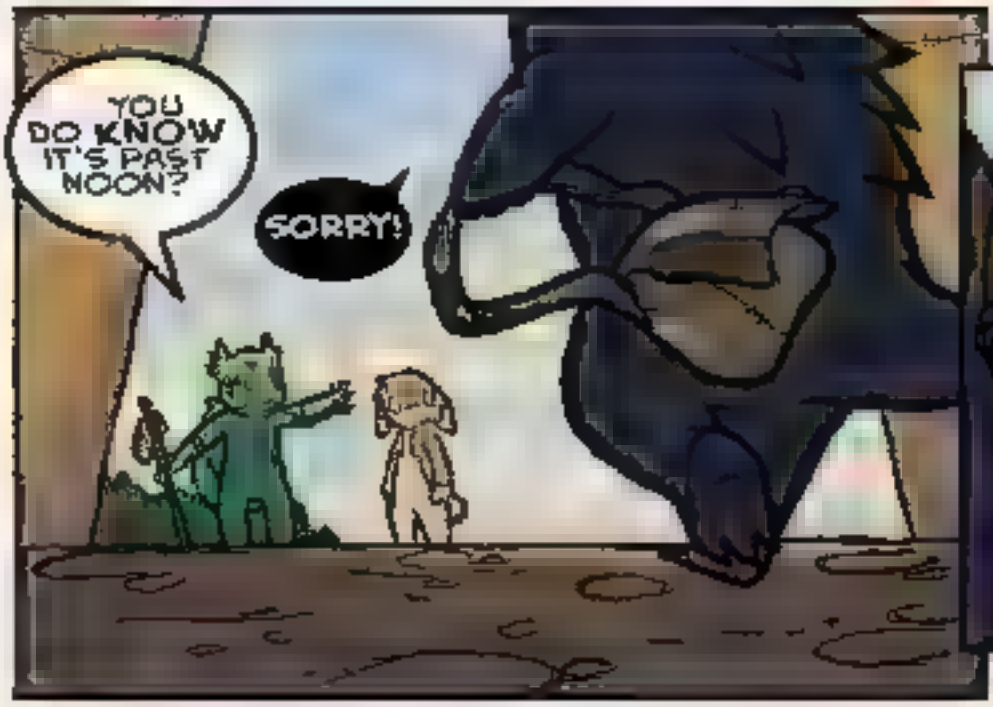
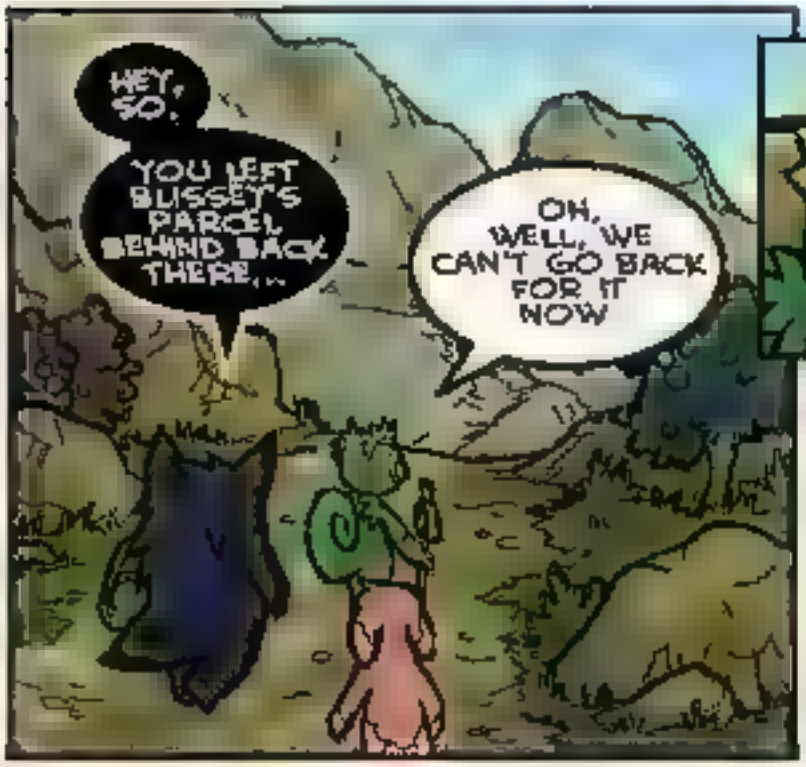
HI, KECLEON

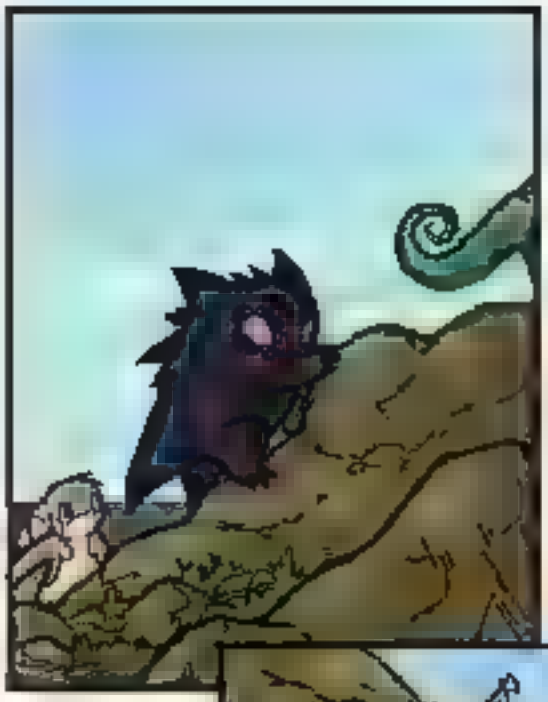
I THOUGHT GENGAR WAS WITH YOU?
UM, HE WAS


YOU DO KNOW IT'S PAST NOON?
SORRY!

GUESS I GET TO CARRY EVERYTHING, HUH? YAY, LUCKY ME.
C'MON, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE


HEY, SO.
YOU LEFT BUSSET'S PARCEL BEHIND BACK THERE...
OH, WELL, WE CAN'T GO BACK FOR IT NOW

DON'T NEED TO. I GOT IT FOR YA. IT'S IN THE BAG.
HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU. THANK YOU.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

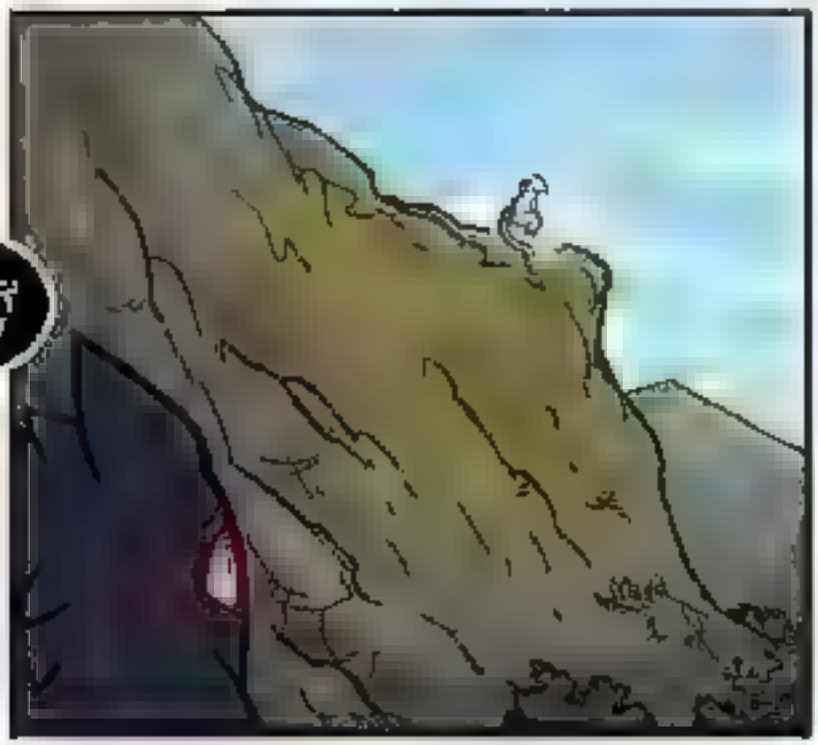


I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT... I CAN EVEN FEEL IT FROM HERE.
HE'S STRONG. REALLY STRONG.

WHOA. THAT GUY...

HUH?

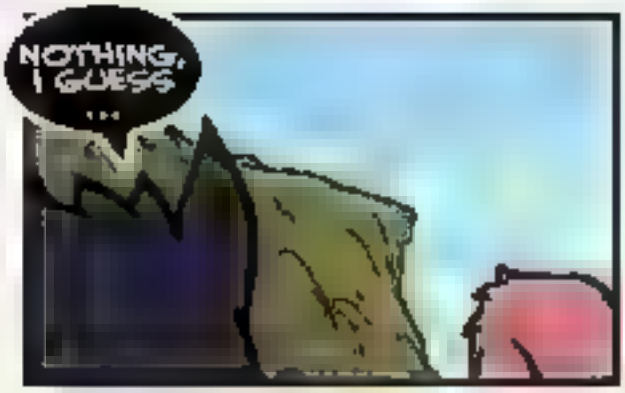
...WHAT... IS THAT GLOW ..?



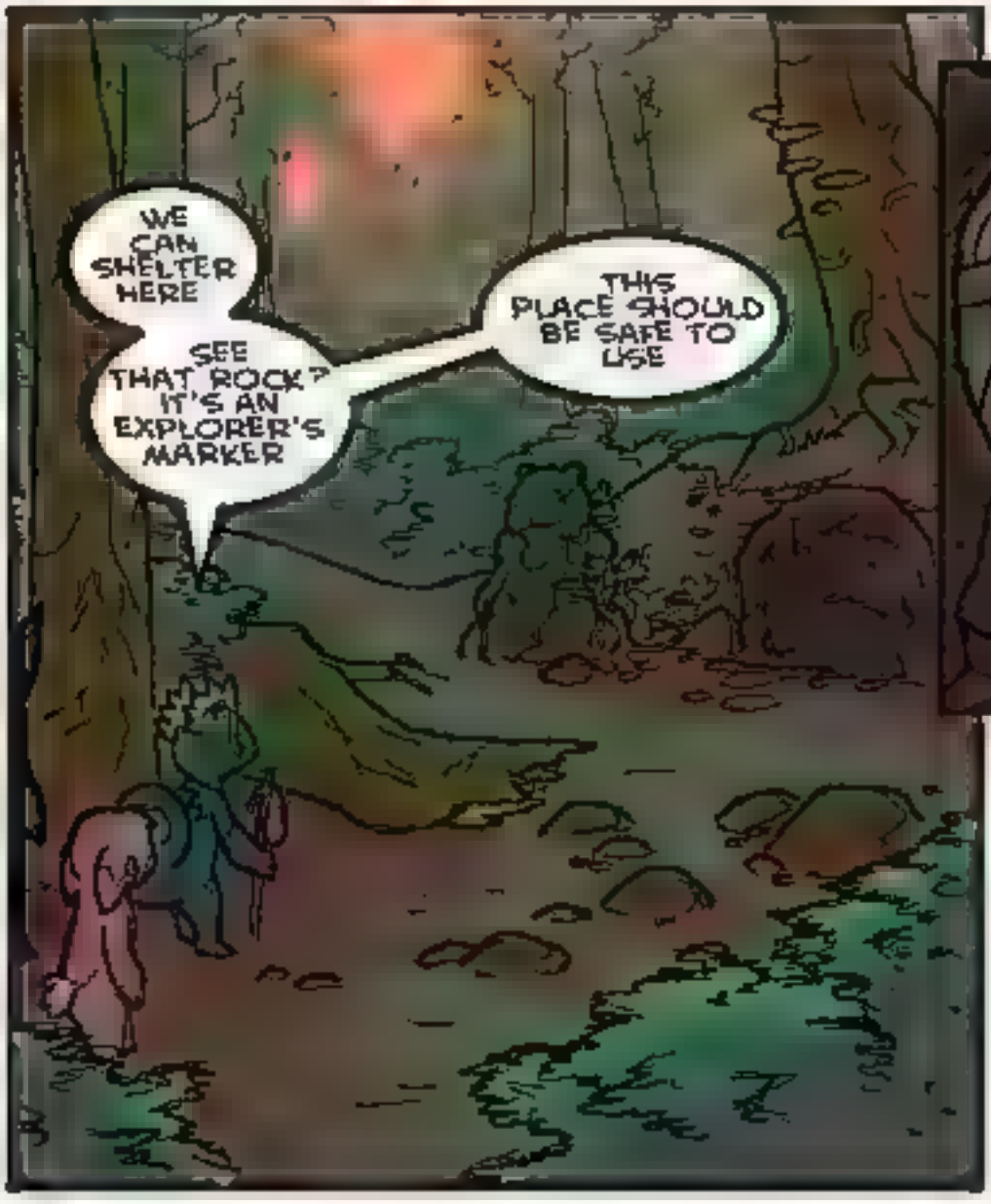
-OW!

...

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT?


NOTHING, I GUESS ...

HAD HOPED TO GET A LITTLE FURTHER TODAY, BUT I THINK WE'D BETTER STOP


WE CAN SHELTER HERE
SEE THAT ROCK? IT'S AN EXPLORER'S MARKER
THIS PLACE SHOULD BE SAFE TO USE

SMELLS MUSTY
I SUPPOSE NO-ONE HAS BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE

WHEN YOU'VE SORTED YOURSELVES OUT, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU BOTH
ABOUT BATTLING

I DON'T WANT TO WORRY YOU UNDULY, BUT

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FACE FROM HERE

I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF WE COULD DISCUSS SOME BASIC TECHNIQUES FOR DEFENSE.

YEAH-- UNLESS YOU KNOW A "BASIC TECHNIQUE" THAT'LL LET HER FIGHT OFF A HOUNDOOM PACK BY HERSELF, I DON'T THINK THAT'LL HELP..

HFF

ACTUALLY

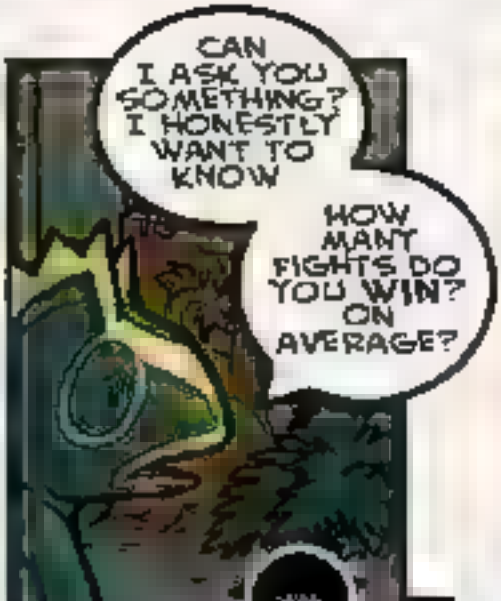
TO TELL THE TRUTH-- YOU'RE THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT

WHAT?

HOW CAN I PUT IT
YOU FIGHT LIKE A HUMAN

I AM A HUMAN GENIUS!
LISTEN. IF YOU WERE A--A MACHOP, MAYBE IT WOULD WORK FOR YOU
BUT YOU'RE NOT YOUR BODY ISN'T RIGHT FOR IT
YOU SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF STRENGTH.

OH, THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM YOU!


CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING? I HONESTLY WANT TO KNOW
HOW MANY FIGHTS DO YOU WIN? ON AVERAGE?

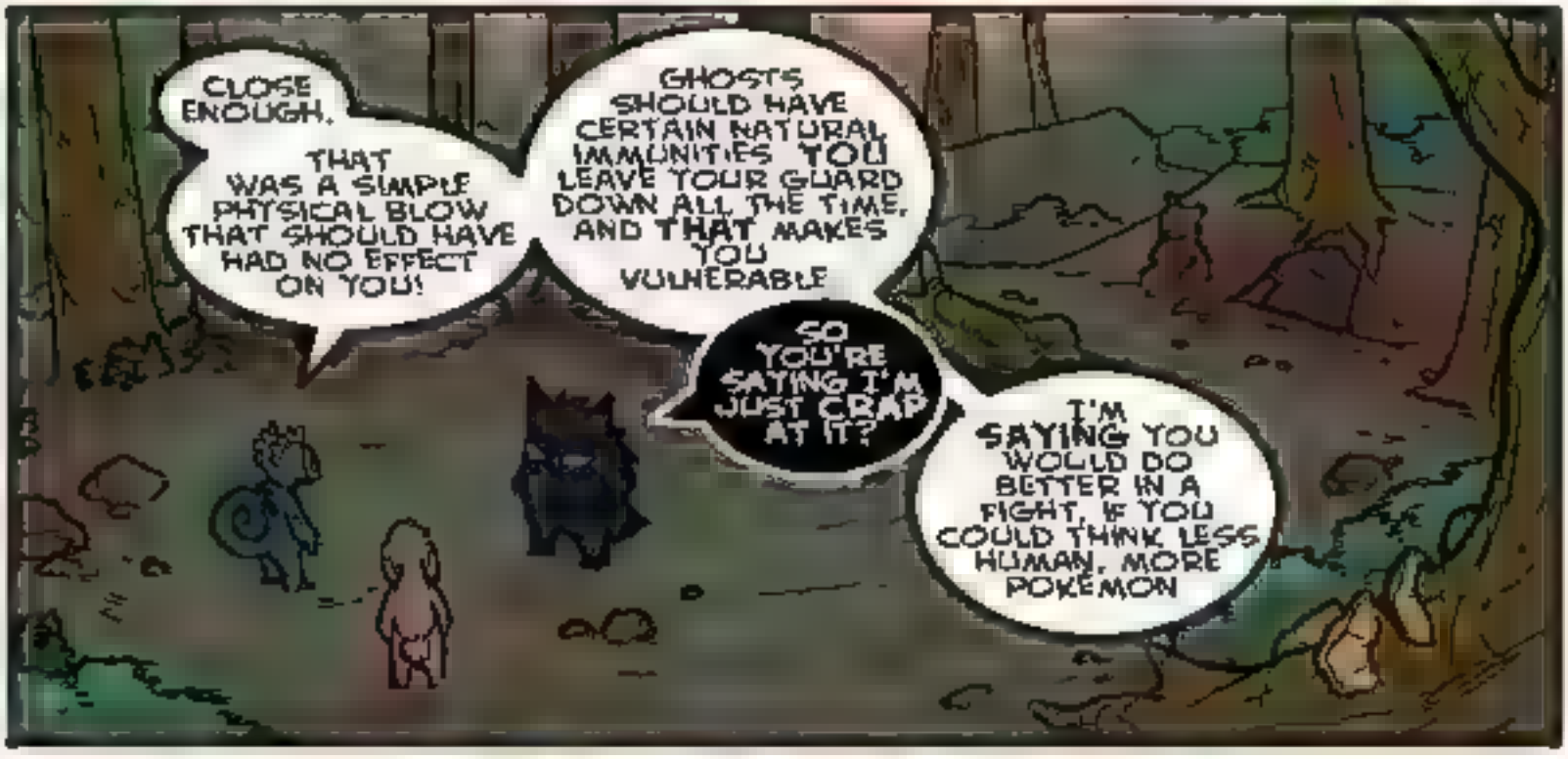
AS I THOUGHT WELL, PERHAPS A DEMON-STRATION

WHAP
WHAT THE HECK?

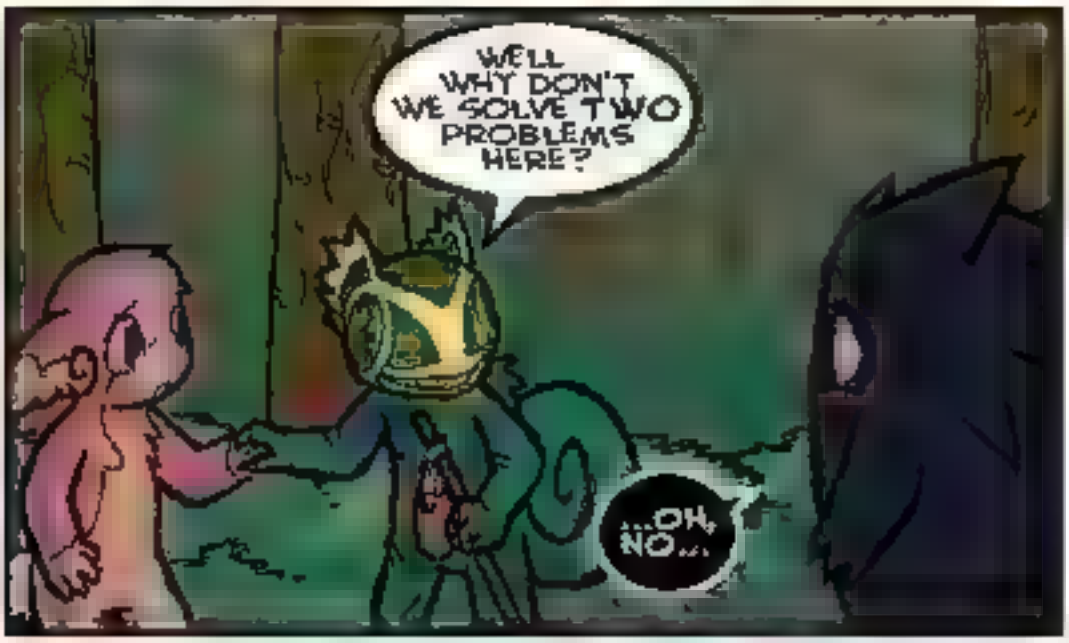
WHY DID I HIT YOU?
WHUH-- I, DUNNO, 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK?

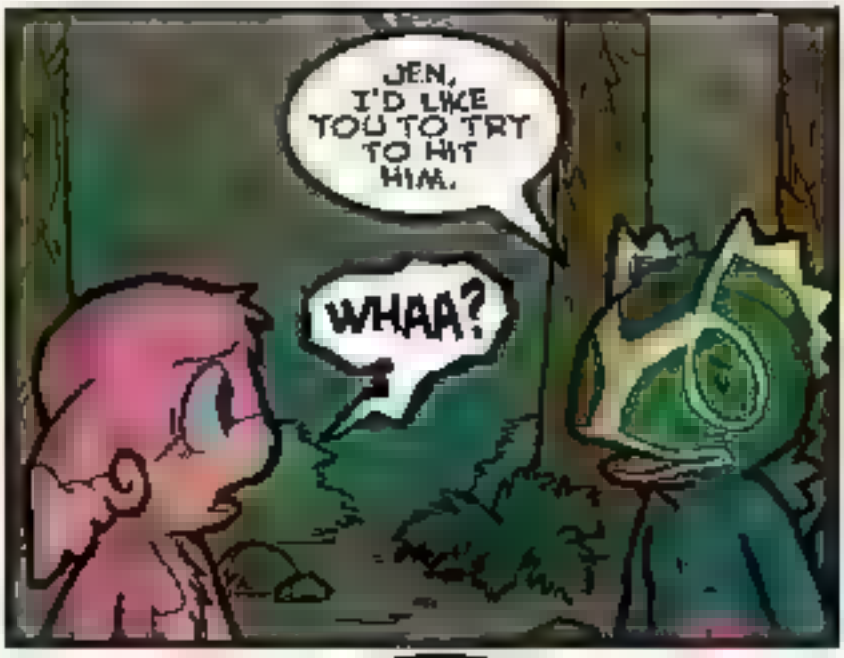
JEN
WHY DID I HIT HIM?

UHM
BEE CAUSE
HE DIDN'T DODGE?


CLOSE ENOUGH.
THAT WAS A SIMPLE PHYSICAL BLOW THAT SHOULD HAVE HAD NO EFFECT ON YOU!
GHOSTS SHOULD HAVE CERTAIN NATURAL IMMUNITIES YOU LEAVE YOUR GUARD DOWN ALL THE TIME, AND THAT MAKES YOU VULNERABLE
SO YOU'RE SAYING I'M JUST CRAP AT IT?
I'M SAYING YOU WOULD DO BETTER IN A FIGHT, IF YOU COULD THINK LESS HUMAN, MORE POKEMON

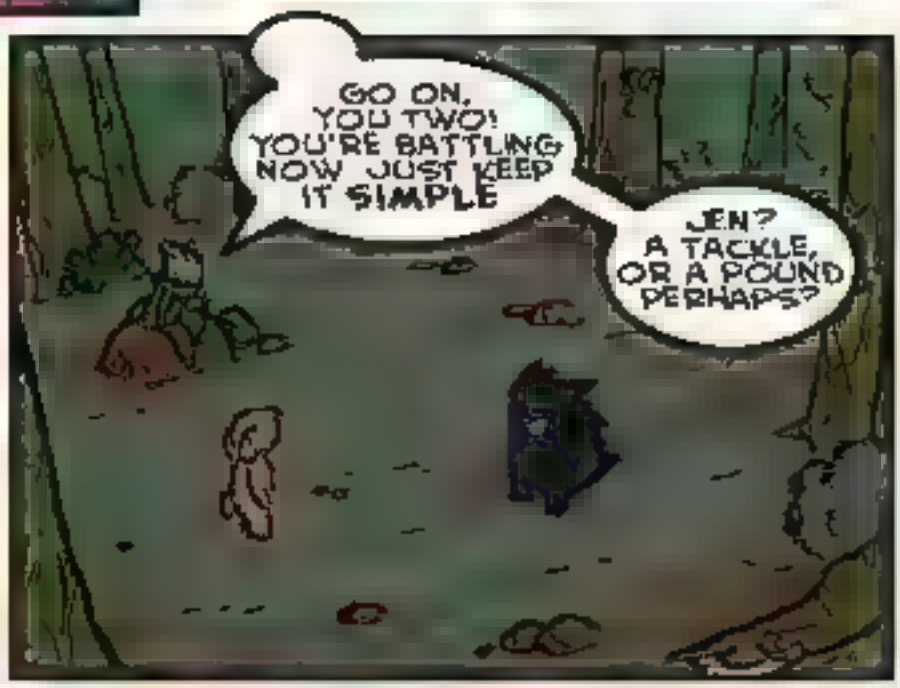
SO WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

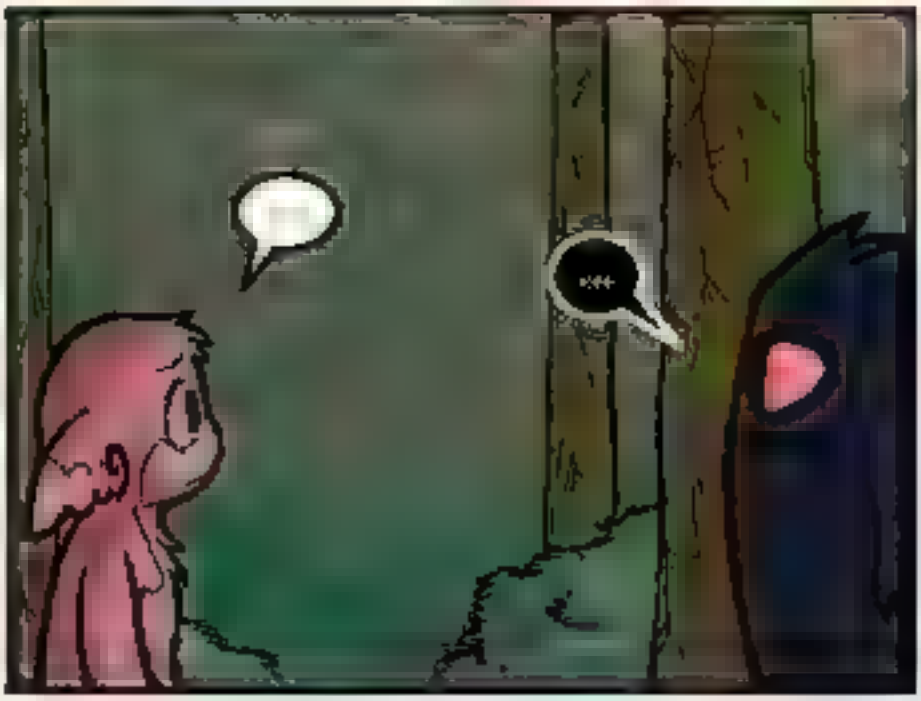

WELL WHY DON'T WE SOLVE TWO PROBLEMS HERE?
...OH, NO...


JEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO TRY TO HIT HIM.
WHAA?

YOU'RE A NORMAL-TYPE, HE'S A GHOST REALLY, YOU TWO SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO HURT EACH OTHER AT ALL.

SO, YOU ATTACK, AND GENGAR, YOU DEFEND LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS.


GO ON, YOU TWO! YOU'RE BATTLING NOW JUST KEEP IT SIMPLE
JEN? A TACKLE, OR A POUND PERHAPS?



OKAY

...UH, I'M NOT SURE TH IS A G IDE
-TAH!
WHOMP
--
WHAT WAS THAT?
UMM, TAE KWON DO?
OH, NO

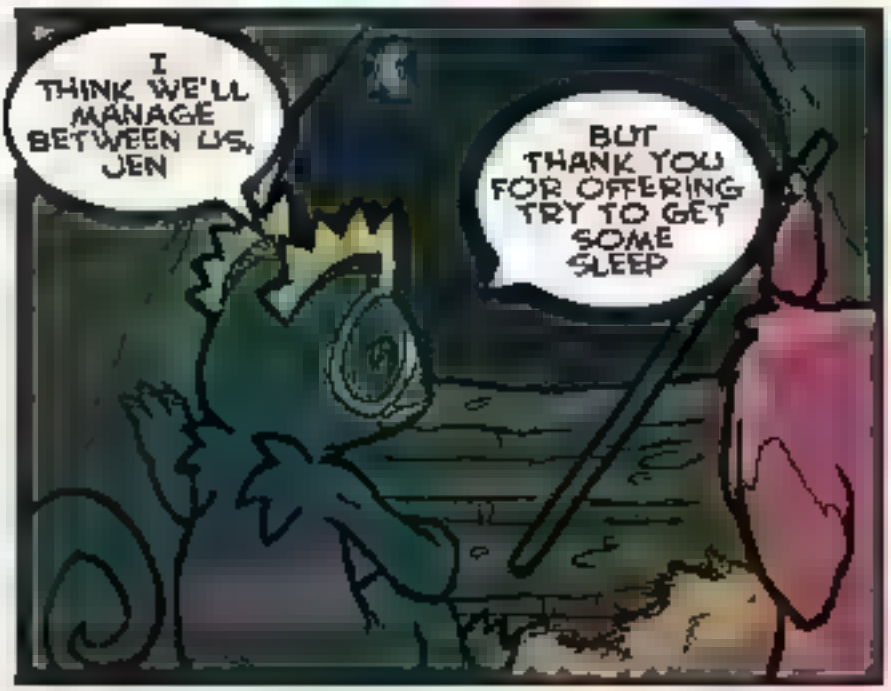
DOES IT STILL HURT?

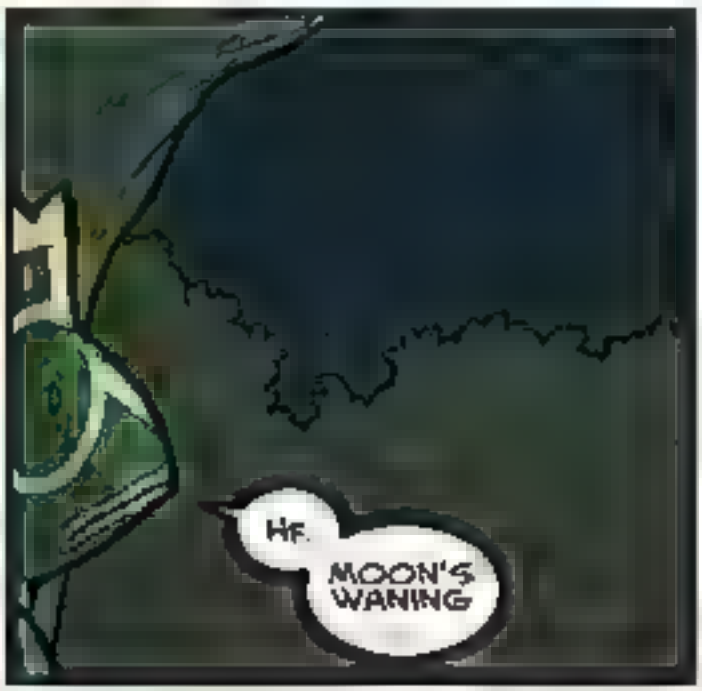
I SAID I WAS SORRY
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST KICK THE DOGS NEXT TIME..

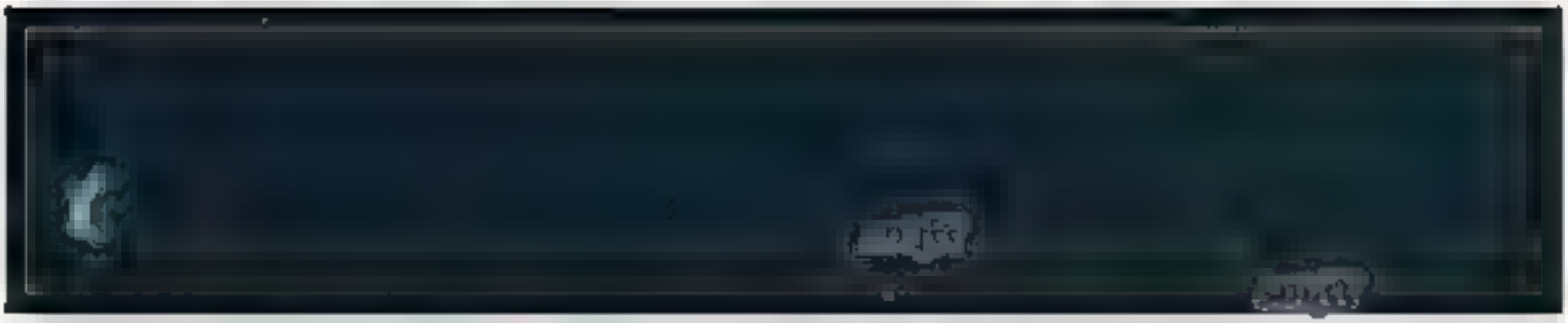
NO MORE KICKING JEN, TOMORROW YOU ARE LEARNING TACKLE.
BUT FOR NOW, LET'S GET SOME REST GENGAR ?

YEAH, SURE, NO PROBLEM. WAKE ME WHEN-EVER...

UM. SHOULD I TAKE A TURN WATCHING, TOO?


I THINK WE'LL MANAGE BETWEEN US, JEN
BUT THANK YOU FOR OFFERING TRY TO GET SOME SLEEP


HF.
MOON'S WANING



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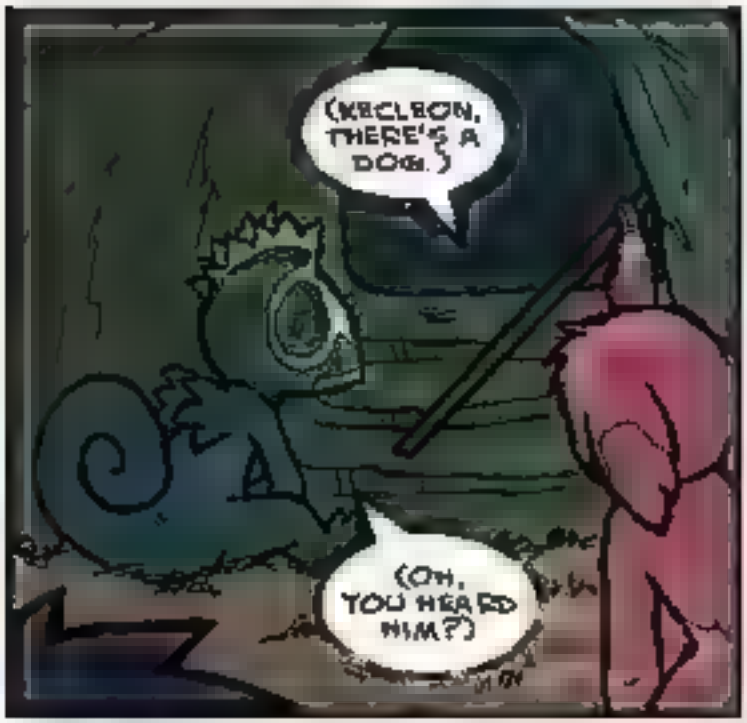
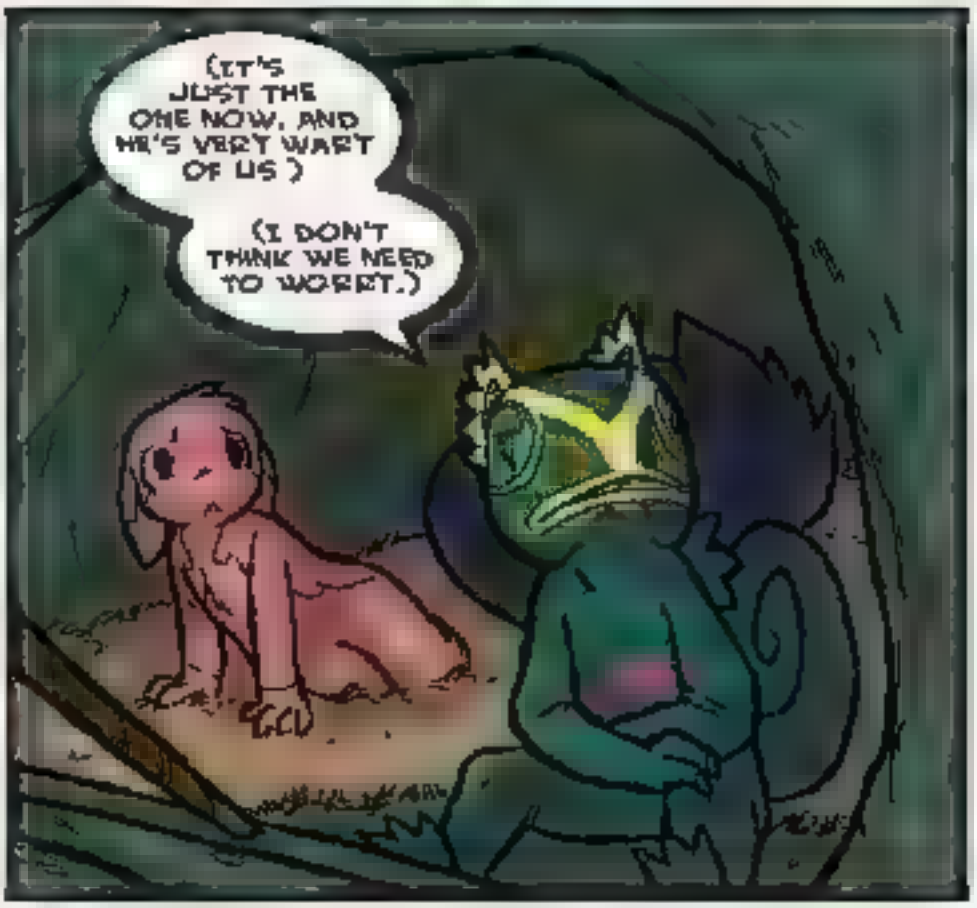
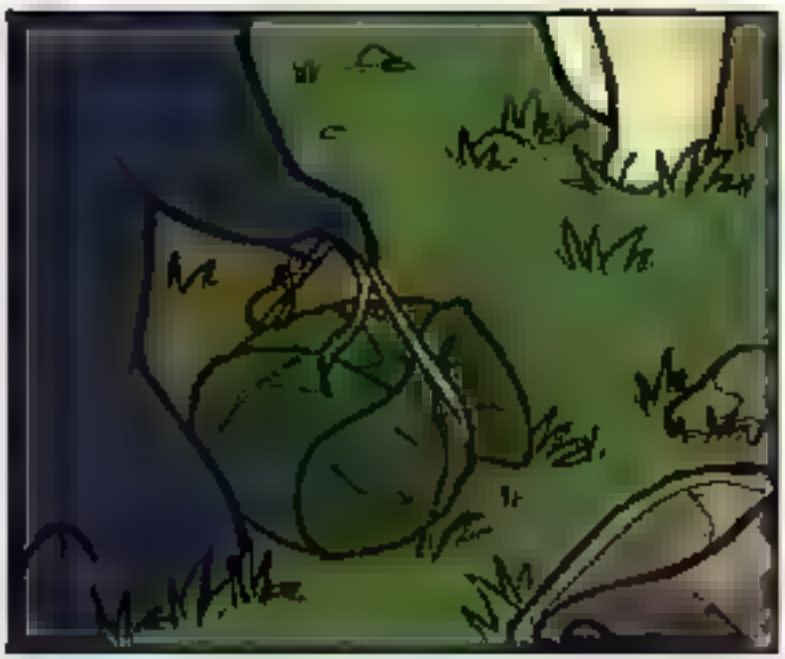

(KECLEON, THERE'S A DOG.)
(OH, YOU HEARD HIM?)

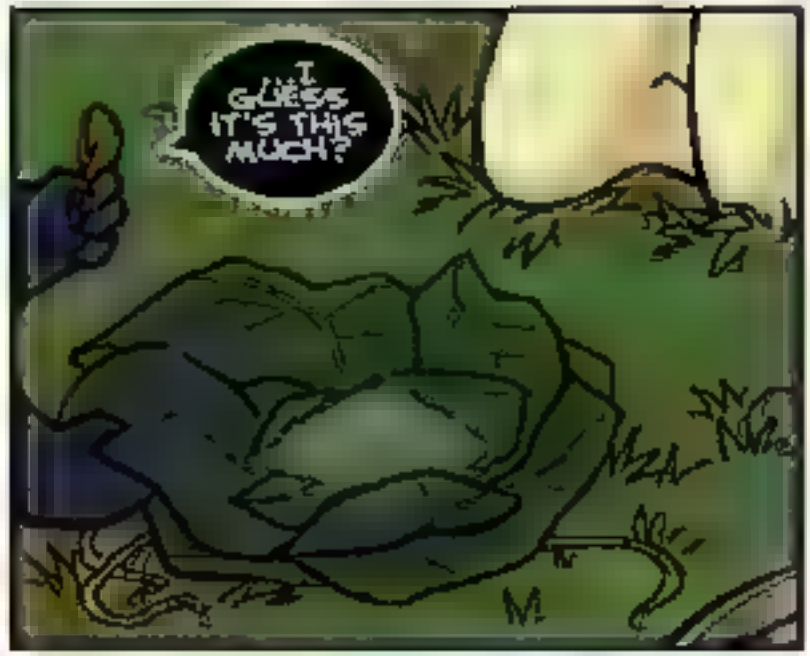

(IT'S JUST THE ONE NOW, AND HE'S VERY WARY OF US.)
(I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO WORRY.)

(ARE YOU SURE?)
(IT'S ALL RIGHT GO BACK TO SLEEP.)

(I'LL TRY.)

I HATE PECHA BERRIES.
STOP BEING SO FUSSY THEY'RE PERFECTLY FINE, AND THEY WERE NEARBY
I'M NOT WALKING HALF A MILE TO GET YOU ORANS FOR BREAK-FAST
PECHAS ARE THE WORST FRUIT.
JUST FINISH UP QUICKLY, SO WE CAN GET GOING
GENGAR, HE'S LIMPING TODAY
LIKE, A LOT
HEY! TAKE YOUR MEDS, OLD MAN.
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY
IT KINDA IS...
'CAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING UNTIL YOU DO...




I GUESS IT'S THIS MUCH?

C'MON, GET IT OVER WITH.
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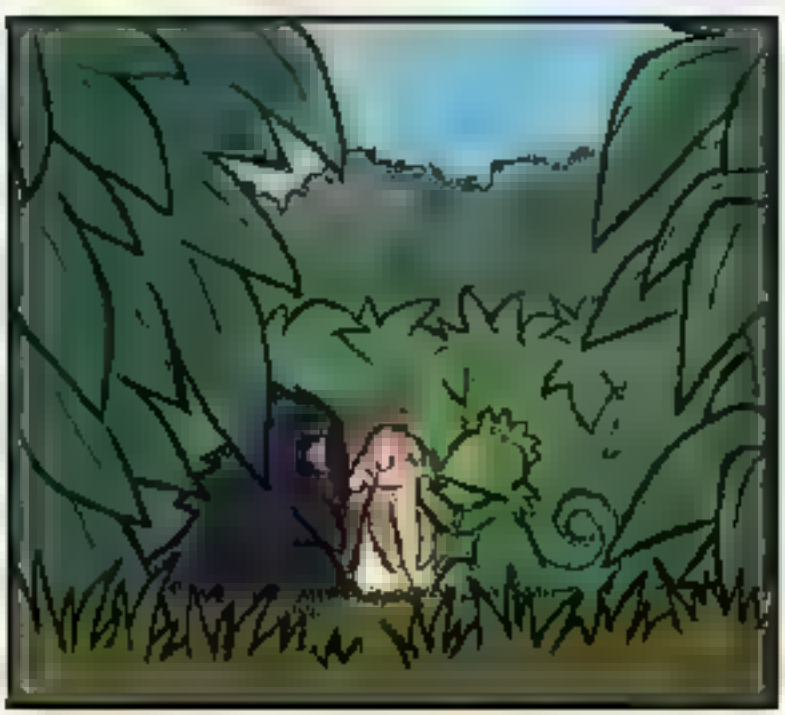
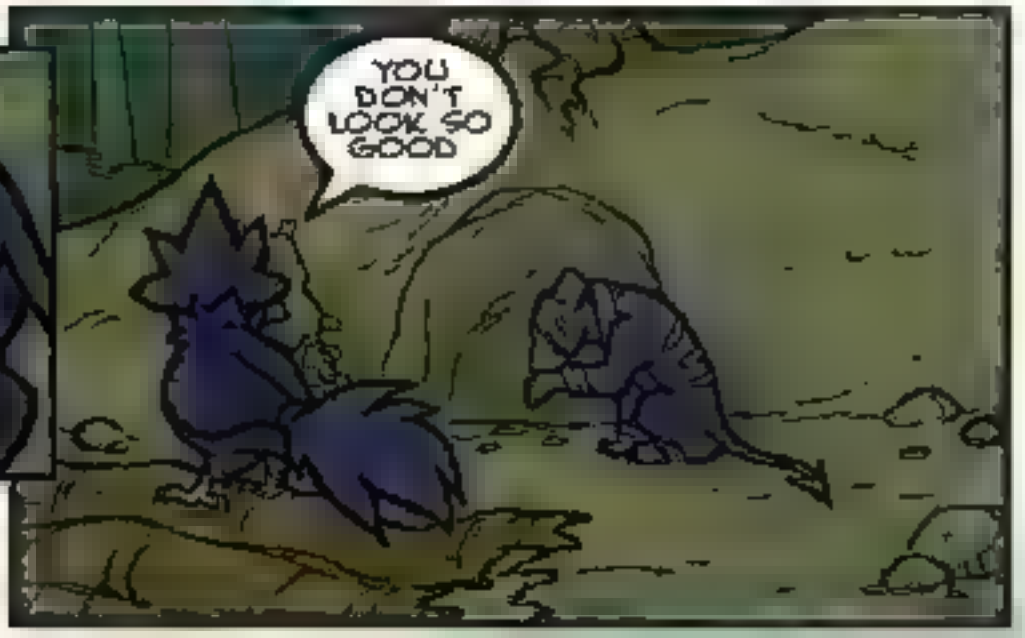
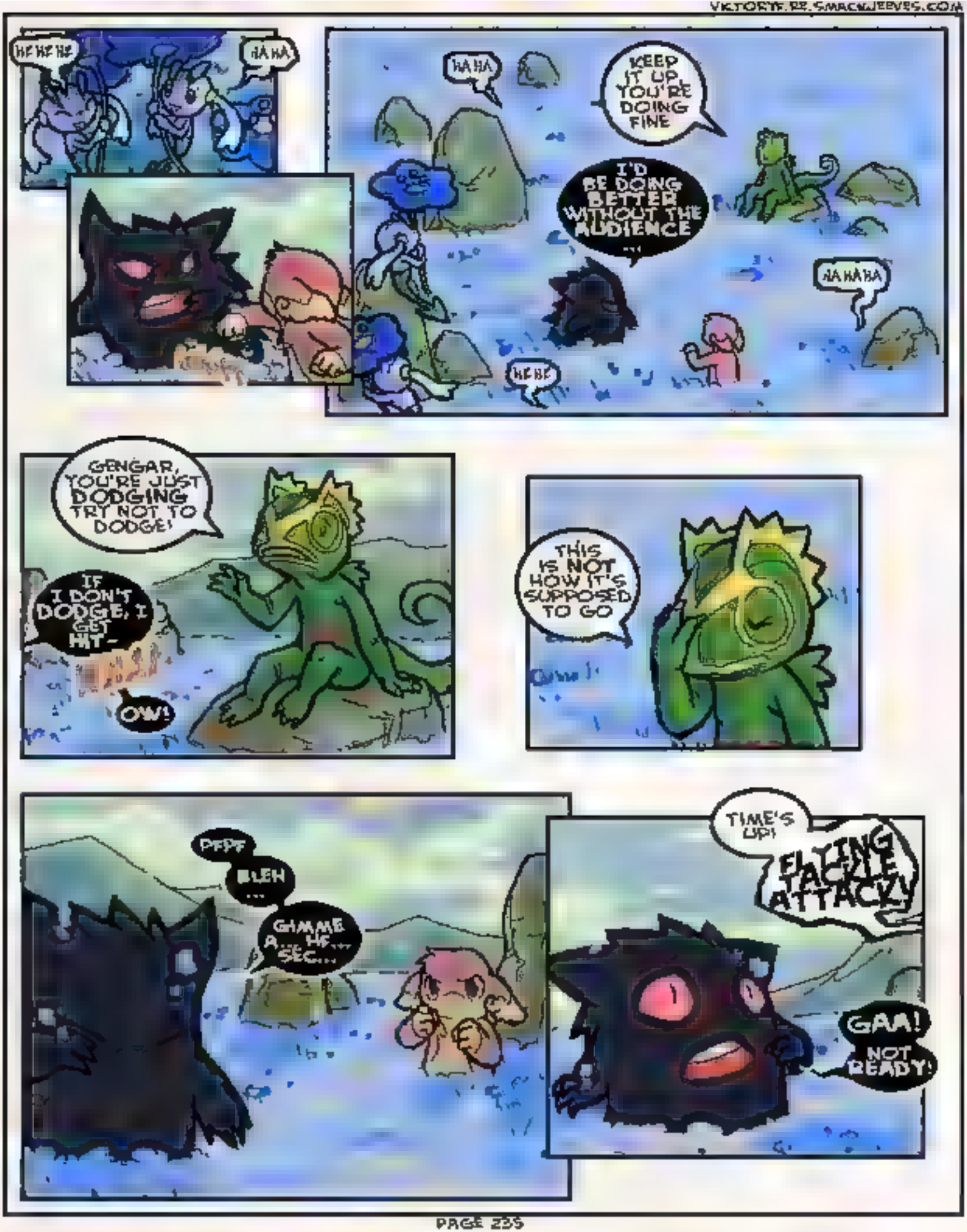


SO, HOW'S IT TASTE?
AWFUL.


YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD

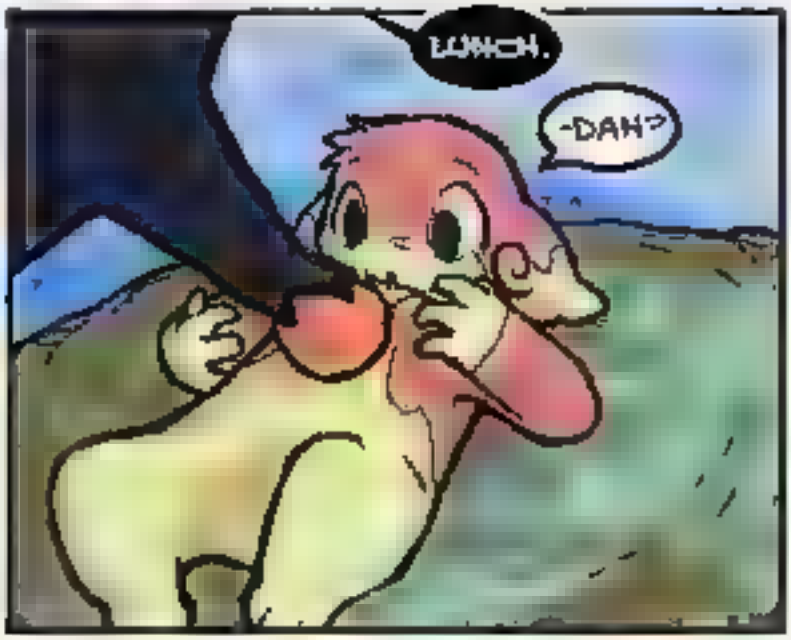
WILL YOU STILL HELP?

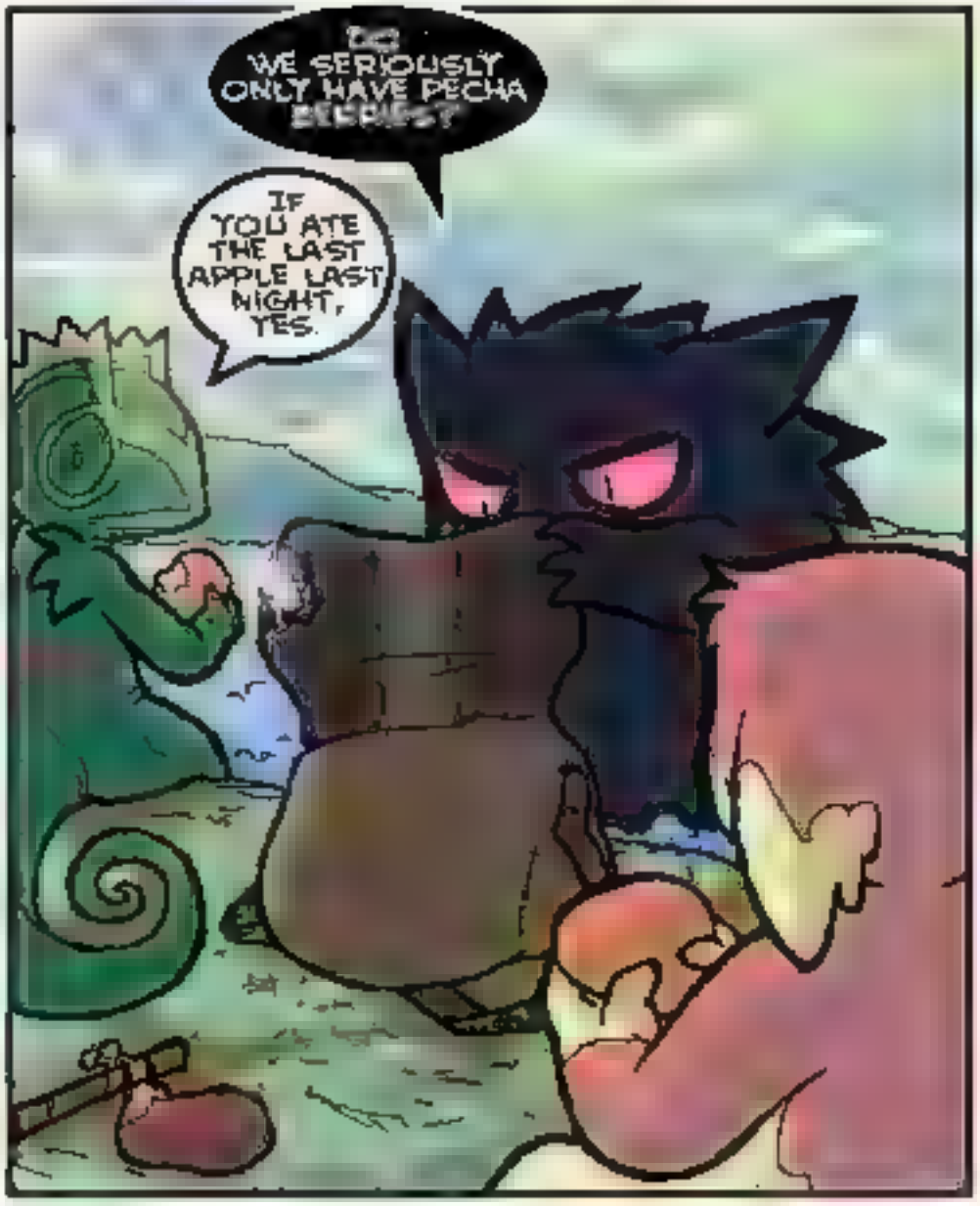
I'LL TRY


HE HE HE
HA HA
HA HA
KEEP IT UP, YOU'RE DOING FINE
I'D BE DOING BETTER WITHOUT THE AUDIENCE ...
HA HA HA
HE HE
GENGAR, YOU'RE JUST DODGING TRY NOT TO DODGE!
IF I DON'T DODGE, I GET HIT-
OW!
THIS IS NOT HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO
PFFF
BLEH ...
GIMME A... HE... SEC...
TIME'S UP!
FLYING TACKLE ATTACK!
GAA! NOT READY!

-DIDJA SEE THAT?!
YES! CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN?
I D-DON'T WANNA D-DO IT AGAIN

UNTIL...

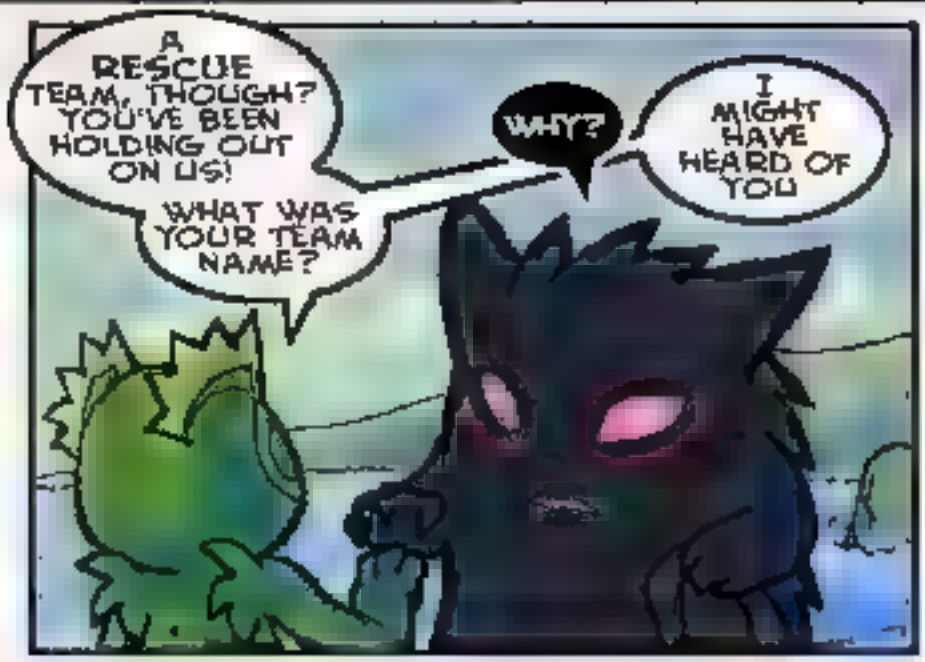

LUNCH.
-DAH?


DO WE SERIOUSLY ONLY HAVE PECHA BERRIES?
IF YOU ATE THE LAST APPLE LAST NIGHT, YES.

WHERE'S THE BADGE FROM?

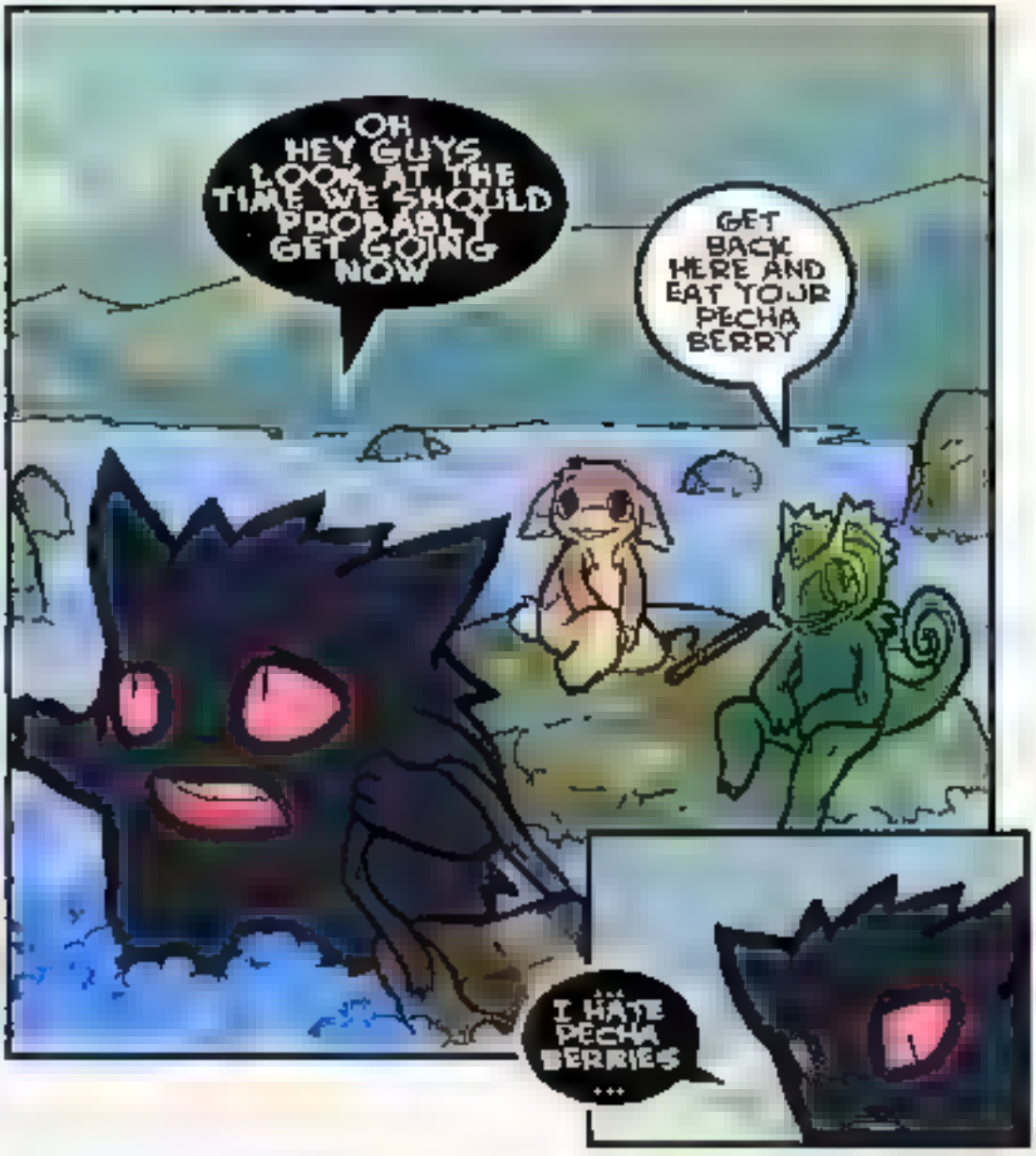
OH...
UH...
-IS THAT AN EXPLORER'S BADGE?
CAN I SEE?
HEY!

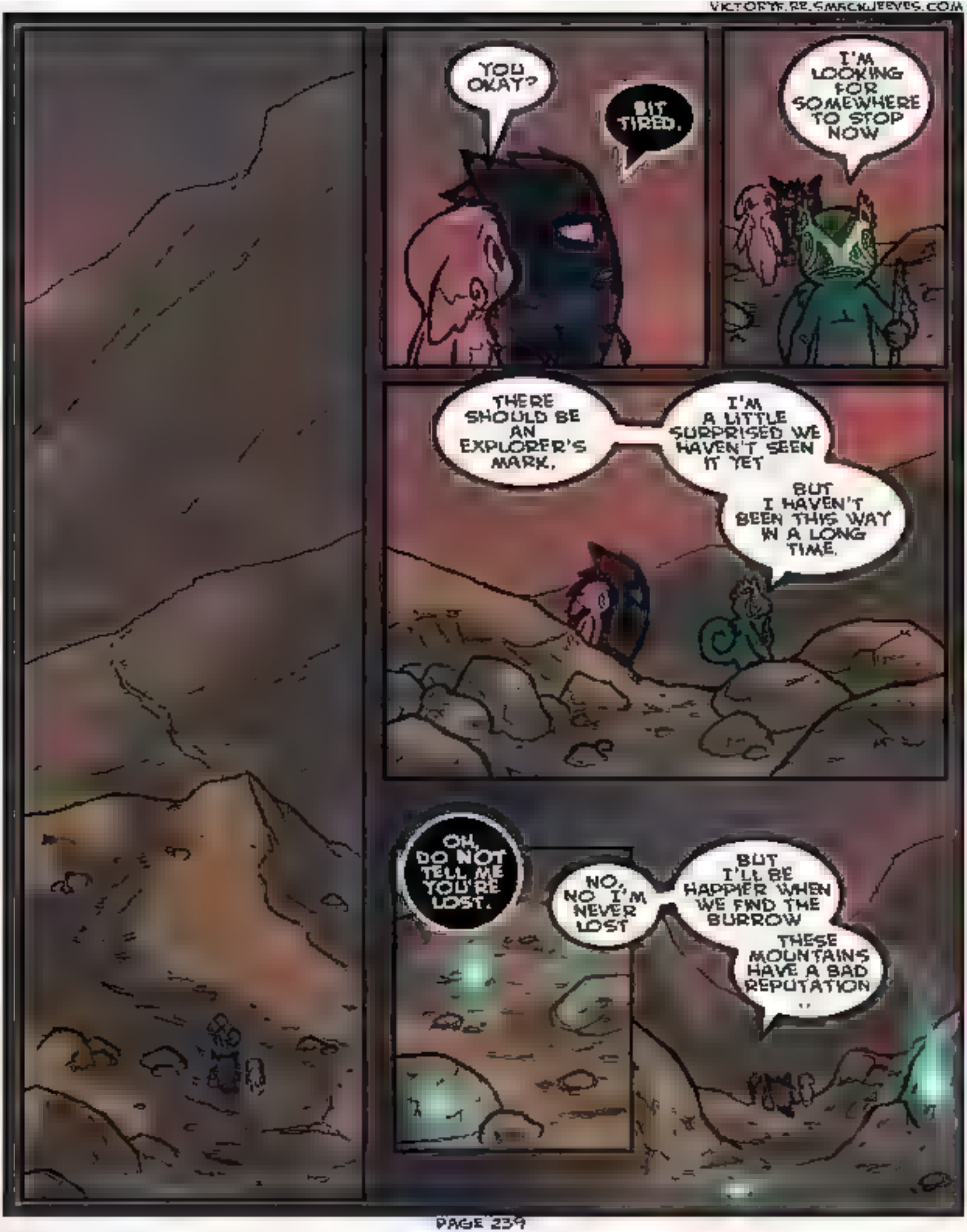
THIS IS ONE OF THE OLD RESCUE TEAM BADGES, ISN'T IT?
GIVE IT BACK!
THEY DON'T ISSUE THESE ANY MORE


A RESCUE TEAM, THOUGH? YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING OUT ON US!
WHAT WAS YOUR TEAM NAME?
WHY?
I MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF YOU

I AM FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE NOT.

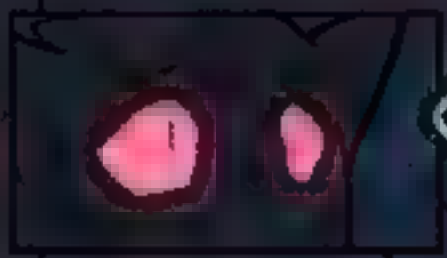
TRY ME


OH HEY GUYS LOOK AT THE TIME WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET GOING NOW
GET BACK HERE AND EAT YOUR PECHA BERRY
... I HATE PECHA BERRIES ...

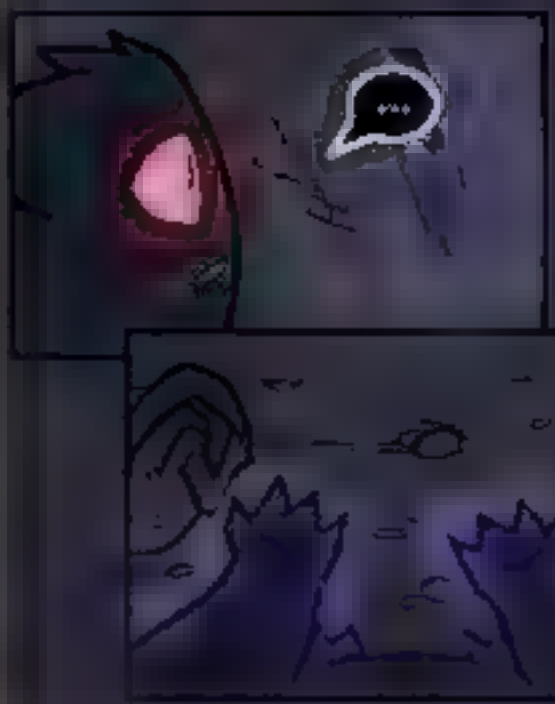

YOU OKAY?
BIT TIRED.
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO STOP NOW
THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPLORER'S MARK.
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET
BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS WAY IN A LONG TIME.
OH, DO NOT TELL ME YOU'RE LOST.
NO, NO I'M NEVER LOST
BUT I'LL BE HAPPIER WHEN WE FIND THE BURROW
THESE MOUNTAINS HAVE A BAD REPUTATION ..

UGGH... HOW ARE THEY BOTH STILL WALKING?
SO TIRED...
MY EYES ARE GOING BLURRY...

WHA?



THAT GLOW AGAIN..?


...

UH...
GUYS..?
GUYS, I'M...
I'M SEEING...
SOME REALLY WEIRD STUFF...

I THIS
THIS ISN'T
WHERE I MEANT TO GO
KECLEON?
NNH I FEEL A LITTLE
AKK
RUDE.

NOW WHY DID YOU GO AND DO THAT?
YOU'VE RUINED THE SURPRISE.

THE-- THE EXPLORER'S MARK--
OH, THAT?
MILES BACK.
GUESS YOU MISSED IT WHEN I SLIPPED INTO YOUR SHADOW

BACK OFF!

HEY, DON'T BE LIKE THAT, COUSIN.
FAIR'S FAIR, YOU SAW EM FIRST... WE'LL SHARE WITH YA.
BACK OFF.

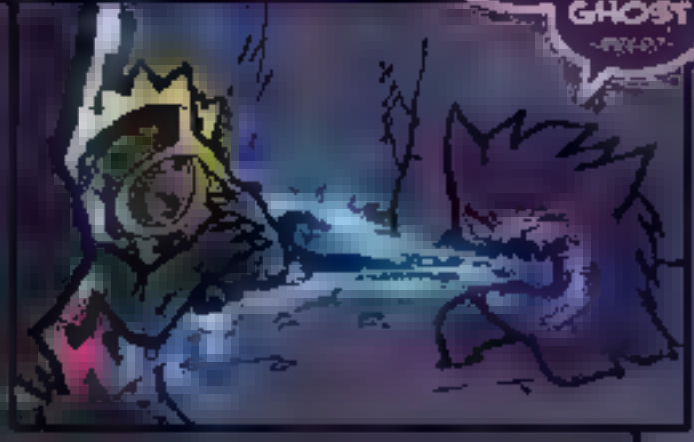
I DON'T LIKE THIS GUY.
DO YOU LIKE HIM?
I DON'T LIKE HIM. HE DOESN'T SHARE HIS TOYS.
NO FUN, NO FUN.
ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH!
WE'LL NOT PLAY YOUR GAMES. WE'VE DONE NOTHING TO YOU.
LET US GO
OR WHAT?
SHADOW CLAW
YOU WON'T BACK DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT, HUH?
THEN

OUFF!

THAT
HURT.

HEY, COLOR CHANGE!
WANNA PLAY TAG?
NGH

GOTCHA.


DARK, GHOST

GHOST.
GAAA!

GAK!
MY
MY LEG WON'T HOLD ME
LIE DOWN AND STAY DOWN!
WHO DO I HELP
WHAT DO I DO?

TAH!
HUK
AOW!
YOU LITTLE SNOT!

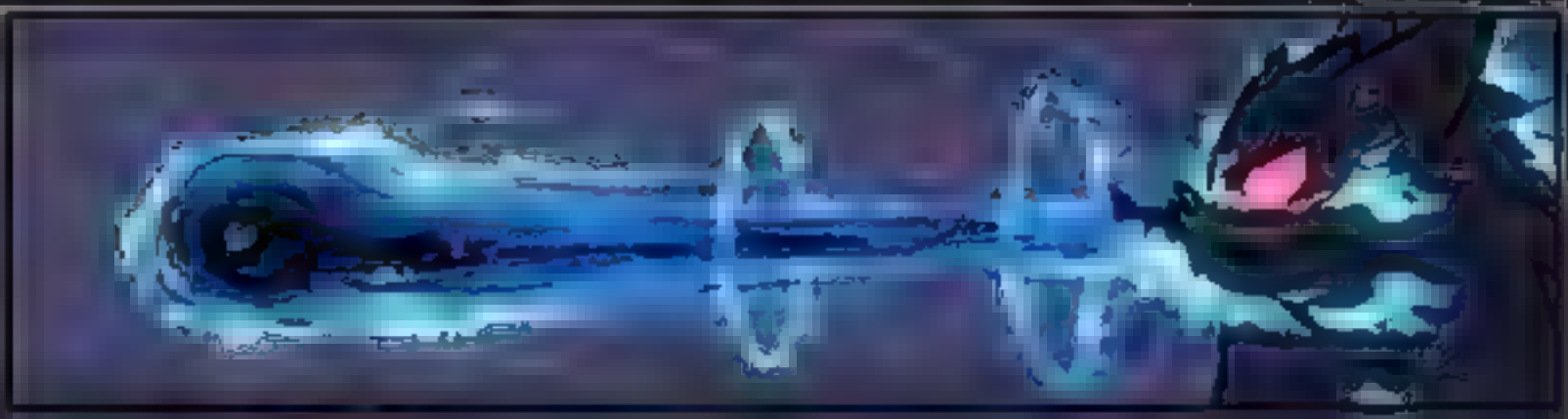
UH?
JUST CHUCKED A BIG ROCK AT ME.
I'M GONNA TEAR HER IN HALF, FINISH THAT CLOWN AND COME HELP ME.

KECLEON
GENGAR
NO

DON'T YOU GO ANYWHERE, CLIP.
NG

WHY AM I SO USELESS? I WISH I COULD MAKE THIS STOP!
I WISH I...
I

UGGH?
MISHIRE?
NO.

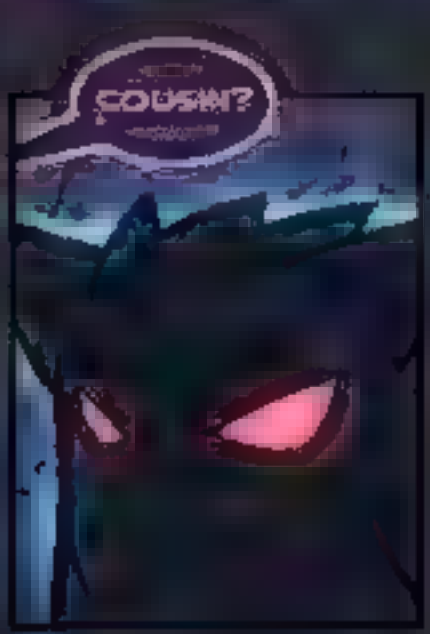


WHAM

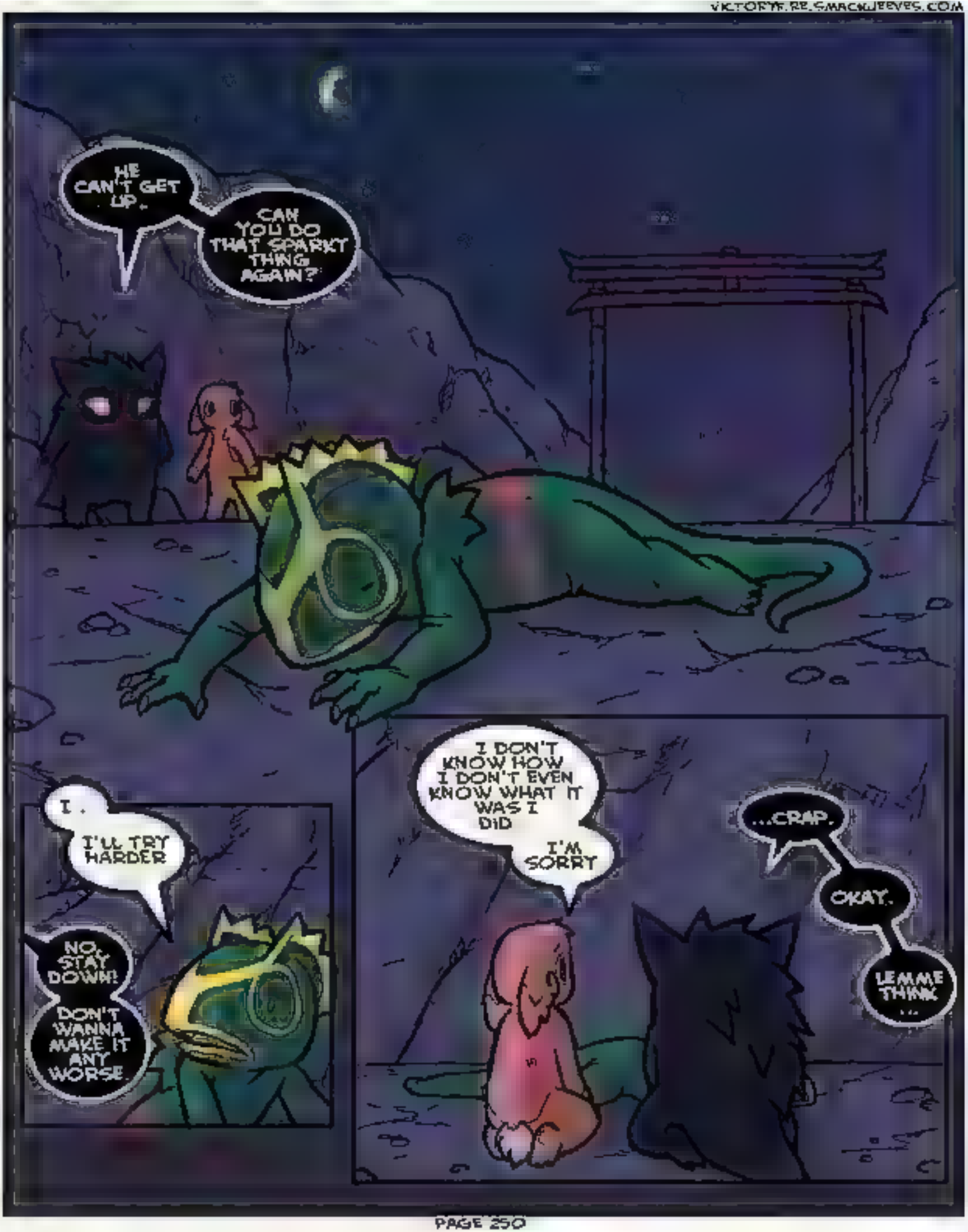
HH
OUTTA HERE

BAM

H-HEY, C'MON, WE WERE JUST MESSIN' WITH YA.
NO HARM DONE, RIGHT?

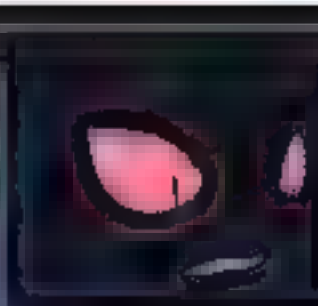

COUSIN?

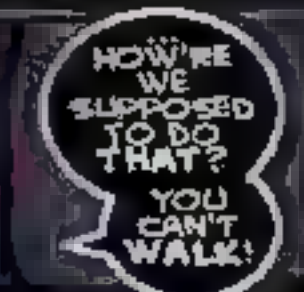
GYMAIYAYNA!
MEANIE BUTT!
HEY.
HEY, C'MON ...
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
C'MON. YOU GOTTA HELP.
JEN!
-HHAH!?


HE CAN'T GET UP.
CAN YOU DO THAT SPARKY THING AGAIN?
I.
I'LL TRY HARDER
NO, STAY DOWN!
DON'T WANNA MAKE IT ANY WORSE
I DON'T KNOW HOW I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT WAS I DID
I'M SORRY
...CRAP.
OKAY.
LEMME THINK...

WAIT HERE.
HUH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GONNA -HUF- CALL FOR HELP
YOUR BADGE?
NO.
NO, YOU MUSTN'T
HUH?
THERE ISN'T TIME!

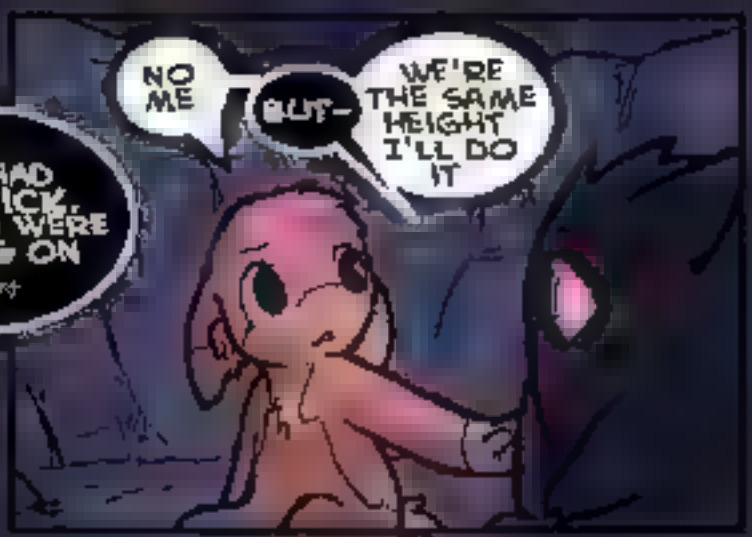
LISTEN TO ME!
YOU'VE HUMILIATED THEM, AND THEIR KIND DON'T TAKE THAT WELL.
THEY COULD BE BACK ANY MOMENT, WITH FRIENDS.
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, NOW



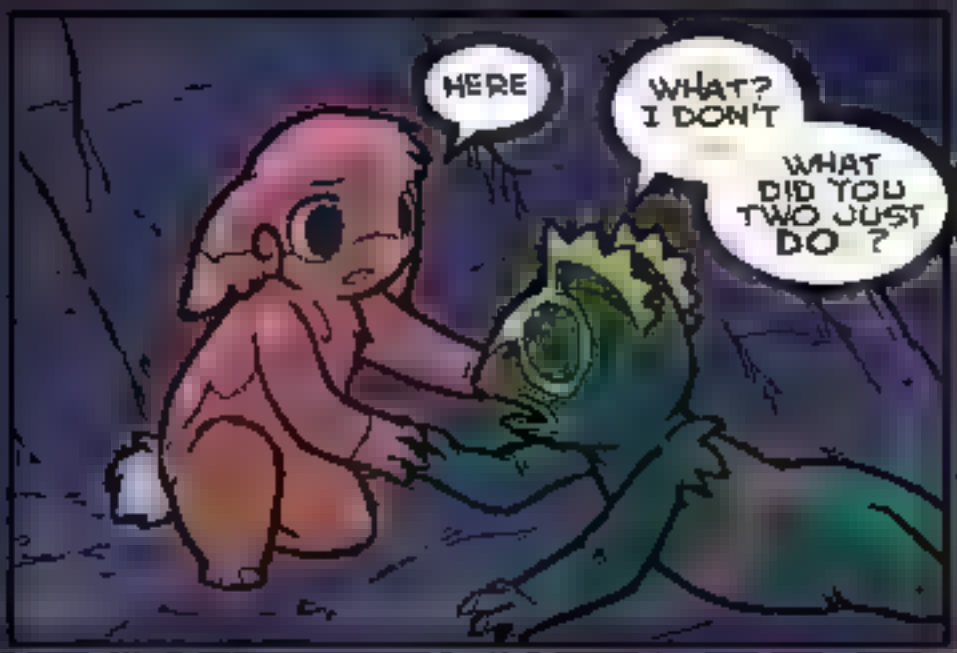

HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT? YOU CAN'T WALK!

THEN LEAVE ME, BUT FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, GO!
YOU'RE THE ONE THEY'LL WANT NOW!

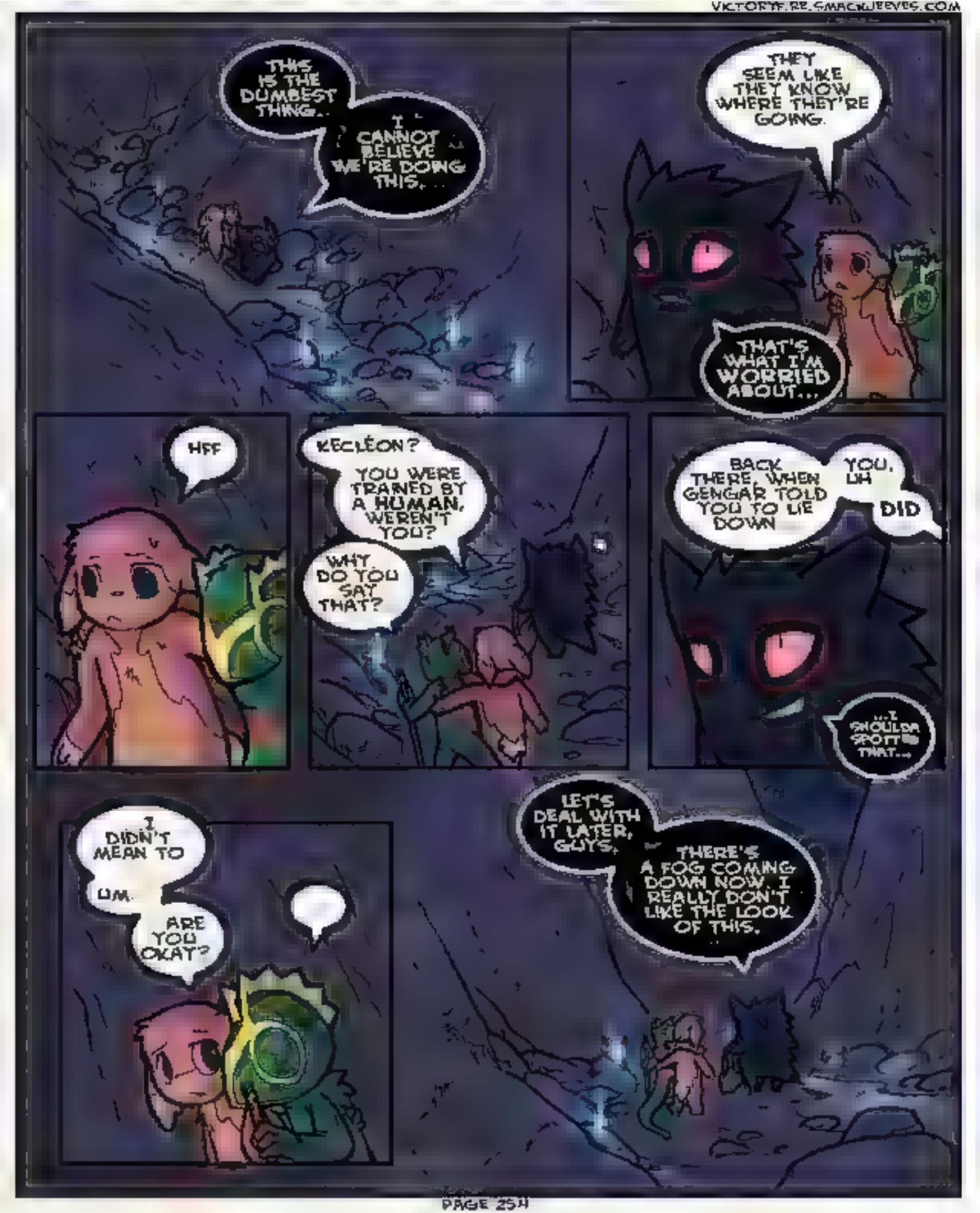
HH...+
UH...
WAIT, OKAY.
IF YOU HAD THE STICK, AND YOU WERE LEANING ON ME...+


NO ME
BUT-
WE'RE THE SAME HEIGHT I'LL DO IT

...MAKES SENSE. TRY TO GET HIM UP. I'LL GET THE THE STICK.
OKAY


HERE
WHAT? I DON'T
WHAT DID YOU TWO JUST DO ?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE. JUST SAYING.
GO DOWN
BACK-TRACK
HUH!
IT WANTS US TO COME?
NO. NO WAY. UH-UH. BAD IDEA...


THIS IS THE DUMBEST THING...
I CANNOT BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS...
THEY SEEM LIKE THEY KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING.
THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT...
HFF
KECLEON?
YOU WERE TRAINED BY A HUMAN, WEREN'T YOU?
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
BACK THERE, WHEN GENGAR TOLD YOU TO LIE DOWN
YOU, UH
DID
...I SHOULDA SPOTTED THAT...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO
UM.
ARE YOU OKAY?
LET'S DEAL WITH IT LATER, GUYS.
THERE'S A FOG COMING DOWN NOW. I REALLY DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS.

CRAP!

CRAP

CRAP

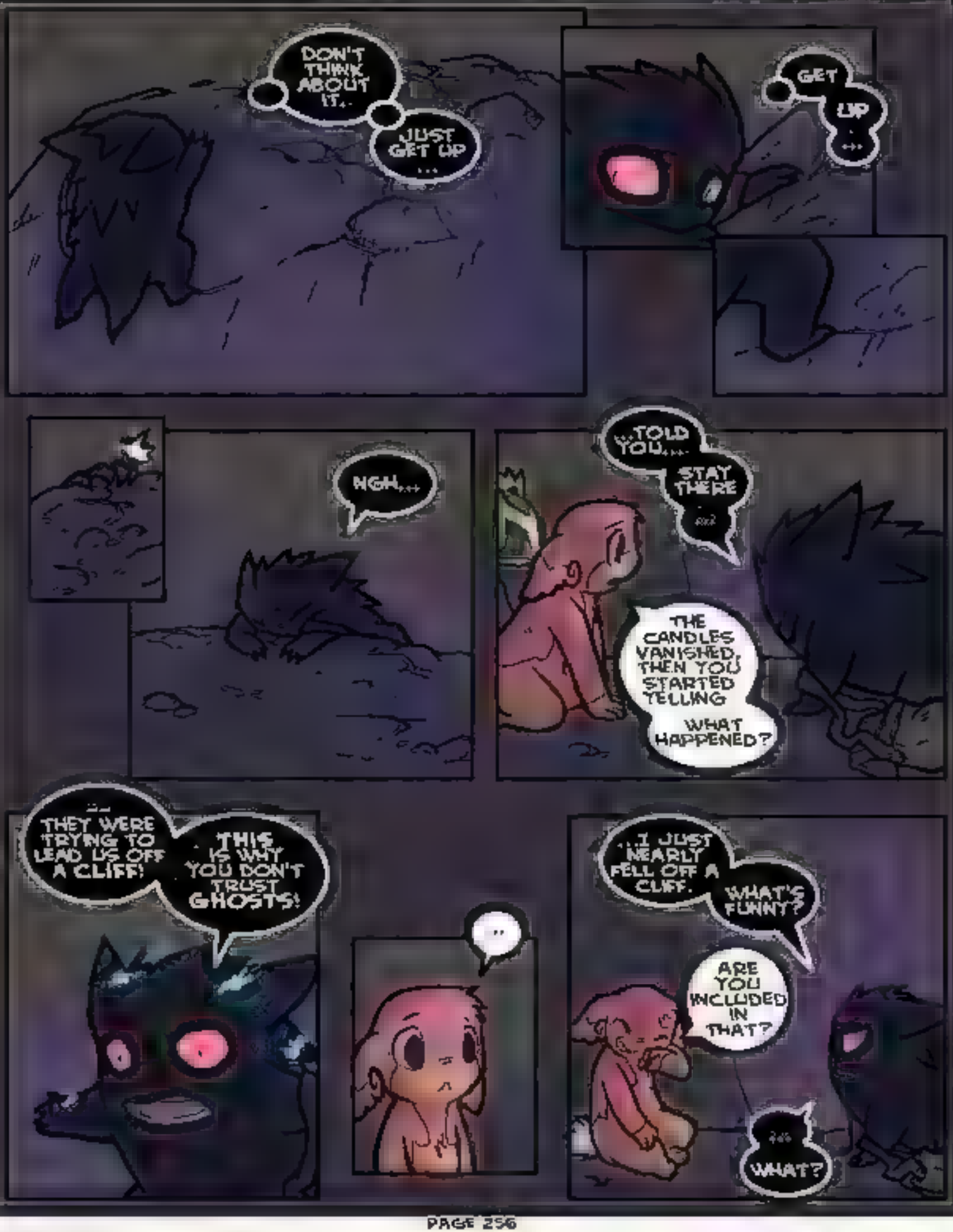
CRAP!

GENGAR?

STAY THERE!

BUT YOU SAID

STAY THERE!


DON'T THINK ABOUT IT...
JUST GET UP...
GET UP...
NGH...
...TOLD YOU... STAY THERE...
THE CANDLES VANISHED, THEN YOU STARTED TELLING
WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY WERE TRYING TO LEAD US OFF A CLIFF!
THIS IS WHY YOU DON'T TRUST GHOSTS!
...
...I JUST NEARLY FELL OFF A CLIFF.
WHAT'S FUNNY?
ARE YOU INCLUDED IN THAT?
...WHAT?

YOUR KNEE LOOKS PRETTY SORE, OLD MAN.

I-- JUST NEED TO REST --

YOU NEED MORE THAN THAT... I THINK WE SHOULD CALL FOR RESCUE.

HH.

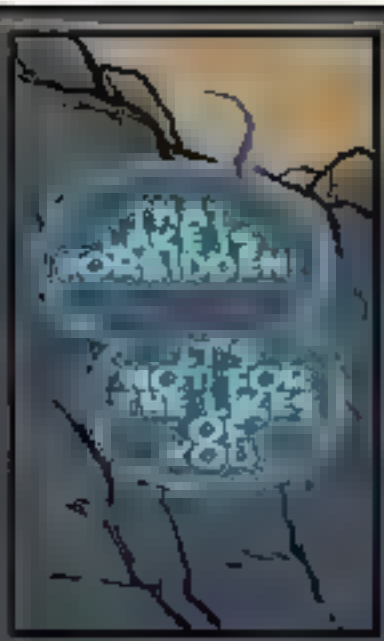
AS YOU THINK BEST

...

I LOST THE REST OF THE BERRIES. THERE'S NOTHING TO EAT.

BUT THERE WAS A LAKE DOWN THERE. YOU THINK WE COULD GET TO IT--?

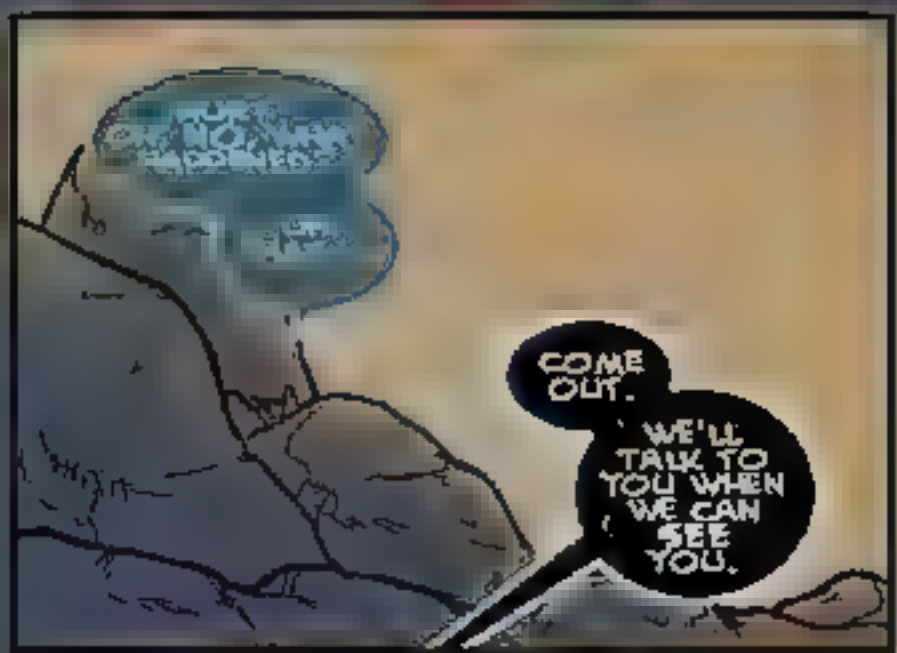
YOUR DOING SUCH THING

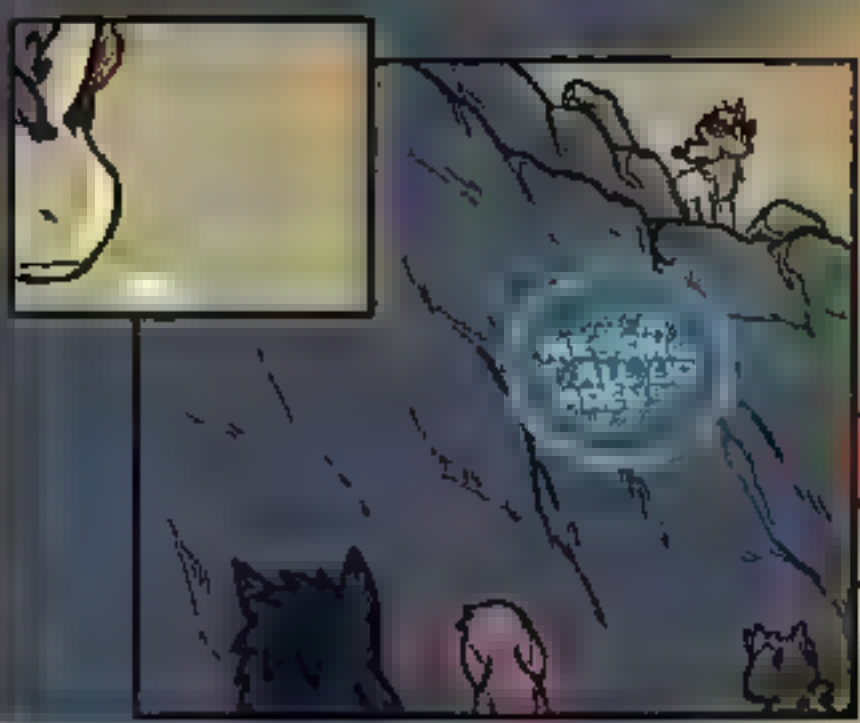


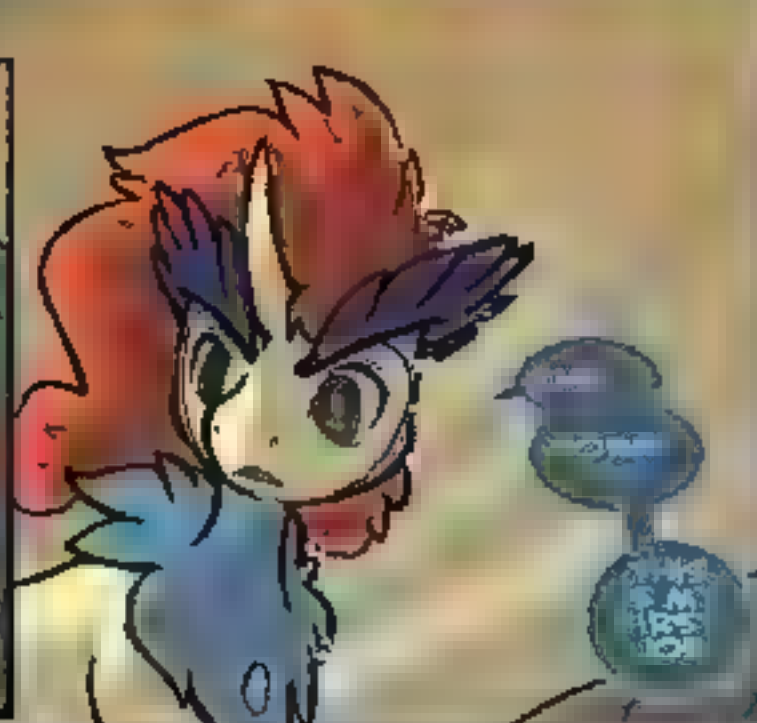
TO LEAVE NOW IS
SUFFER MY WRATH

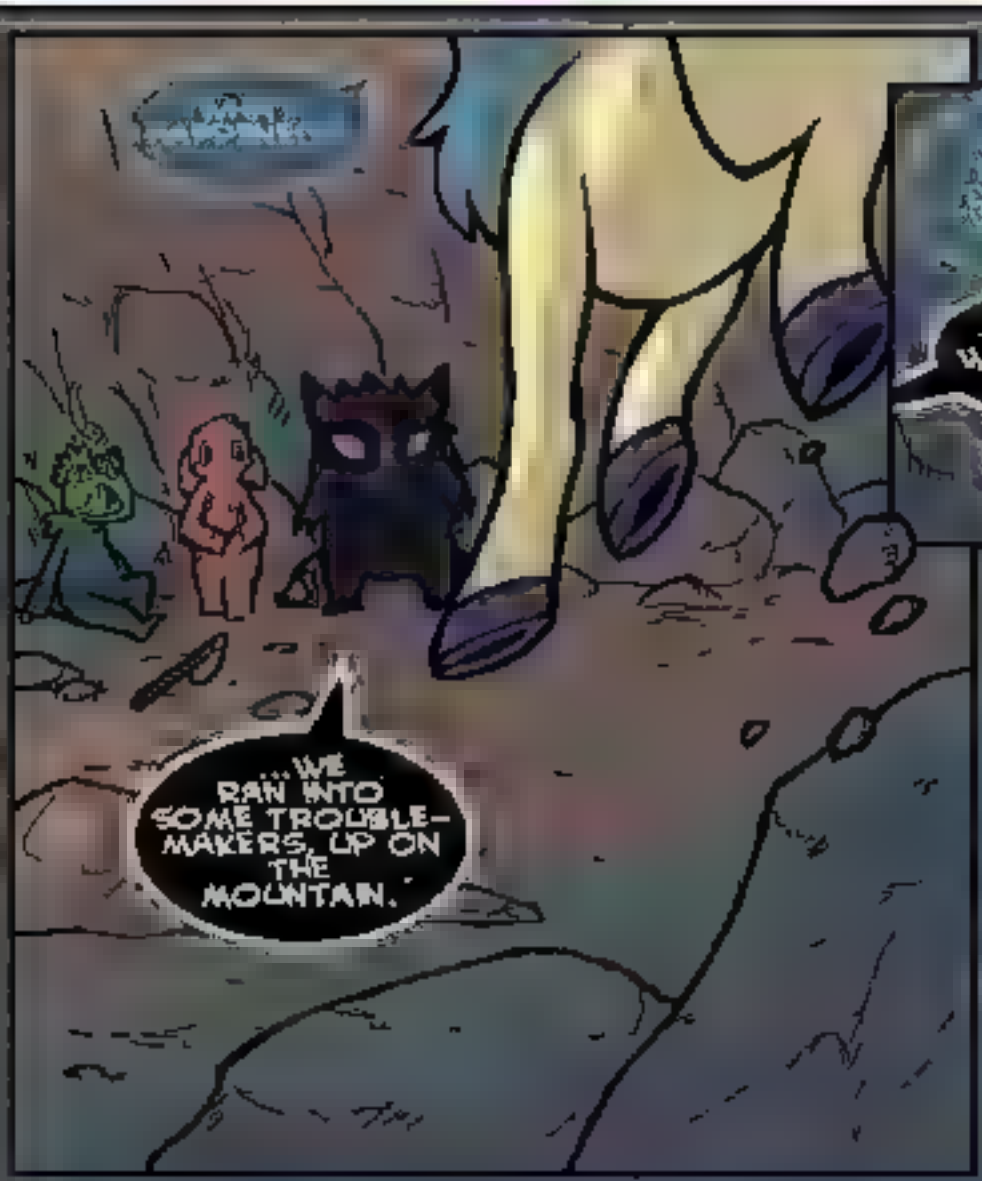
(IS HE TRYING TO MAKE HIS VOICE SOUND DEEPER. ?)

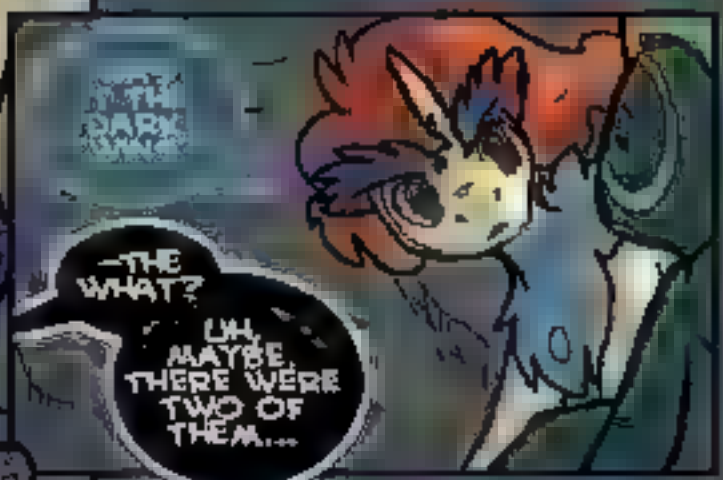
...OKAY, LISTEN WHOEVER YOU ARE.
WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE... BUT WE'RE NOT GOING BACK...
OUR FRIEND IS HURT...

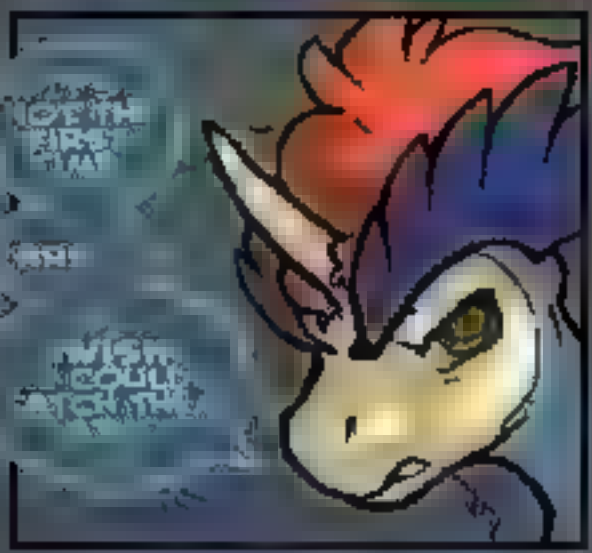

COME OUT.
WE'LL TALK TO YOU WHEN WE CAN SEE YOU.

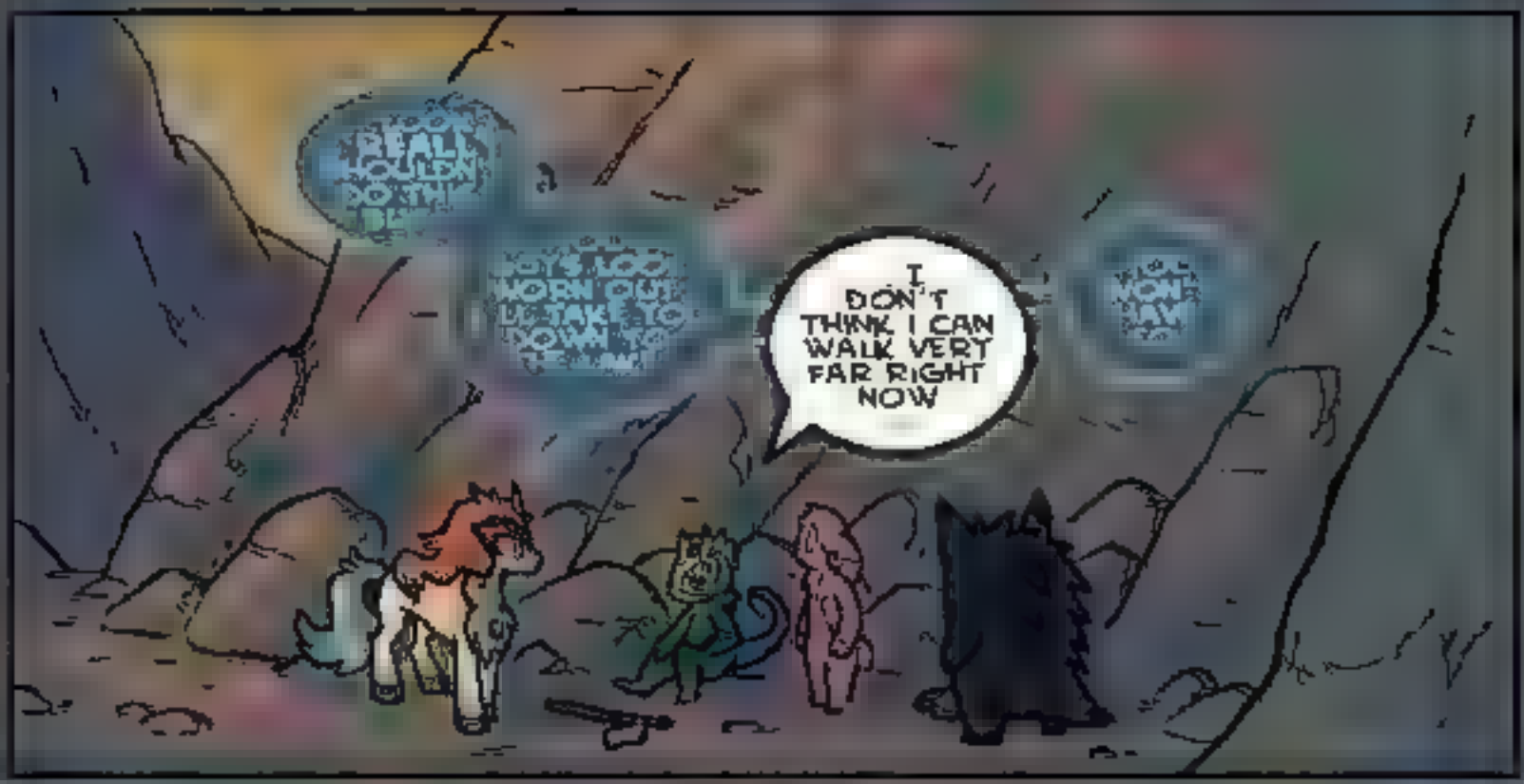





...WE RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE-MAKERS, UP ON THE MOUNTAIN.


-THE WHAT?
UH, MAYBE THERE WERE TWO OF THEM...

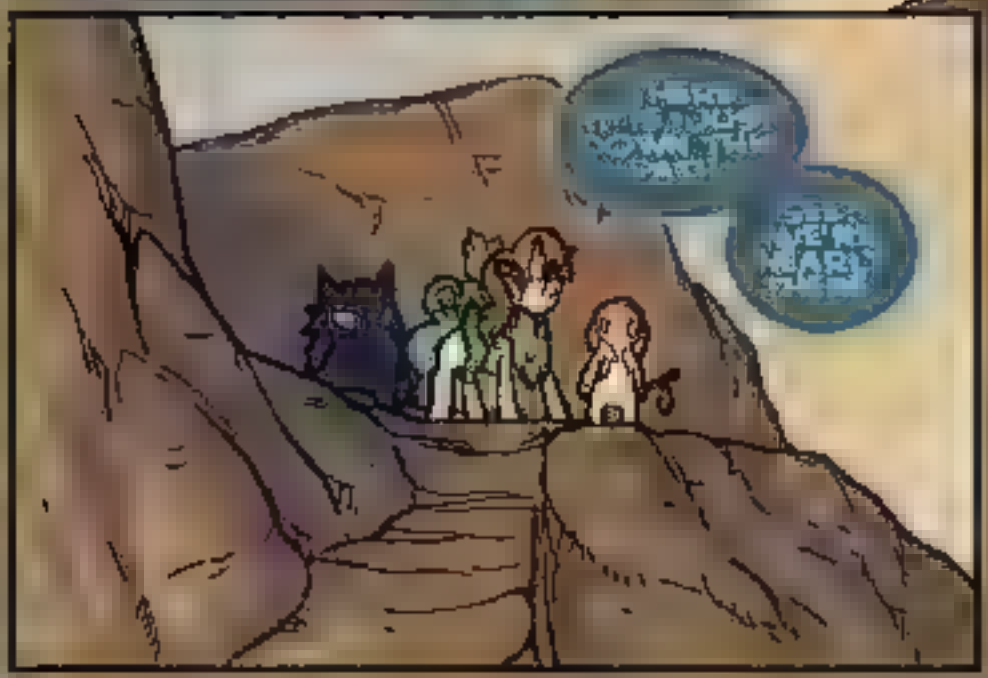


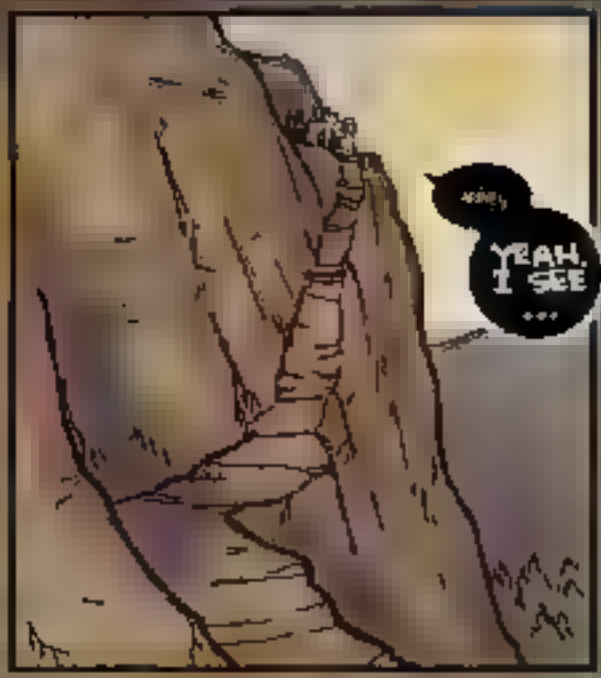

I DON'T THINK I CAN WALK VERY FAR RIGHT NOW

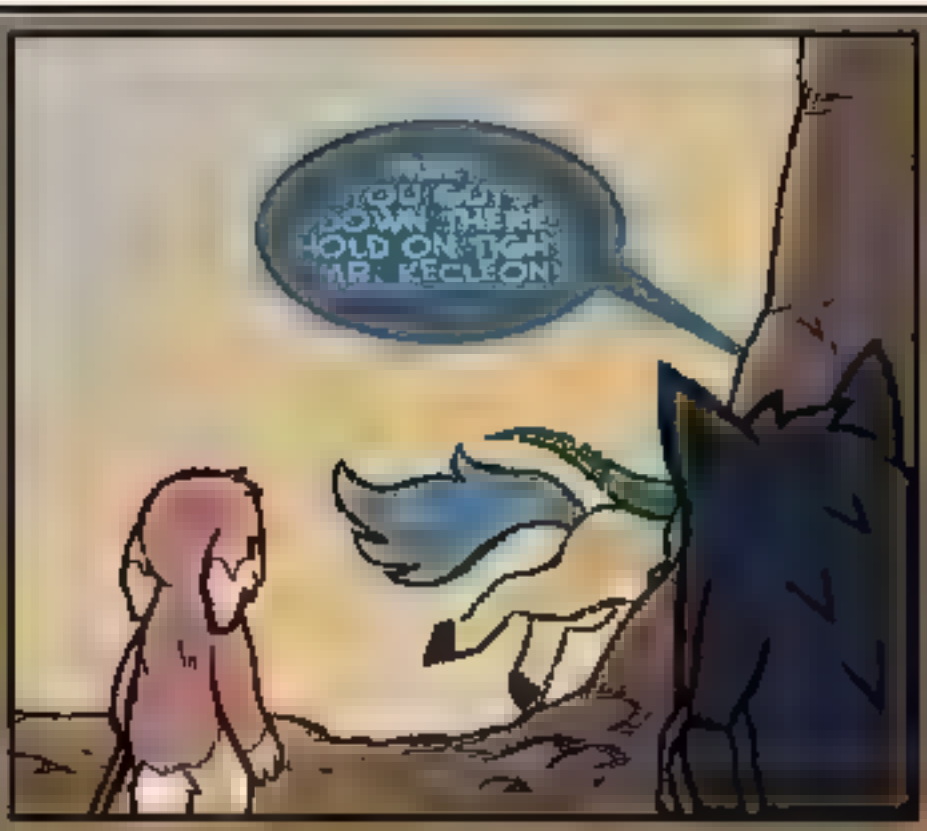
HOW DO YOU FEEL, KECLEON?
A BIT SILLY

YOU NEED A HELMET WITH A FEATHER IN.
HAH! KECLEON'S A SAMURAI!

...SO, UH, 'KELDEO'
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH THIS LAKE OF YOURS?
UH... NOT REALLY



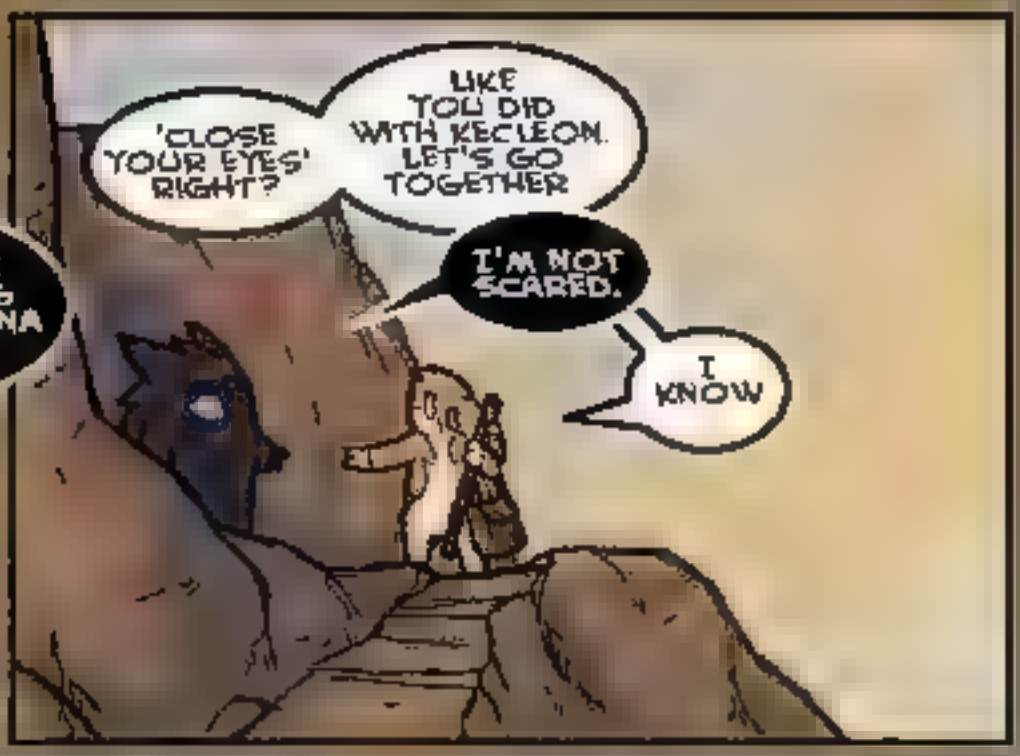

YEAH, I SEE ...

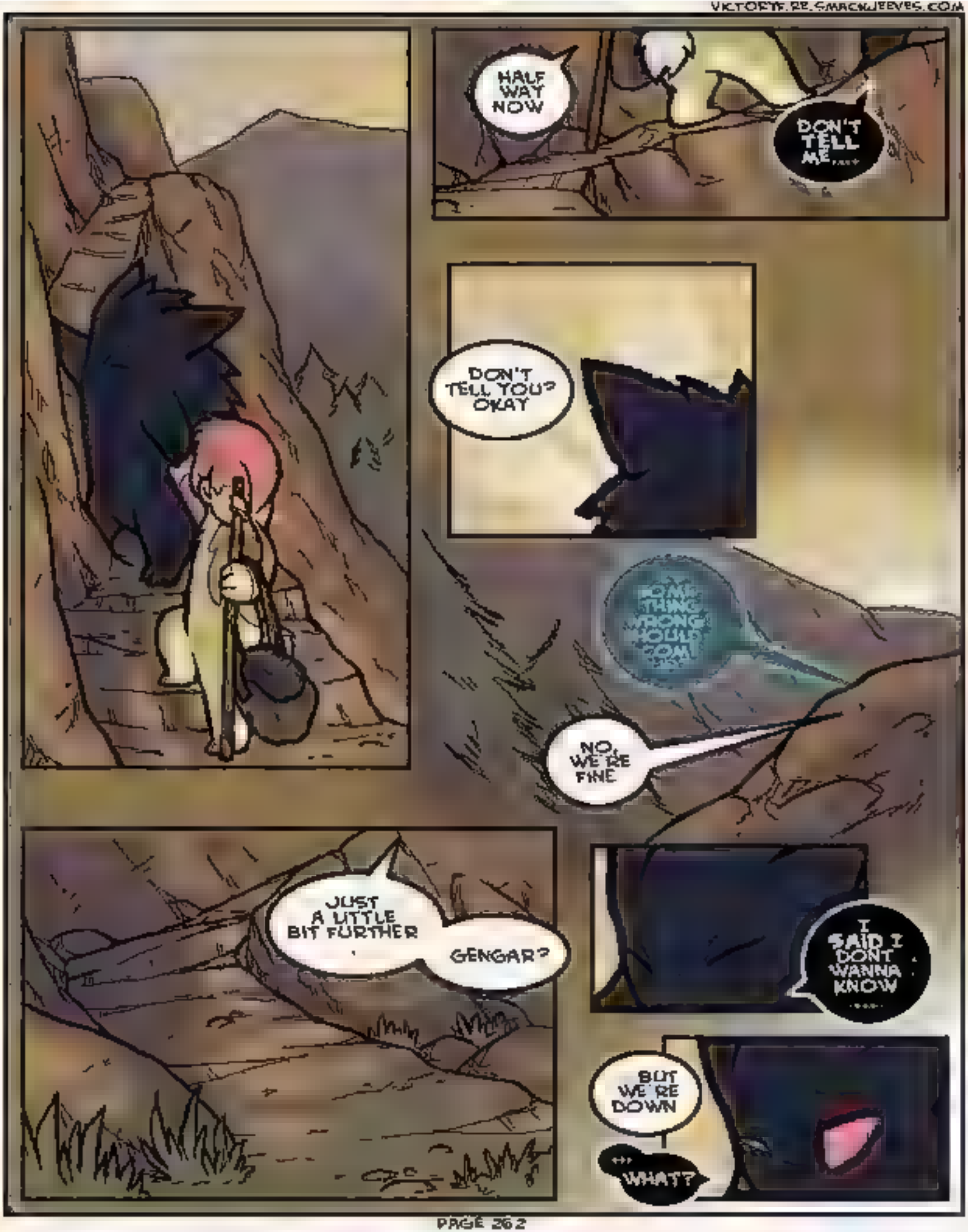

YOU GOT DOWN THERE? HOLD ON TIGHT MR. KECLEON!

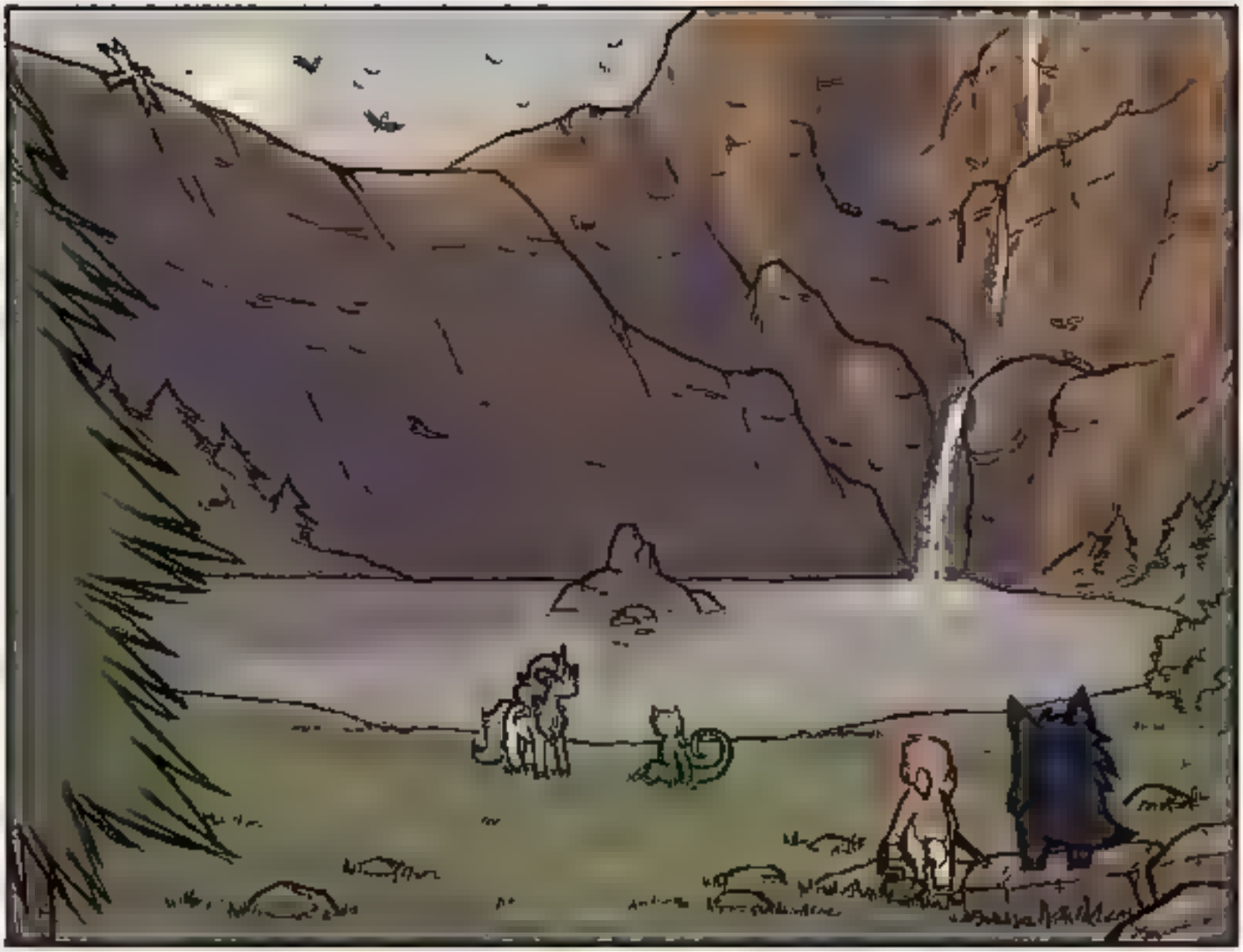
HH

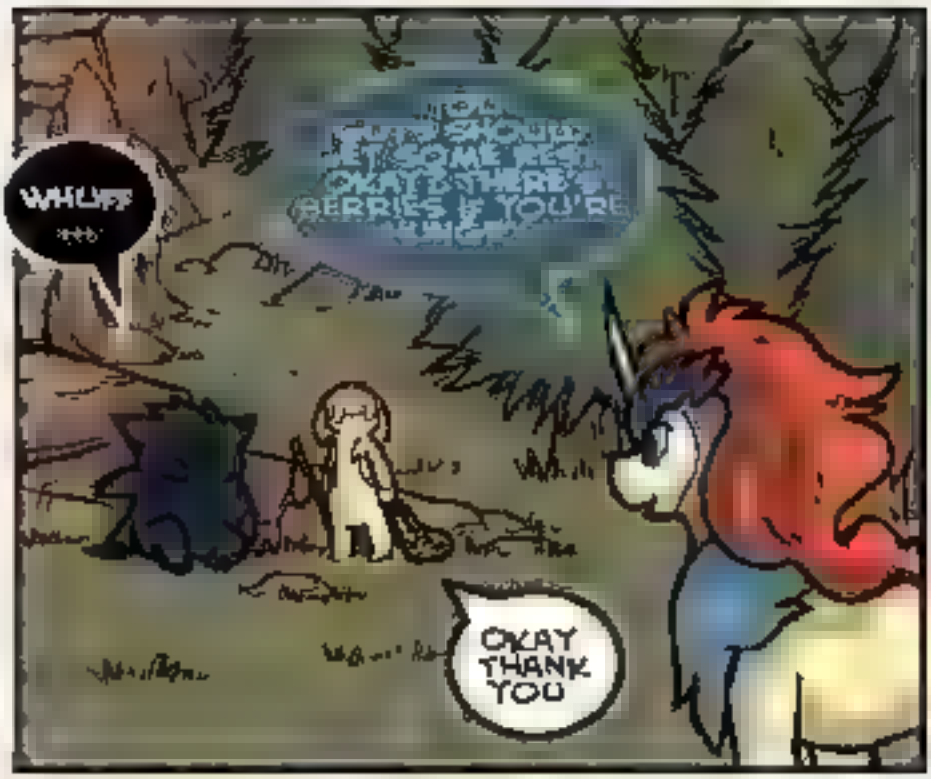
I'M NOT SCARED.

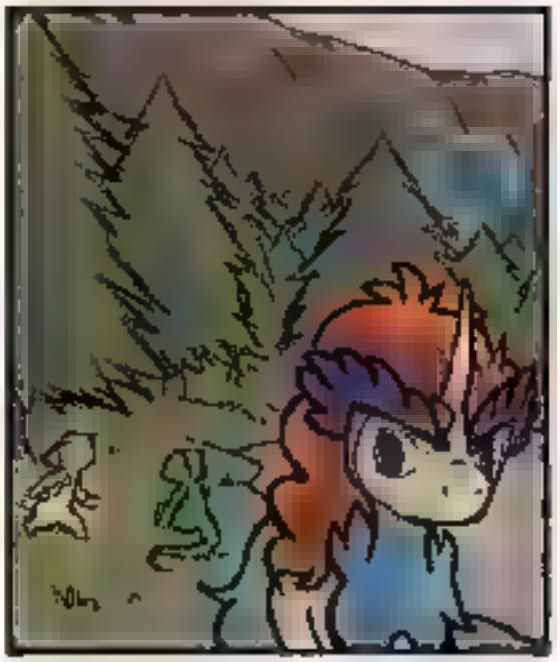
HE...
HE DID SOMETHING TO ME.
IT'S
WHEN I LOOK DOWN LIKE THAT
...JUST FEELS LIKE SOMETHING BAD'S GONNA HAPPEN

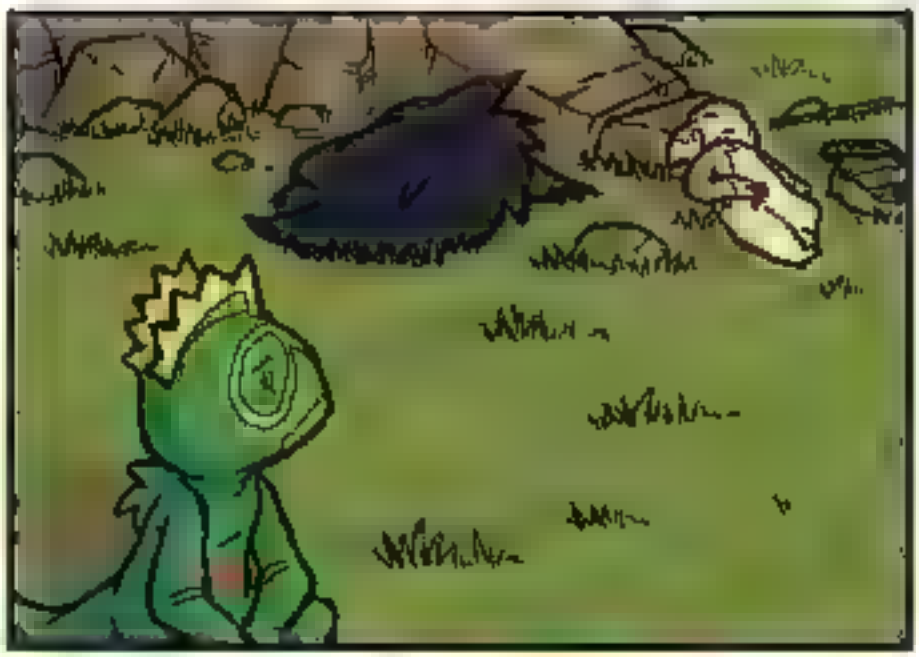

'CLOSE YOUR EYES' RIGHT?
LIKE YOU DID WITH KECLEON. LET'S GO TOGETHER
I'M NOT SCARED.
I KNOW

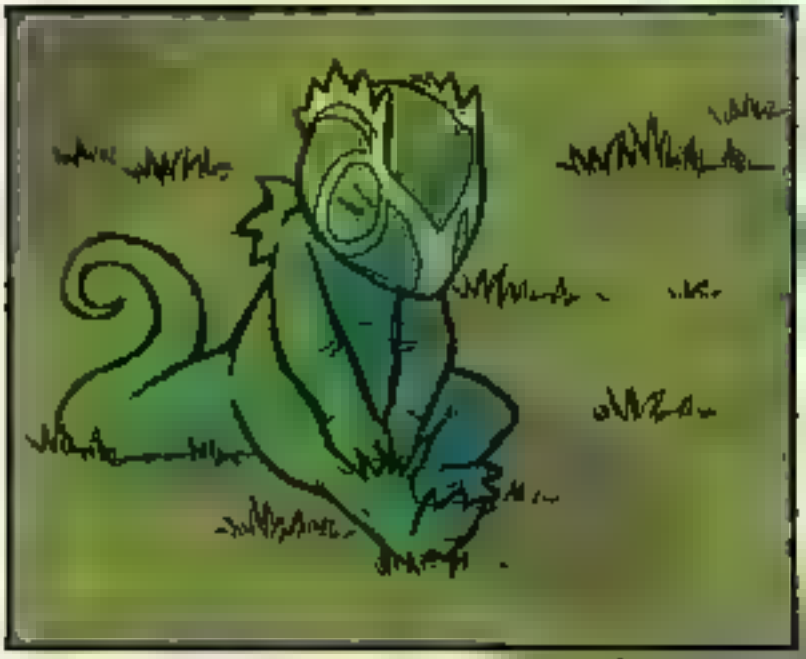

HALF WAY NOW
DON'T TELL ME...
DON'T TELL YOU? OKAY
SOMETHING WRONG SOULD COM
NO, WE'RE FINE
JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER
GENGAR?
I SAID I DONT WANNA KNOW
BUT WE'RE DOWN
WHAT?




WHUFF
BERRIES IF YOU'RE
OKAY THANK YOU







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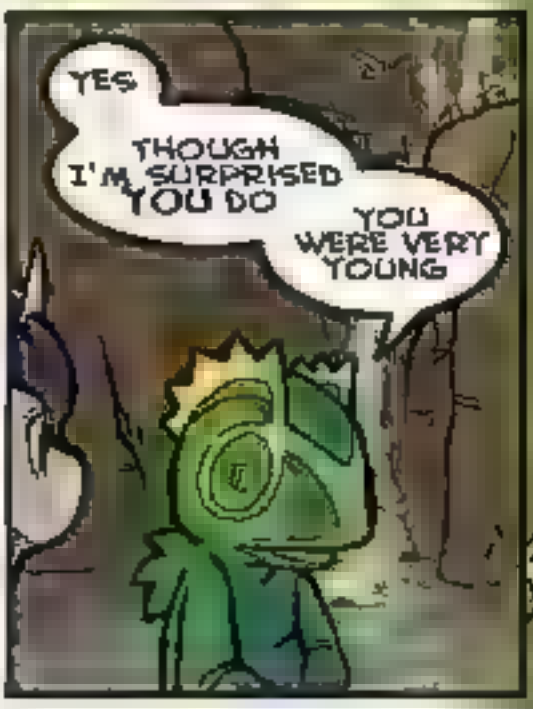
REMEMBER


YES
THOUGH I'M SURPRISED YOU DO
YOU WERE VERY YOUNG

I DIDN'T DARE
SHE'S DREAMED OF HIM AT LEAST TWICE NOW... AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE INTENDS TO USE HER FOR...
EVEN WITH GENGAR'S PROTECTION
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH INFLUENCE HE'S GAINED OVER HER
JUST WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?

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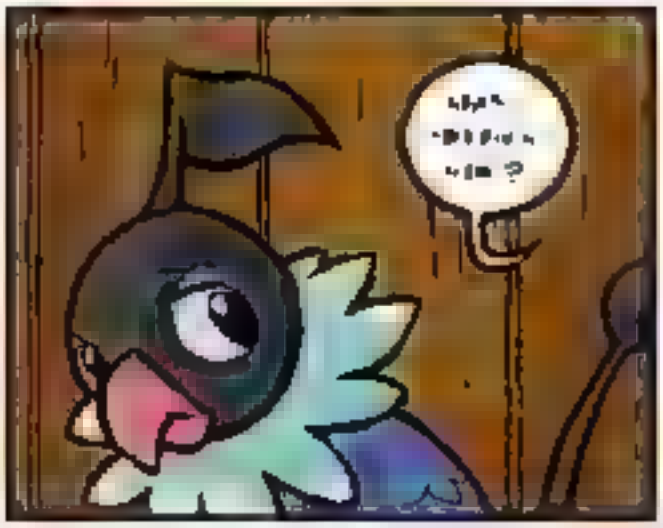
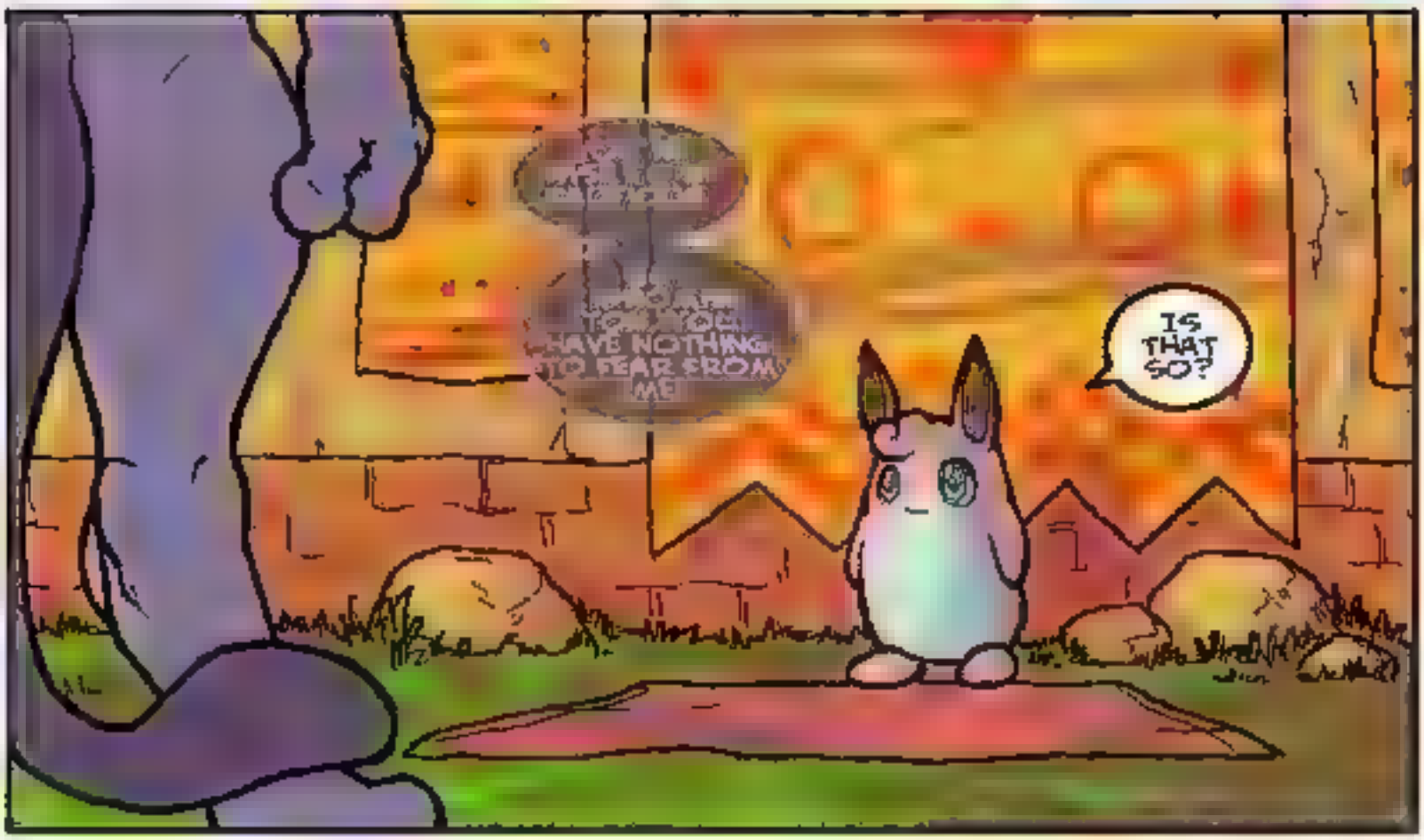


...CAN WE DO FOR YOU?
WHAT SORT OF INFOR-MATION?
WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT


FOR YOU, HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME
IS THAT SO?

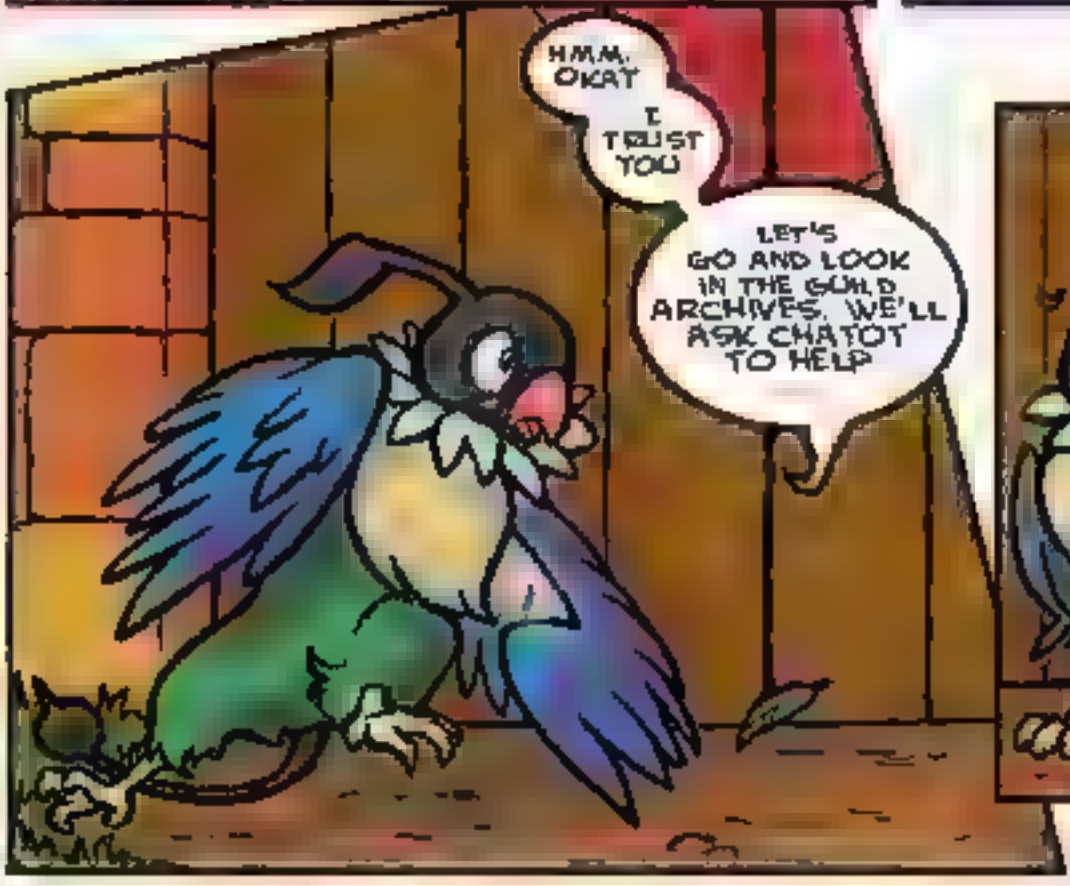
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THIS PERSON?

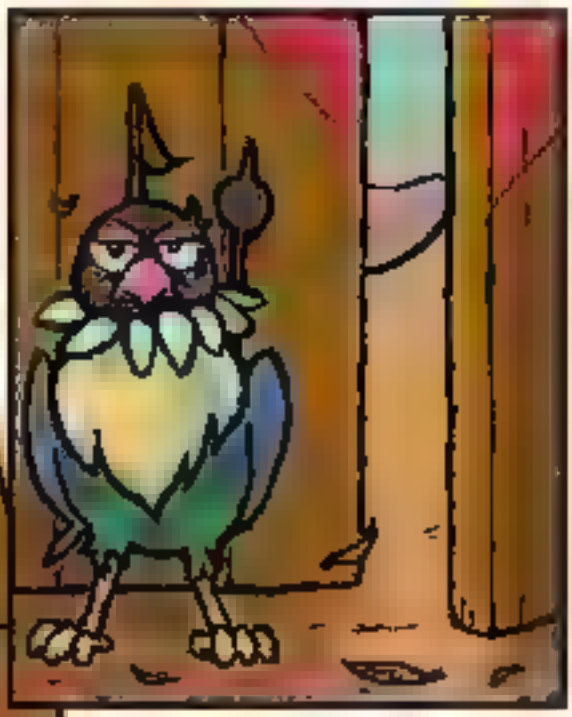
HM BUT THAT WASN'T WHAT I ASKED
WHY YOU?
WHO ARE YOU, AND WHY DO YOU CARE?

WAS MADE
WEAPON

I THINK
IF YOU WANTED TO JUST TAKE WHATEVER I KNEW
I COULDN'T STOP YOU
BUT INSTEAD, YOU ASK ME FOR HELP?

IF I SAY NO, WHAT WILL YOU DO?


HMM. OKAY
I TRUST YOU
LET'S GO AND LOOK IN THE GUILD ARCHIVES. WE'LL ASK CHATOT TO HELP



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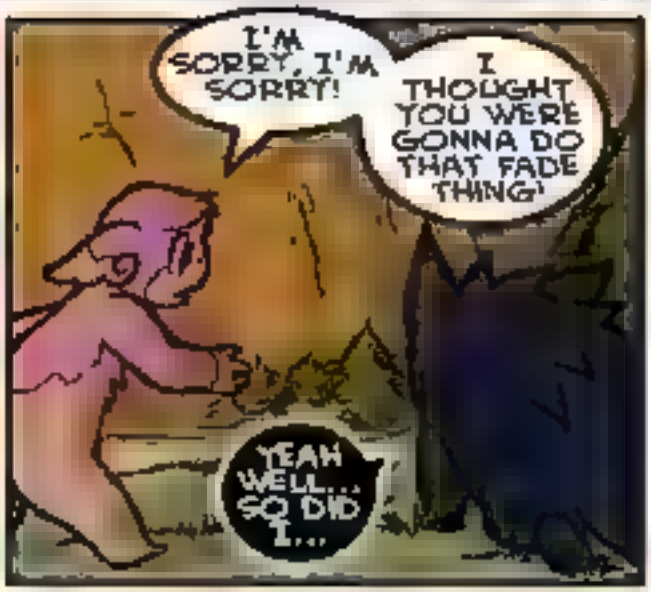
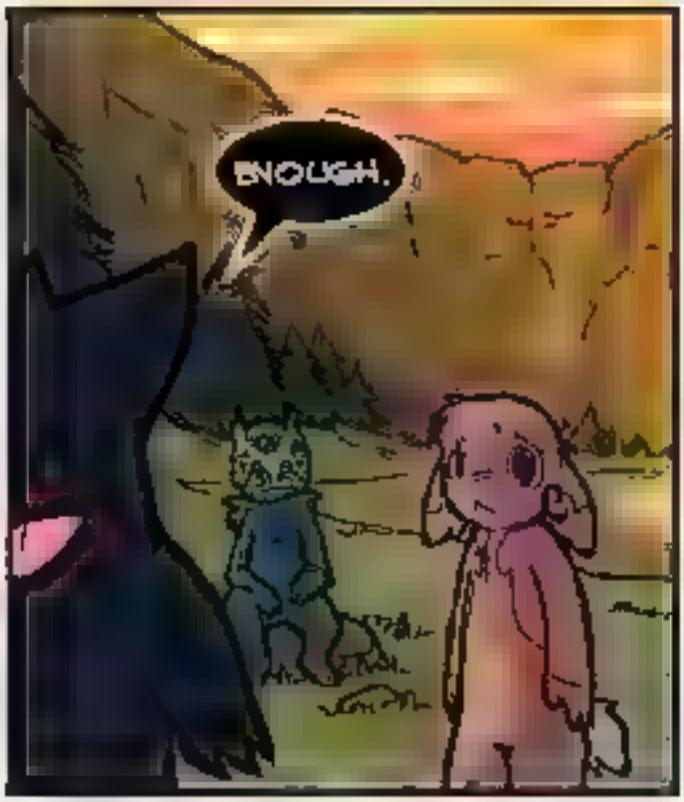
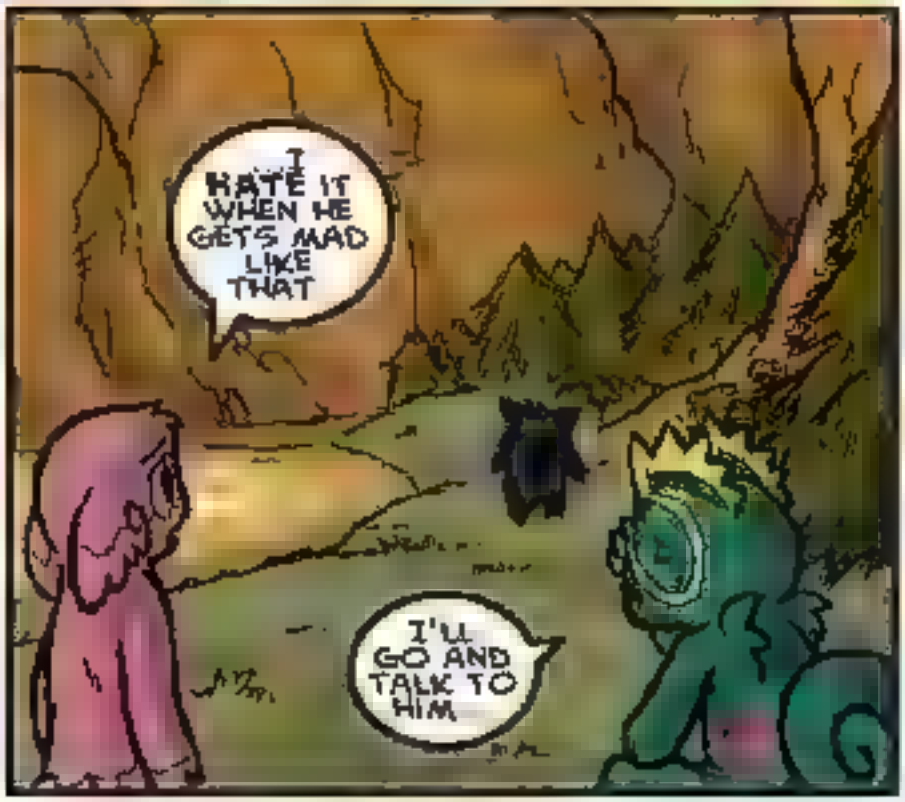
OH CRAP!

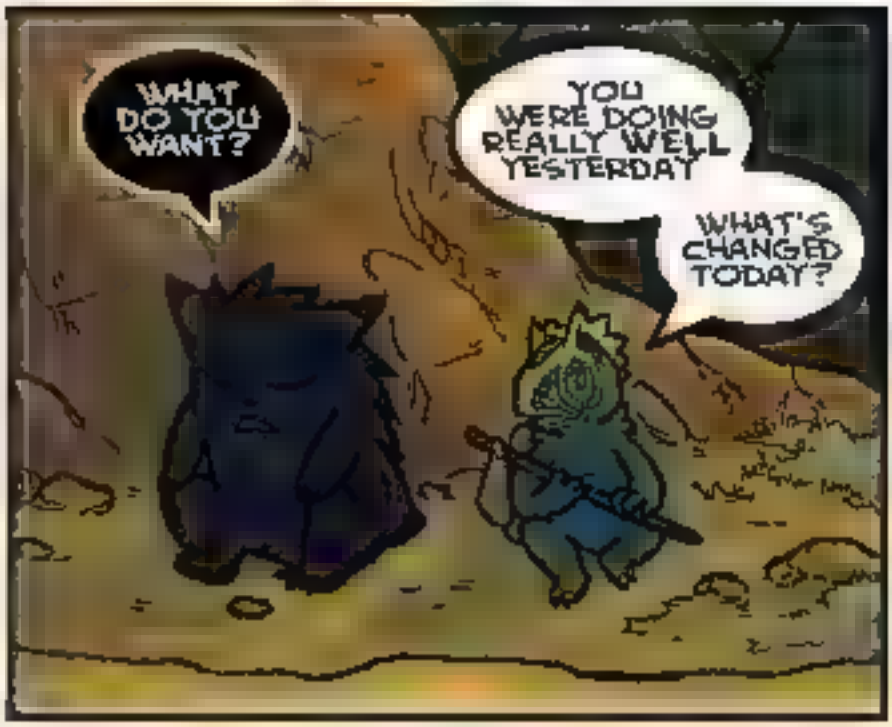

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA DO THAT FADE THING!
YEAH WELL... SO DID I...


ENOUGH.


I HATE IT WHEN HE GETS MAD LIKE THAT
I'LL GO AND TALK TO HIM.

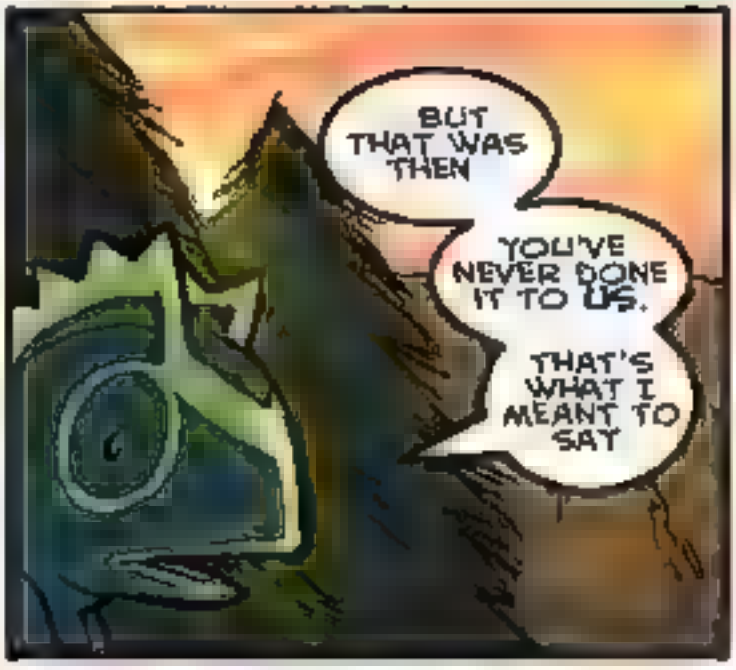
BUTT OUT.

NOW, I'VE WALKED ALL THE WAY OVER HERE TO FIND YOU
AND YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME WALK ALL THE WAY BACK

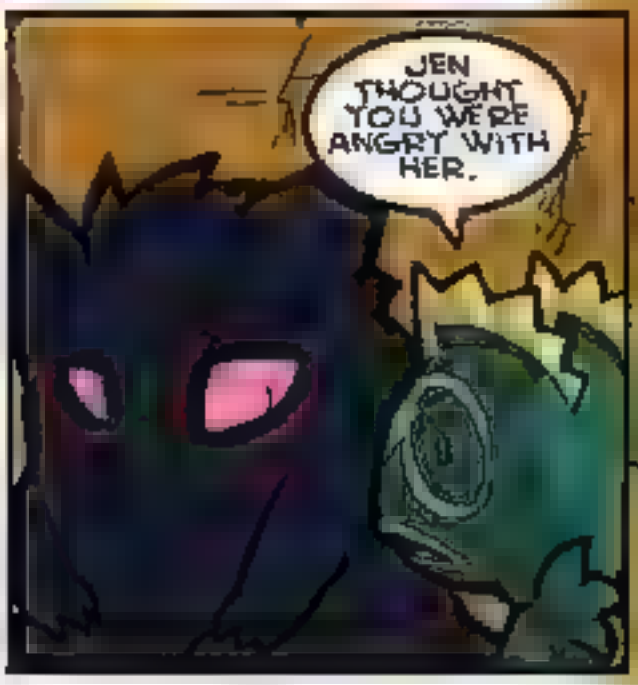

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU WERE DOING REALLY WELL YESTERDAY
WHAT'S CHANGED TODAY?

I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THEM.
AHH.
THE OTHER GHOSTS

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN LIKE THAT.
YEAH, I AM!
I WAS FOR YEARS! MESSING WITH PEOPLE BECAUSE IT WAS FUNNY..
THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE


BUT THAT WAS THEN
YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT TO US.
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT TO SAY

I HATE BEING THIS.
HF

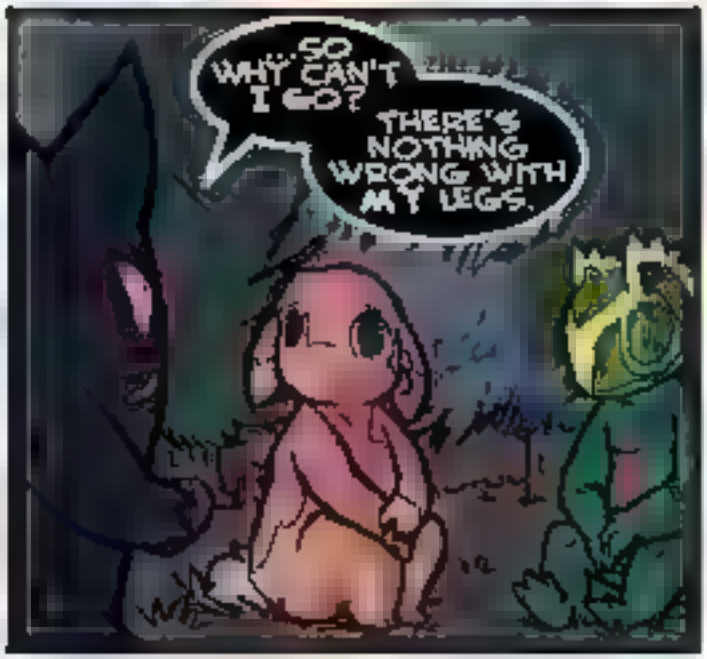

JEN THOUGHT YOU WERE ANGRY WITH HER.

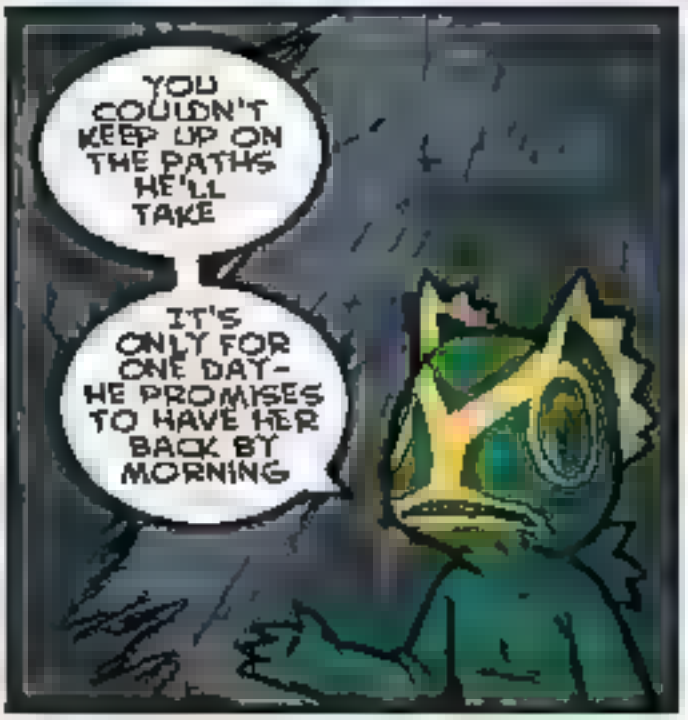
LET'S GO BACK NOW
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU BOTH TOGETHER WE NEED TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO.
COULD YOU HELP ME UP?

I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR SEARCH FOR MUSHARNA
KELDEO KNOWS WHERE TO FIND HER. HE'S OFFERED TO TAKE JEN THERE TOMORROW AND I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE HIM UP ON IT

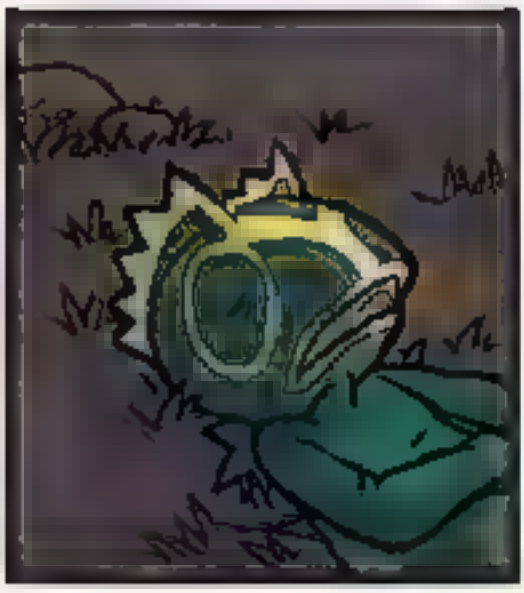
JUST ME?
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?

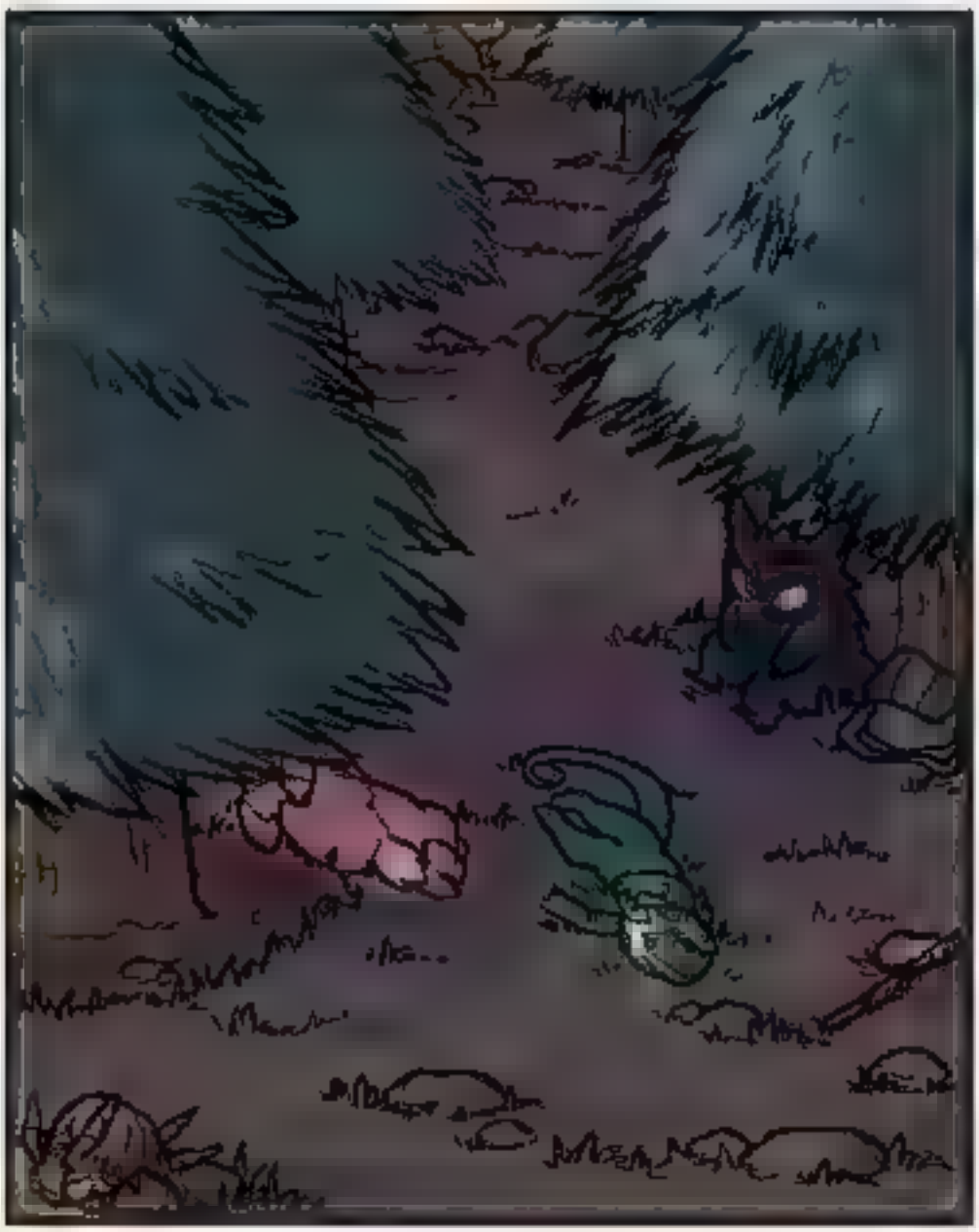
WE'LL WAIT HERE FOR YOU
LAST NIGHT WE WENT BADLY WRONG, THANKS TO MY LEADER-SHIP
AND NOW, WITH MY LEG THE WAY IT IS, IT COULD TAKE US ANOTHER WEEK TO GET THERE FROM HERE
WE MUSTN'T LOSE THE TIME


SO WHY CAN'T I GO?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY LEGS.

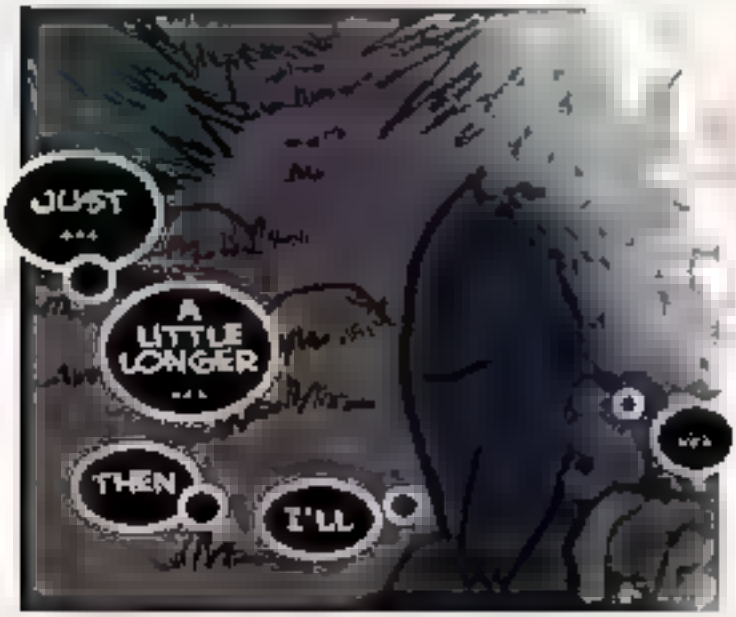

YOU COULDN'T KEEP UP ON THE PATHS HE'LL TAKE
IT'S ONLY FOR ONE DAY- HE PROMISES TO HAVE HER BACK BY MORNING

I'D RATHER STAY WITH YOU GUYS
I KNOW BUT YOU'LL BE SAFER WITH KELDEO THAN YOU WOULD BE WITH US

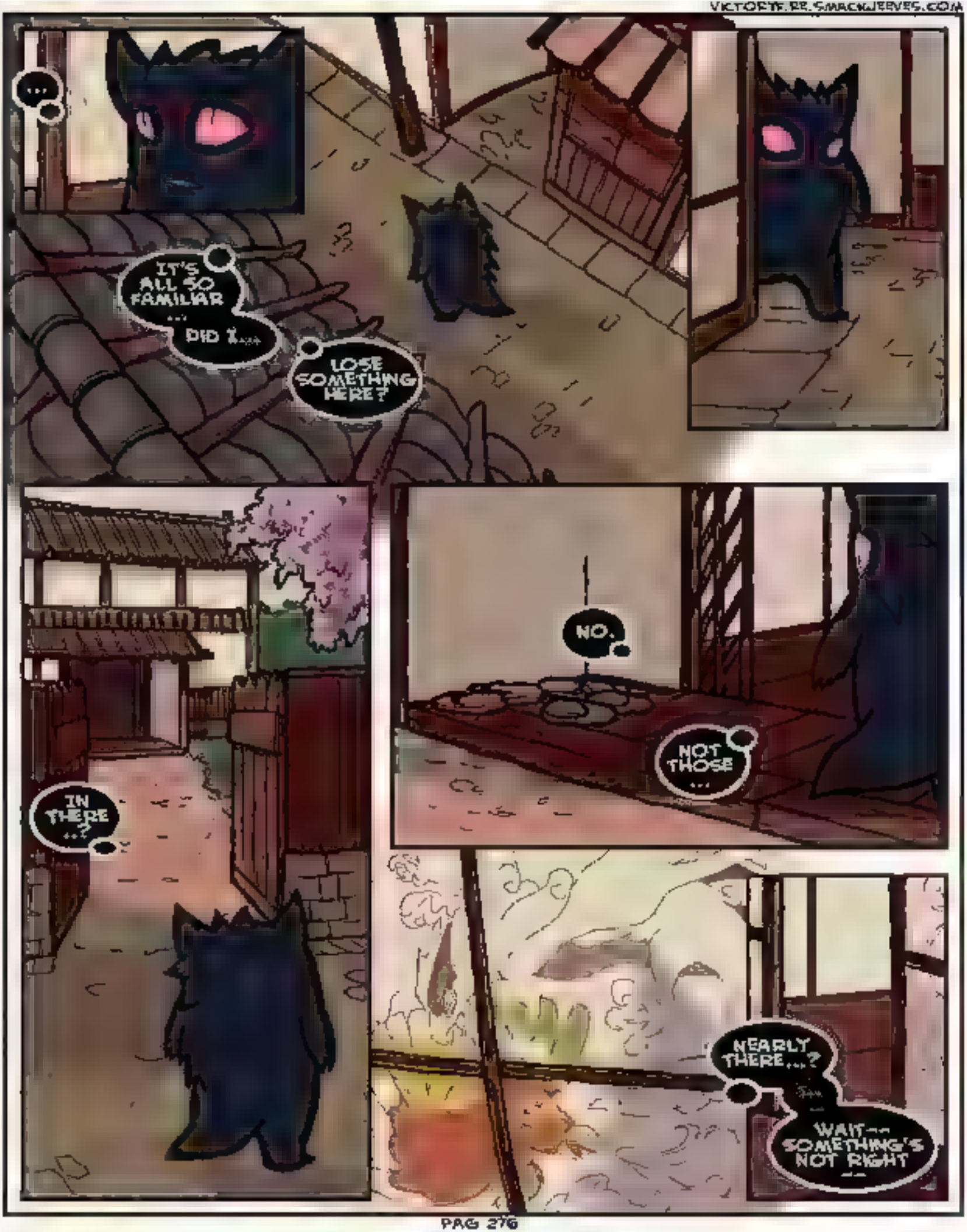


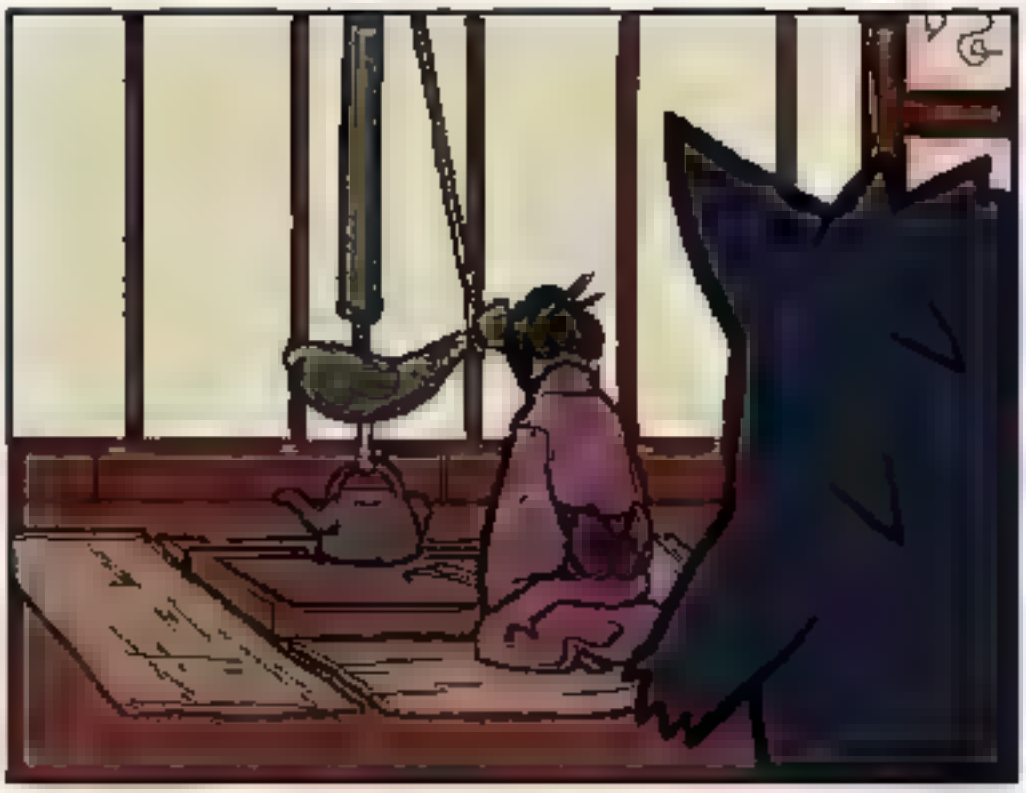


WHEN IT TOUCHES THE CLIFF ...
I'LL WAKE HIM THEN...


JUST ...
A LITTLE LONGER ...
THEN
I'LL
...

THIS PLACE...
I'VE SEEN HERE BEFORE...
BUT WHEN?


...
IT'S ALL SO FAMILIAR ... DID I...
LOSE SOMETHING HERE?
IN THERE ...?
NO.
NOT THOSE ...
NEARLY THERE...?
WAIT-- SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT



GGH-
DREAM

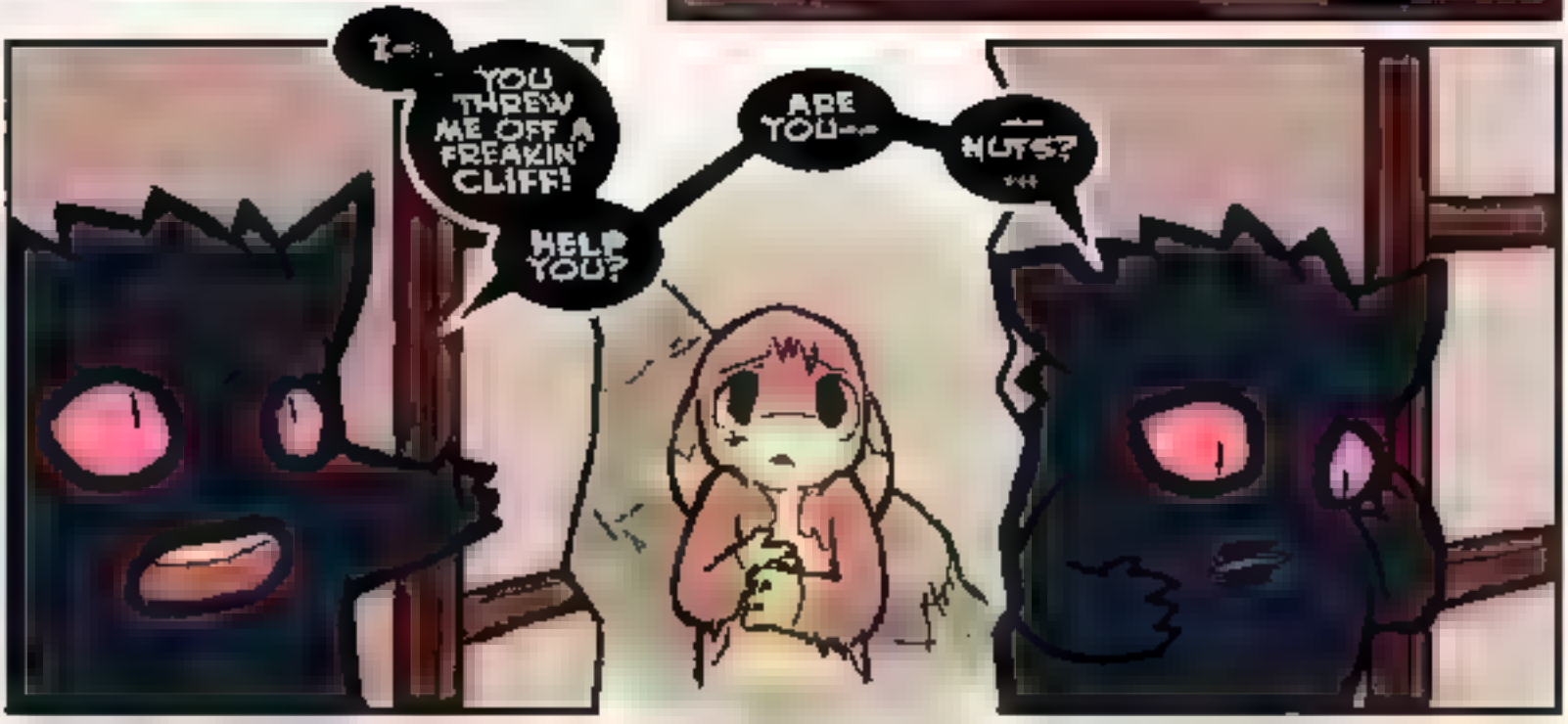
DROP IT!
NOW!
OR I SWEAR I WILL TRY TO KILL YOU!
IT'S YOUR DREAM.
I DIDN'T CHOOSE THE SHAPE.

YOU DREAM THIS PLACE A LOT, DON'T YOU?
BUT YOU NEVER REMEMBER WHEN YOU WAKE.

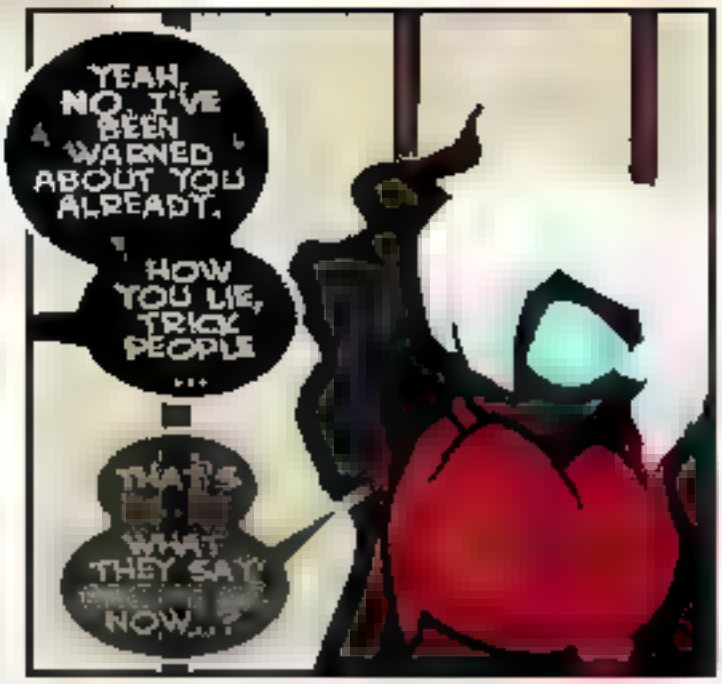
...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

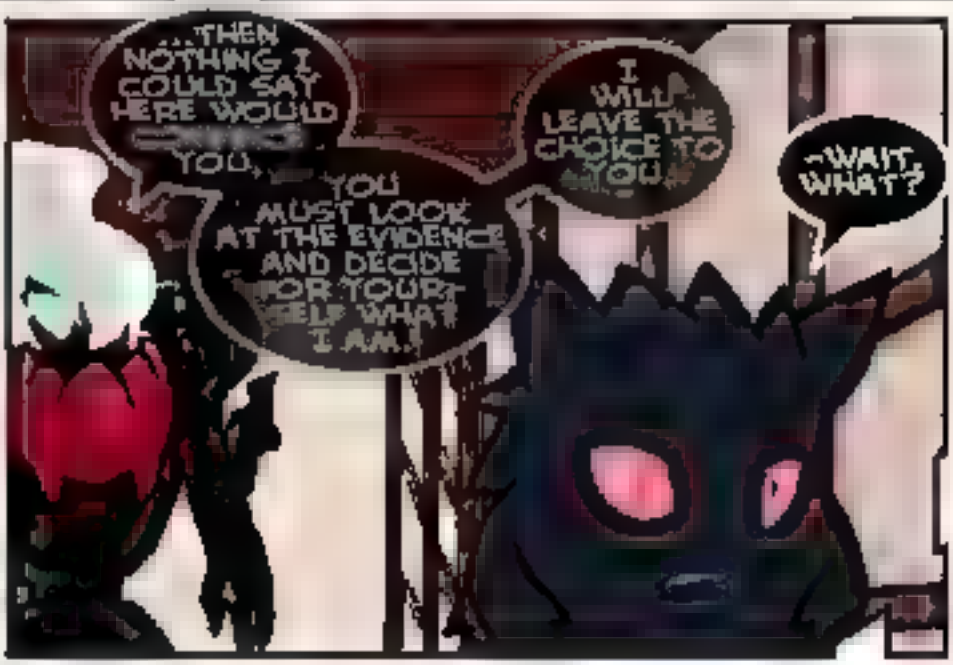
HELP ME!
PLEASE...

HELP YOU?


I--
YOU THREW ME OFF A FREAKIN' CLIFF!
HELP YOU?
ARE YOU--
NUTS?

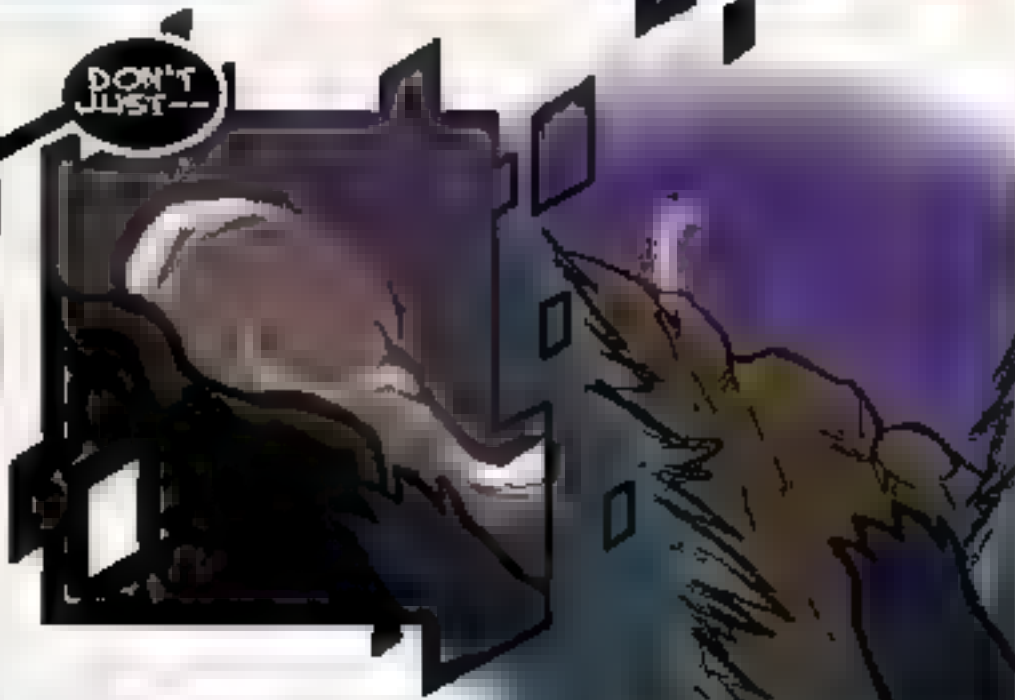
...GOT THAT FROM MY DREAMS TOO, HUH? REAL NICE. FROM SOMEONE WHO WANTS HELP.
WHAT?
I--NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN

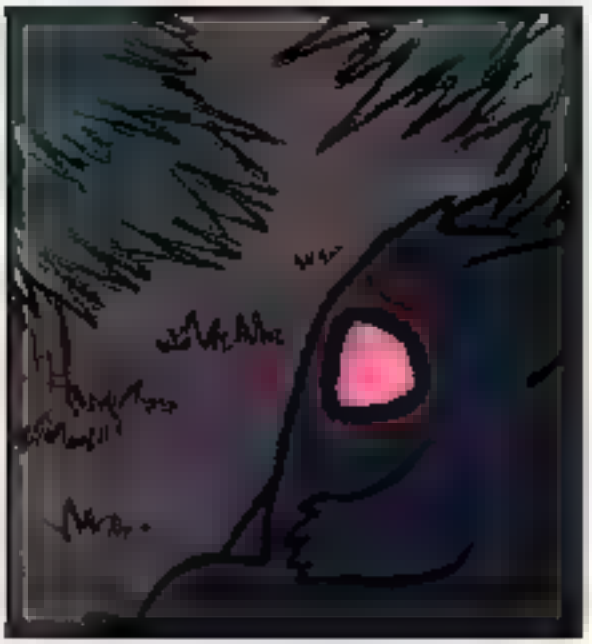

YEAH, NO, I'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT YOU ALREADY.
HOW YOU LIE, TRICK PEOPLE
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY NOW...?

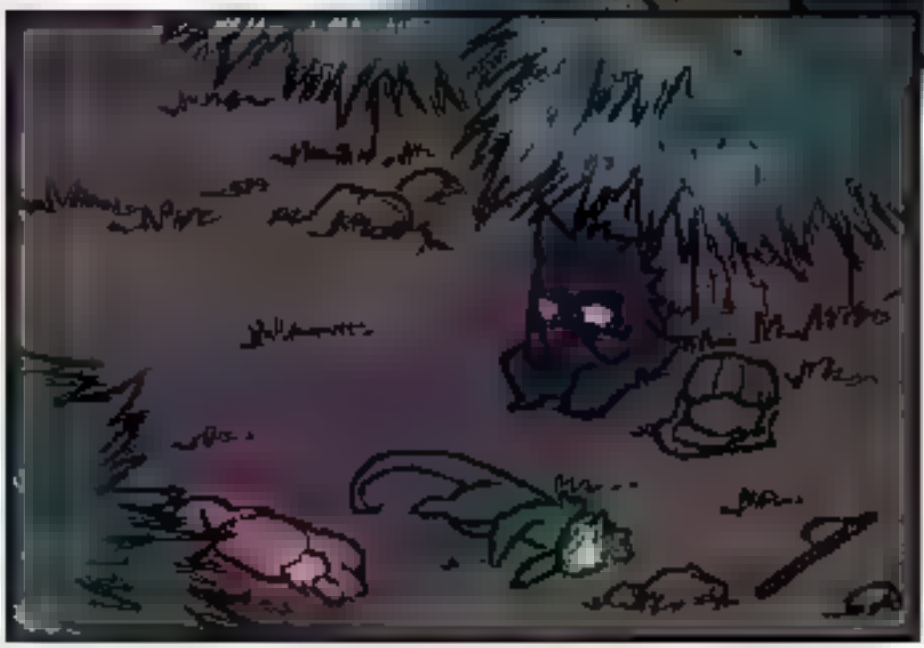

...THEN NOTHING I COULD SAY HERE WOULD
YOU, YOU MUST LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF WHAT I AM.
I WILL LEAVE THE CHOICE TO YOU.
-WAIT, WHAT?

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO ME AGAIN, SPEAK MY NAME IN DREAMS.
I'LL HEAR.

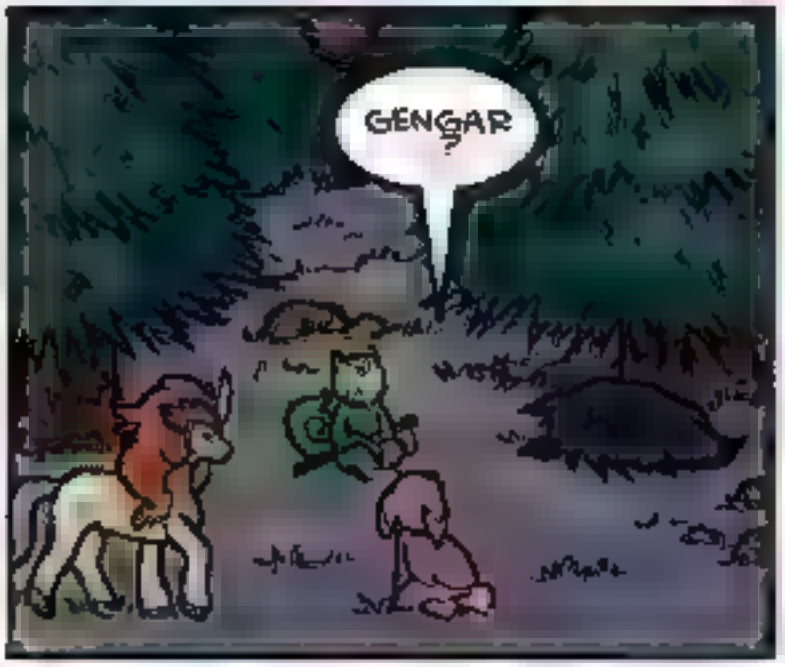
HEY, WAIT--
WHAT D'YOU --?

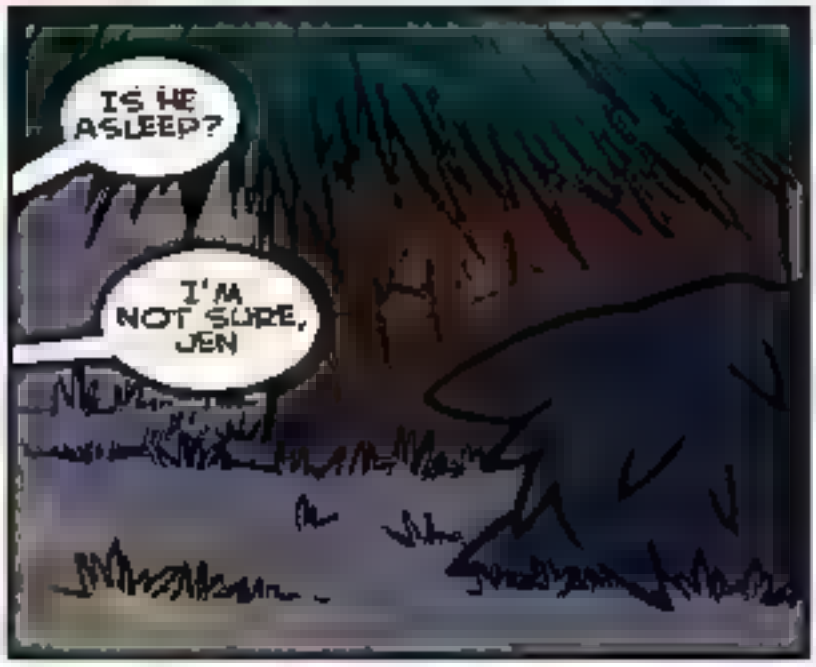

HEY!
DON'T JUST--

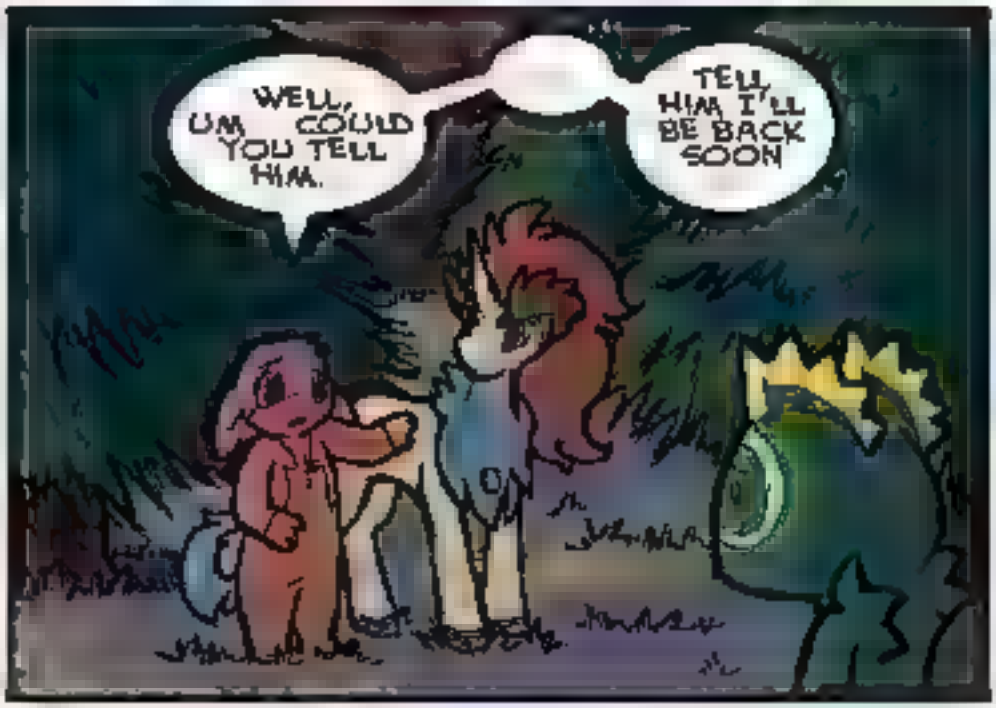




ARE YOU
MNH?


GENGAR

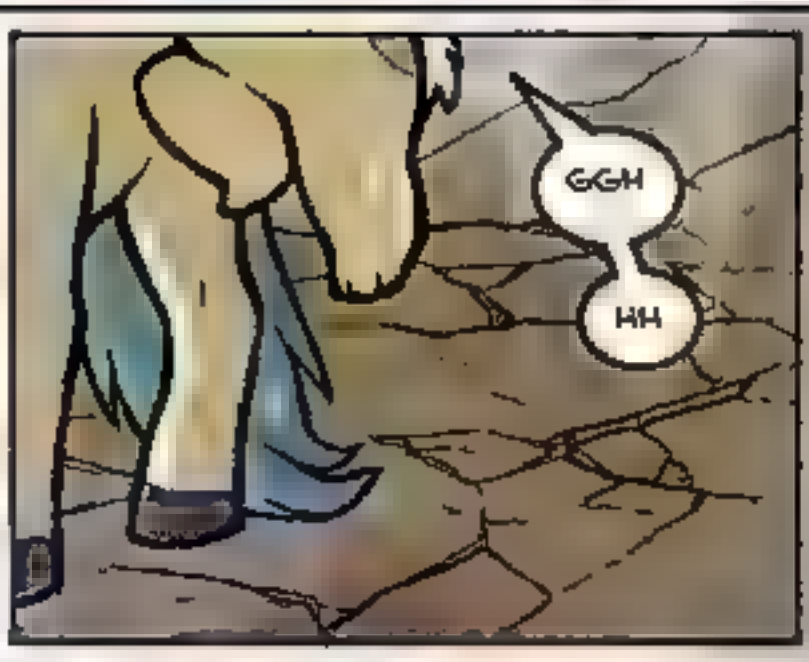

IS HE ASLEEP?
I'M NOT SURE, JEN

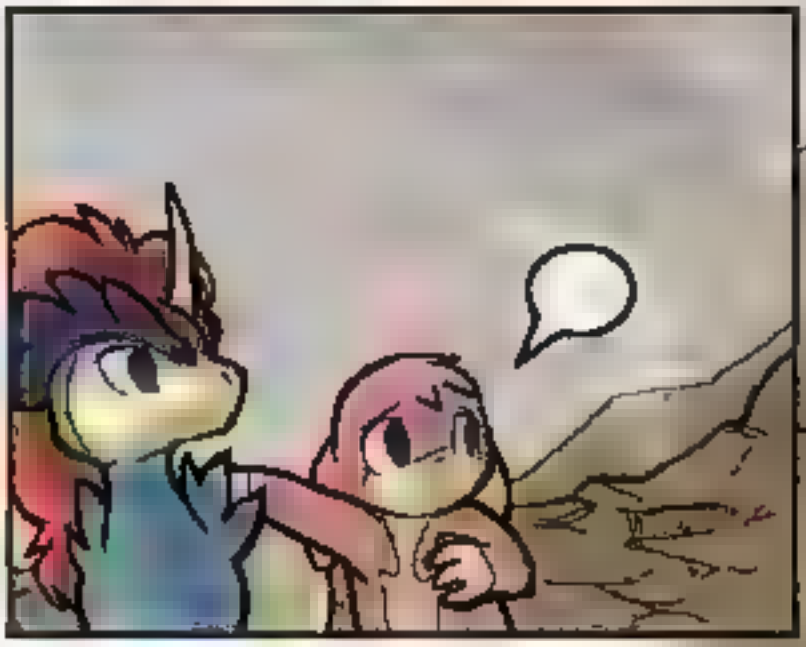

WELL, UM COULD YOU TELL HIM.
TELL HIM I'LL BE BACK SOON

BYE

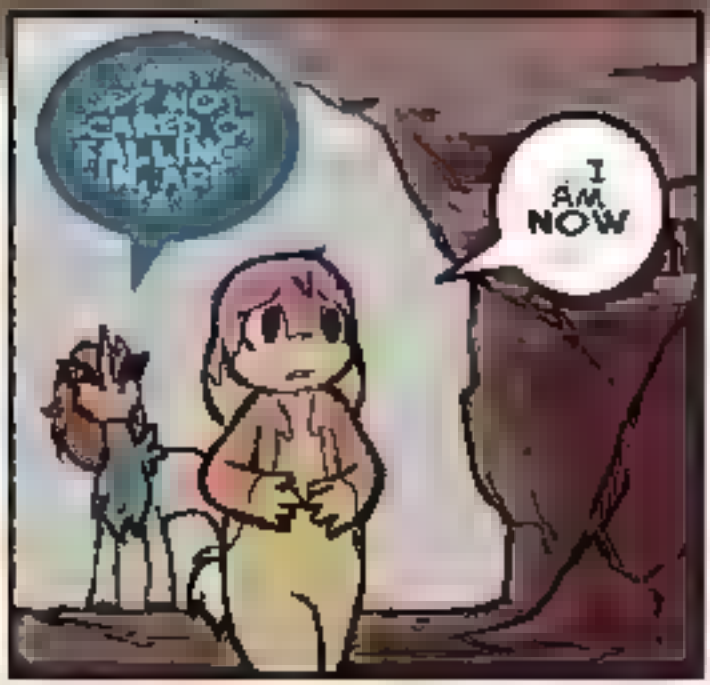
GO TAKE YOUR MEDS, OLD MAN.
DID YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS LAST NIGHT?
NO.
ARE YOU SURE?
IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT I SAID YOU ASK.
GENGAR, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.
HE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS IF YOU LET HIM IN
YEAH, I THINK I SAW THAT SIDE OF HIM ALREADY.
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE MESS WITH MY HEAD, AND I ESPECIALLY DON'T LIKE IT WHEN THEY INVADE MY DREAMS.
SO I'M NOT TOO INTERESTED IN ANYTHING HE'S GOT TO SAY.
WARNED YOU NOT TO TRUST ME, RIGHT?
HE WAS CONCERNED, YES.
BUT I TOLD HIM I HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN YOU.

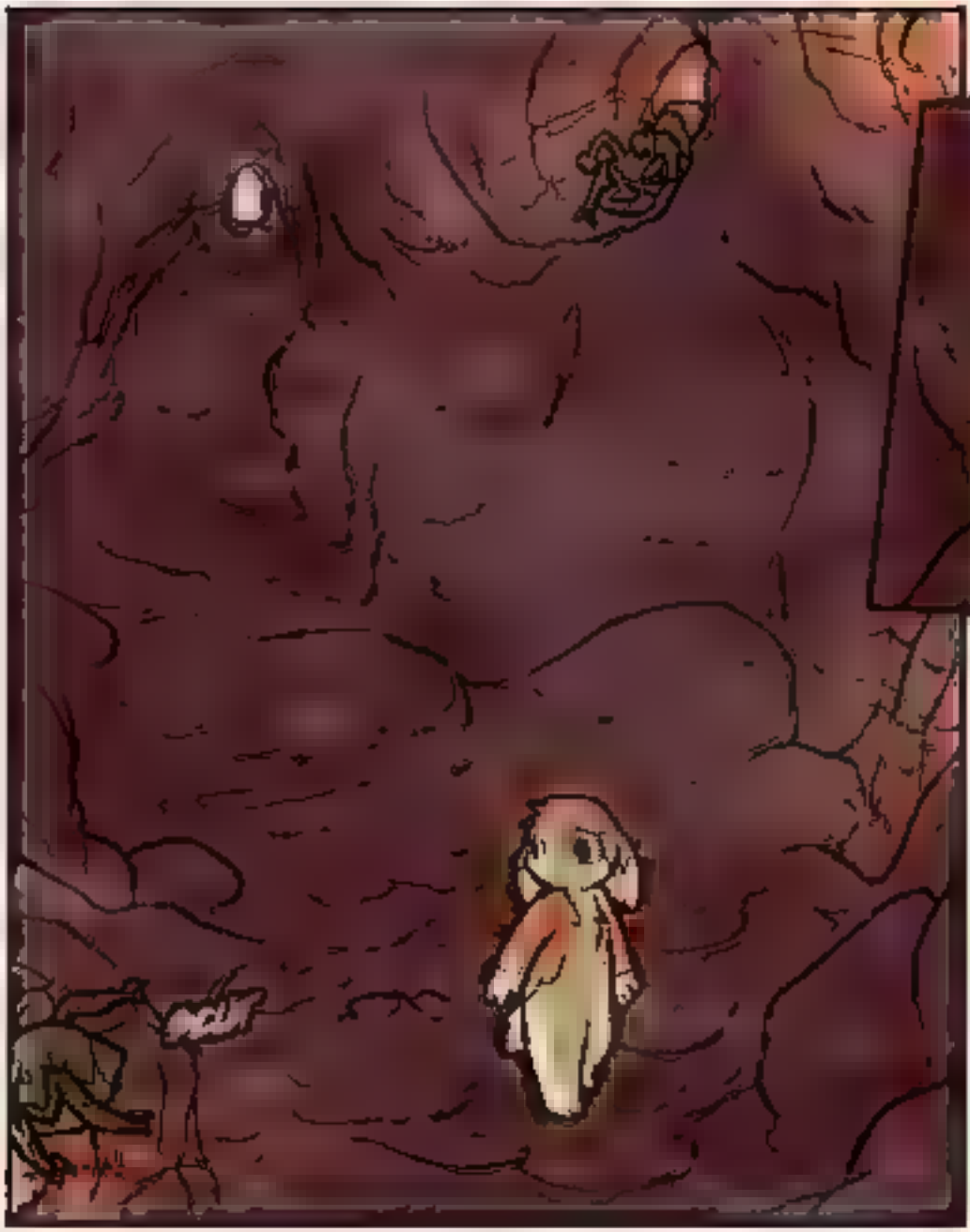
HM—
YEAH...?
WELL... AS LONG AS YOU TRUST HIM....
H-HOW ARE YOU DOING THIIIIS?
I DUNNO! COOL, HUH?!
I'M GONNA DIE


GGH
HH



IS THIS A VOLCANO ..?
HAVE I GOT TO GO IN BY MY-SELF?


I AM NOW

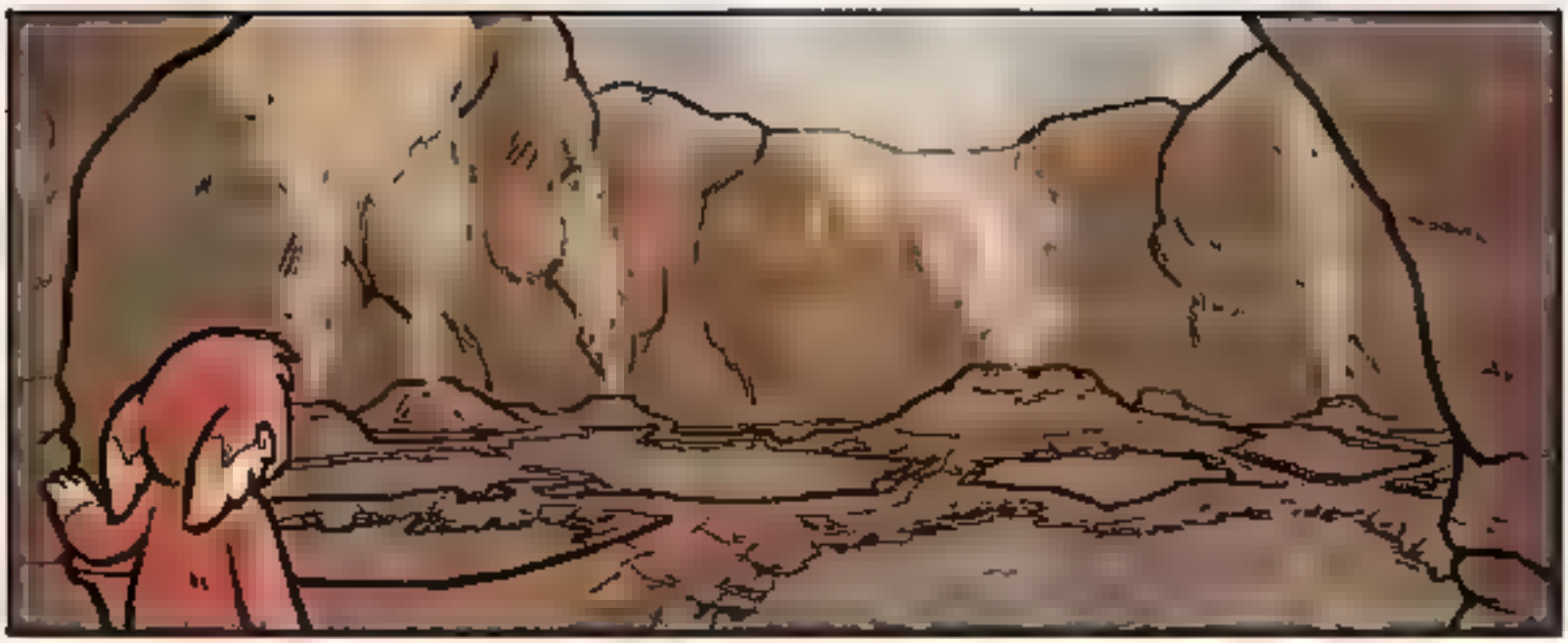


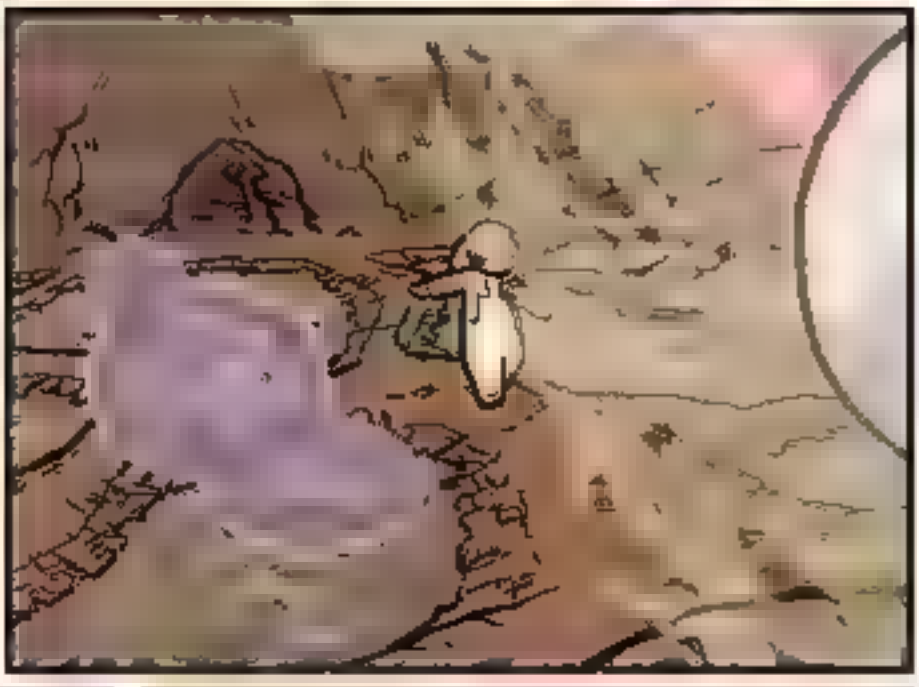
IS IT FOOD?
GUH-
N-NO ?

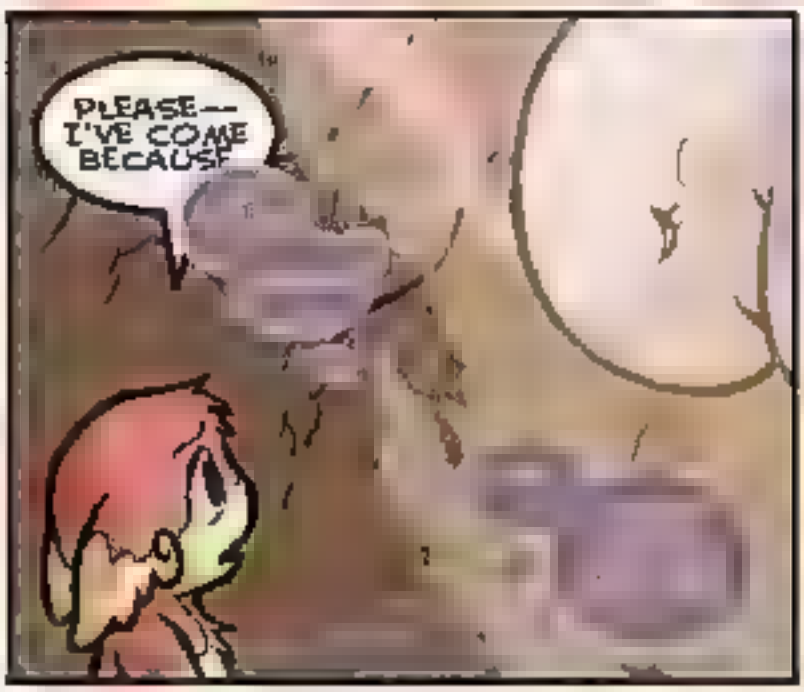
NO
WHAT DOES IT WANT?
MUH
MUSHARNA?

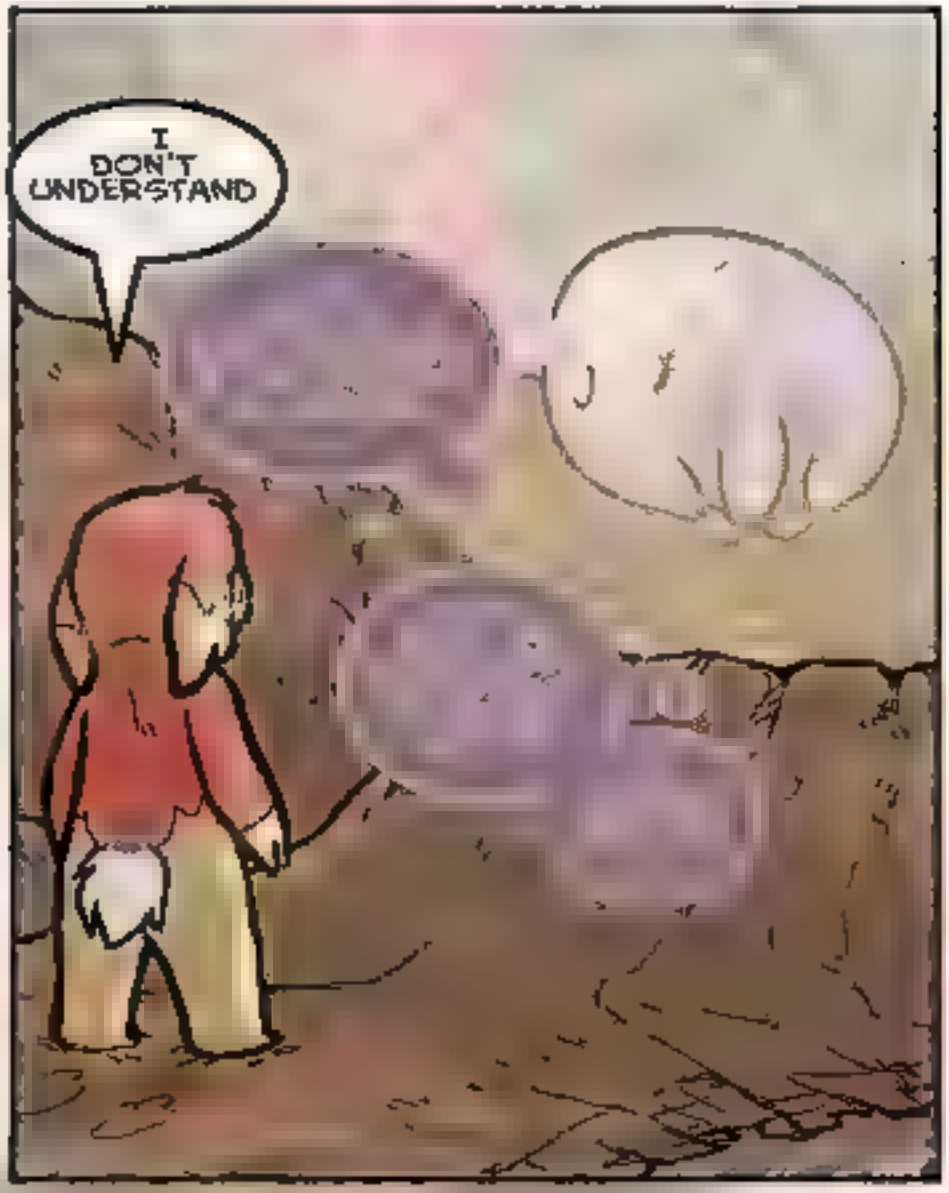
DOWN THERE?
O-OKAY

HUHH

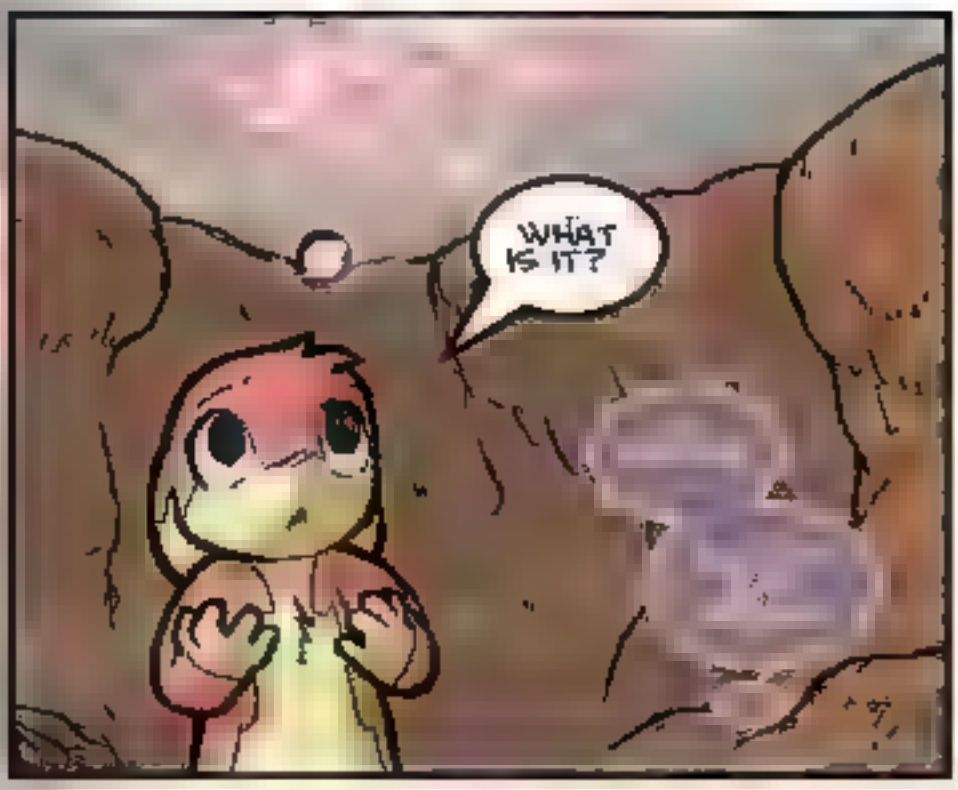


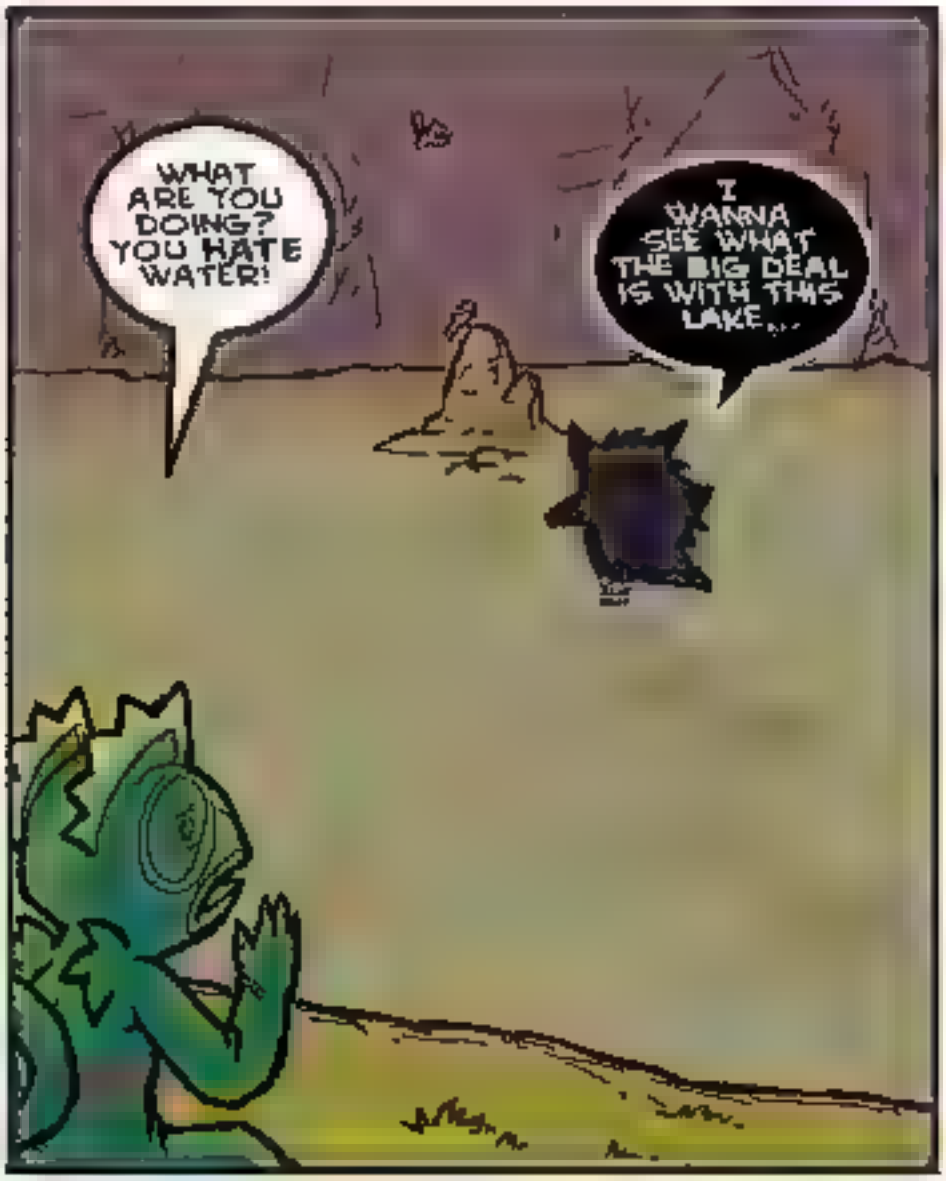


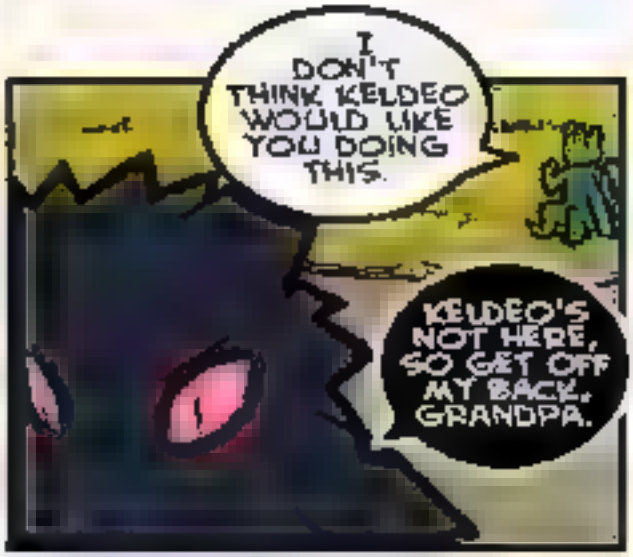

PLEASE— I'VE COME BECAUSE


I DON'T UNDERSTAND

UMM BUT WHY


WHAT IS IT?

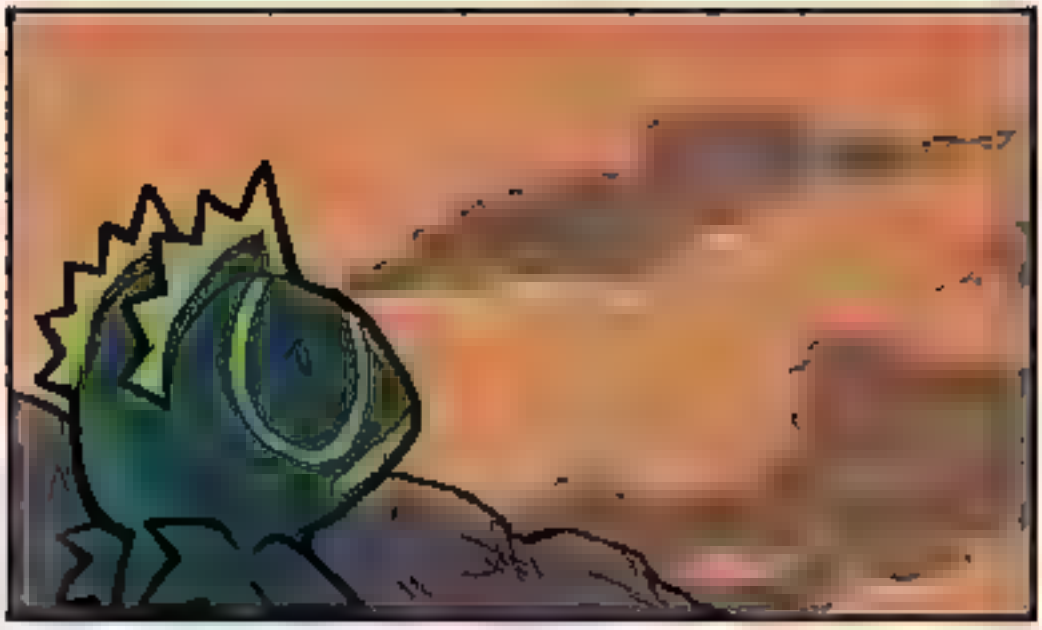

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU HATE WATER!
I WANNA SEE WHAT THE BIG DEAL IS WITH THIS LAKE...


I DON'T THINK KELDEO WOULD LIKE YOU DOING THIS.
KELDEO'S NOT HERE, SO GET OFF MY BACK, GRANDPA.

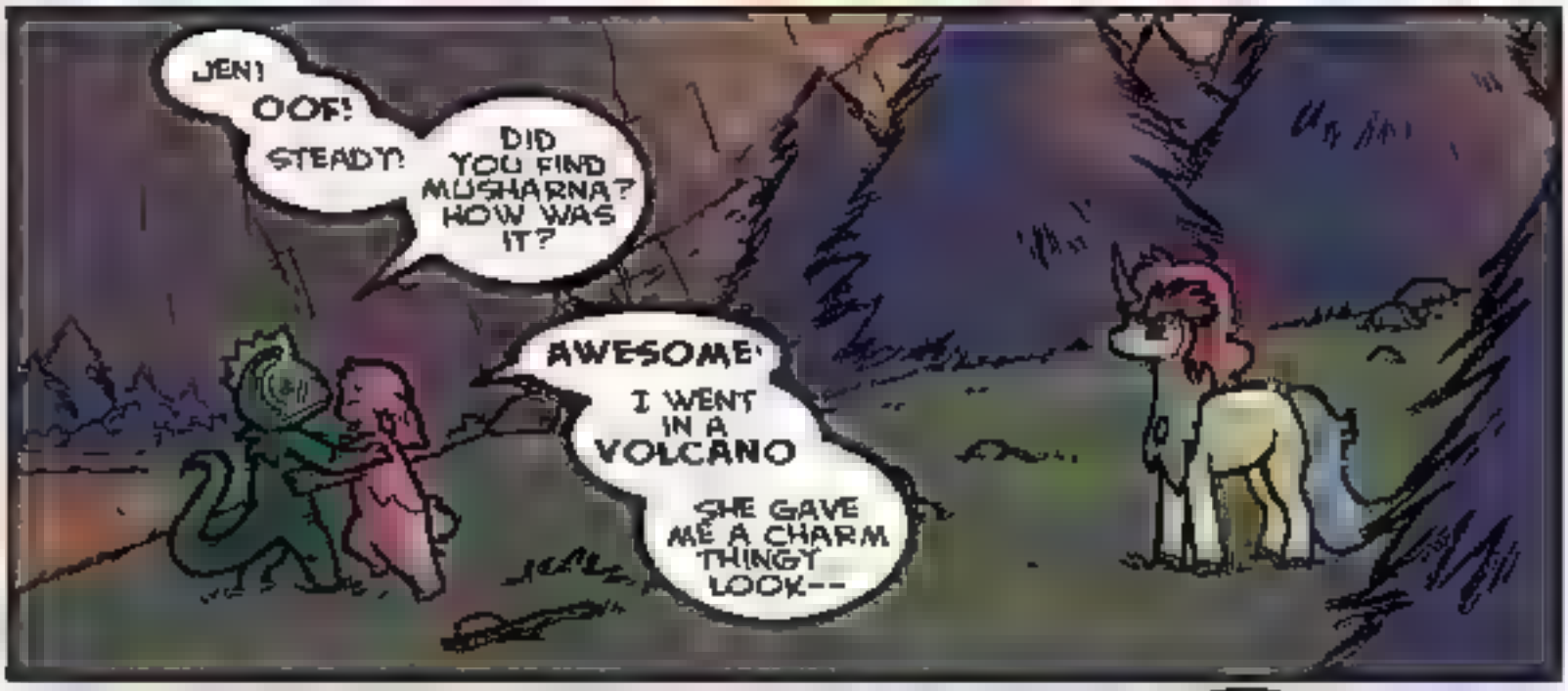
"GRANDPA", IS IT, NOW?

AAG.
THAT'S IT?

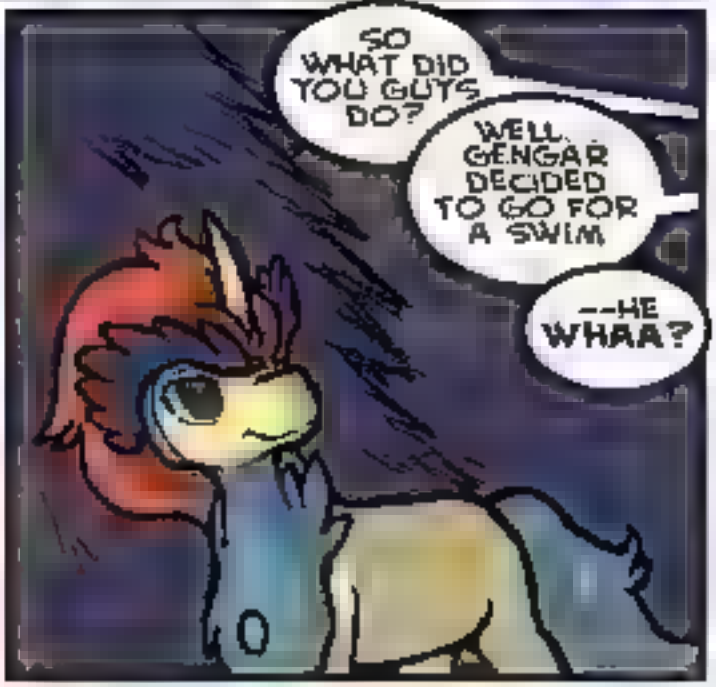
SATISFIED YOUR CURIOSITY?
THERE'S NOTHING THERE.
IT'S JUST AN OLD ROCK WITH SOME STUFF SCRATCHED ON
WUP!
EVER HEARD OF 'LEVITATE'? I'M TOLD IT'S QUITE USEFUL.
SHUT IT, GRANDPA.

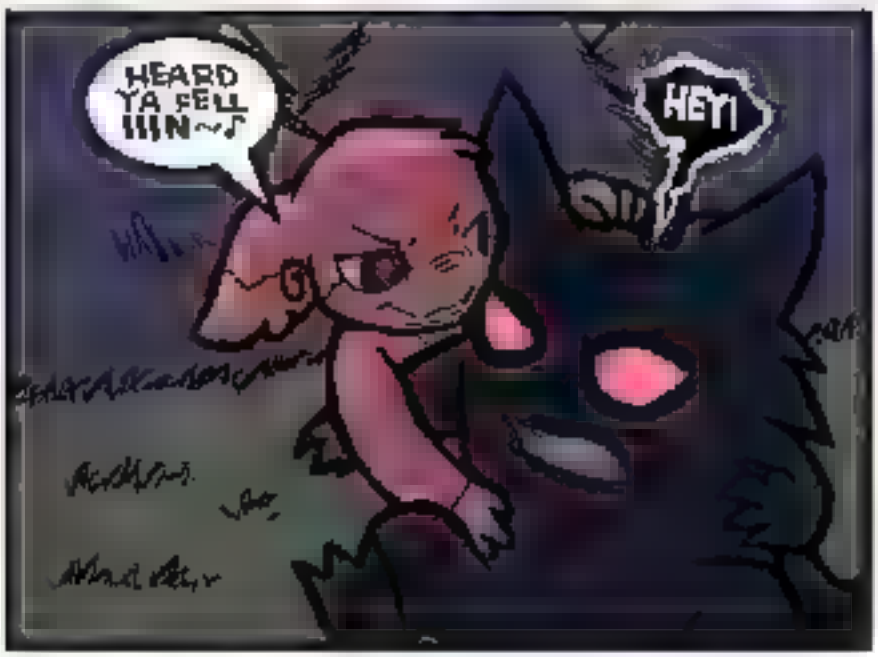


HI, KECLEON

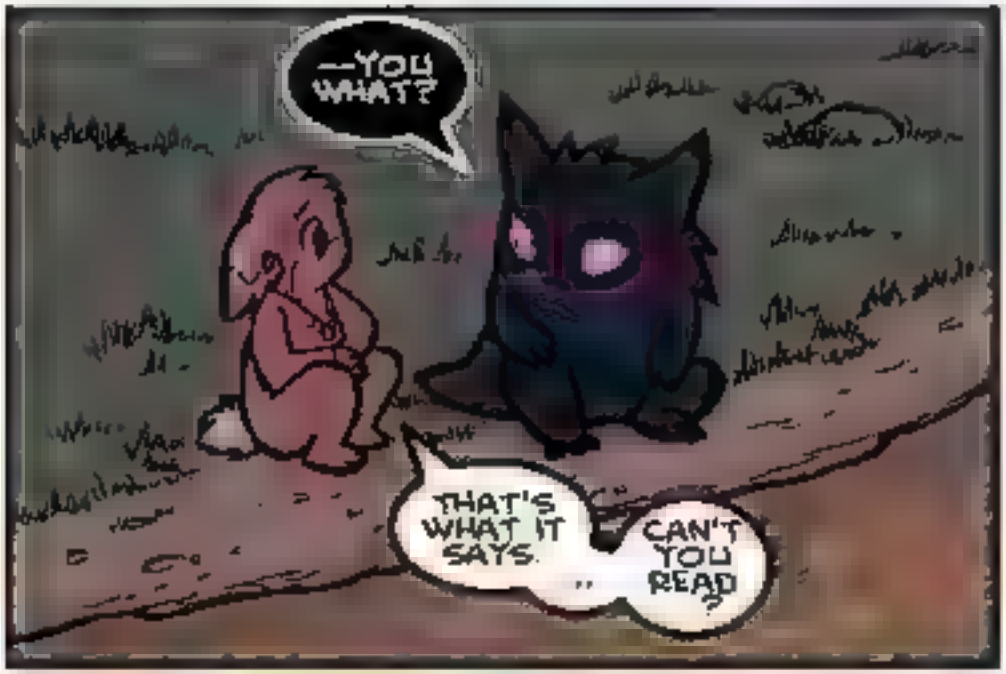

JEN!
OOF!
STEADY!
DID YOU FIND MUSHARNA? HOW WAS IT?
AWESOME!
I WENT IN A VOLCANO
SHE GAVE ME A CHARM THINGY LOOK--

KELDEO
THANK YOU, FOR ALL OF THIS.
YEAH, THANKS!

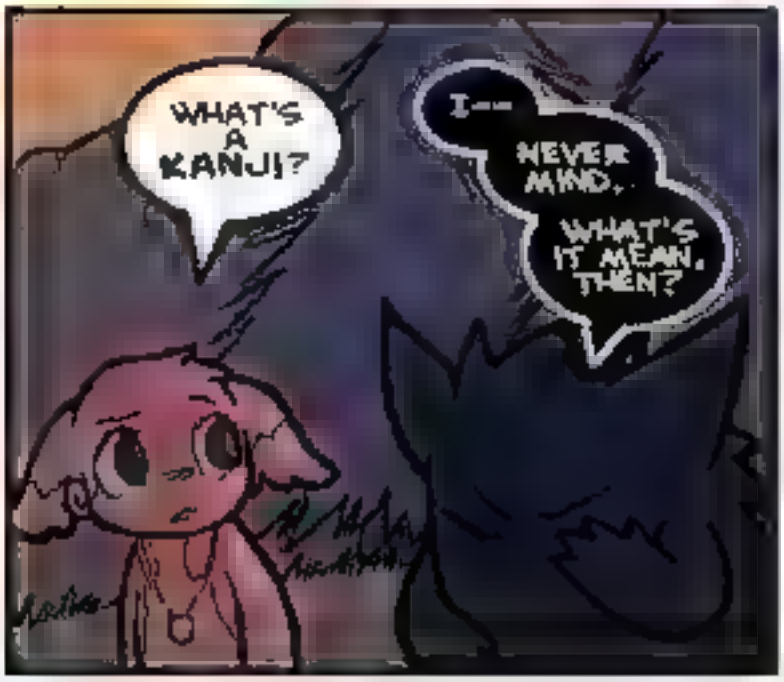

SO WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO?
WELL, GENGAR DECIDED TO GO FOR A SWIM
--HE WHAA?


HEARD YA FELL !!!N~♪
HEY!

X... D OH-OH-TWO?


—YOU WHAT?
THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS...
CAN'T YOU READ?

YOU THINK I'M DUMB?
'COURSE I CAN READ, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY KIND OF KANJI TO ME...


WHAT'S A KANJI?
I--
NEVER MIND...
WHAT'S IT MEAN, THEN?

I DUNNO IT'S JUST RANDOM
WHY?
WHAT'S IT FROM?

DARKRAI. IT'S ON HIS ARM...
LIKE, BRANDED OR SOMETHING.
BRANDED?

THE WAY YOU WROTE IT, THOUGH
IT'S WEIRD
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE. OR SOMETHING LIKE IT
WHAT? WHEN?

I DUNNO
I THINK I WAS REALLY LITTLE

TRY TO REMEMBER, OKAY?
'CAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT.
THINK ABOUT IT TONIGHT?
YEAH, OKAY.
I'LL TRY

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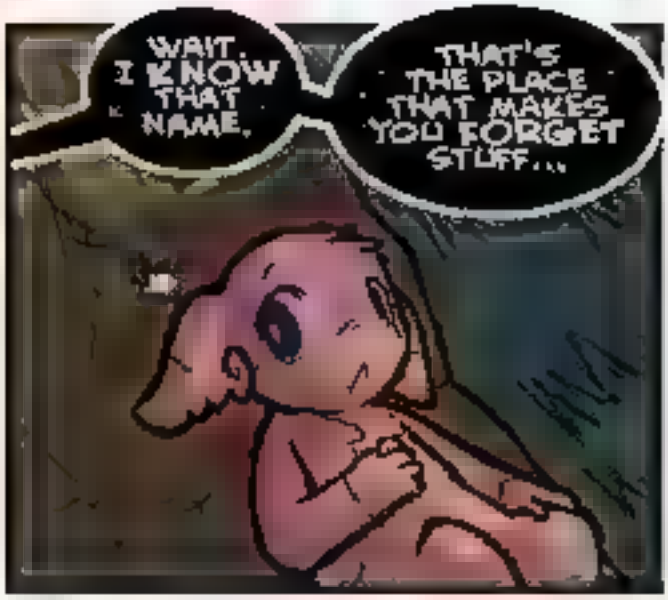
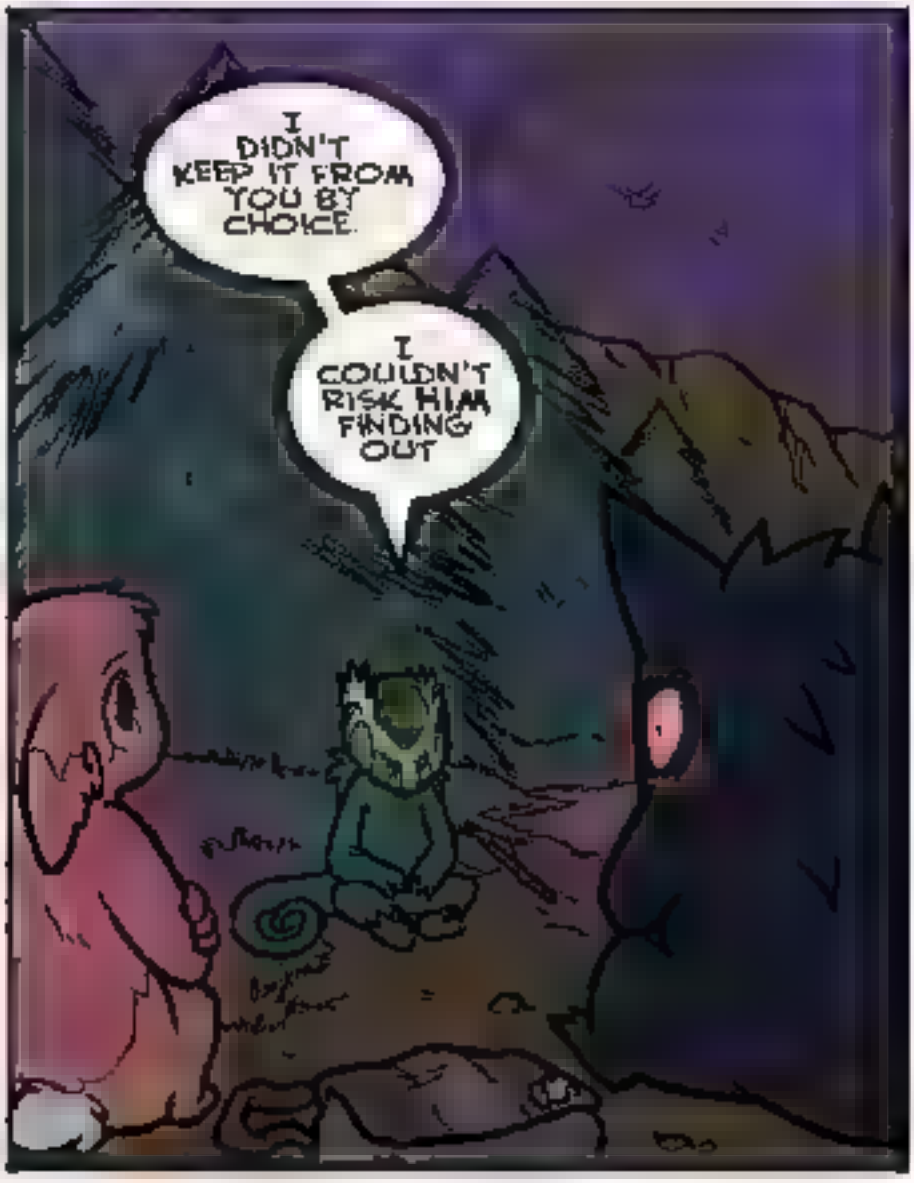

WAIT. I KNOW THAT NAME.
THAT'S THE PLACE THAT MAKES YOU FORGET STUFF...

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
PURITY FOREST!
STEP INTO THAT PLACE AND ALL YOUR MEMORIES
POOF! GONE!
COUNT ME OUT. I'VE LOST ENOUGH ALREADY.

GENGAR, I PROMISE YOU, THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS
YEAH? AND HOW WOULD YOU--

THAT'S IT... YOU'VE COME FROM THERE.


I DIDN'T KEEP IT FROM YOU BY CHOICE.
I COULDN'T RISK HIM FINDING OUT

SO LET ME GUESS-- THE RIVER MEETING WAS NO ACCIDENT?
CELEBI SENT YOU TO HELP US?

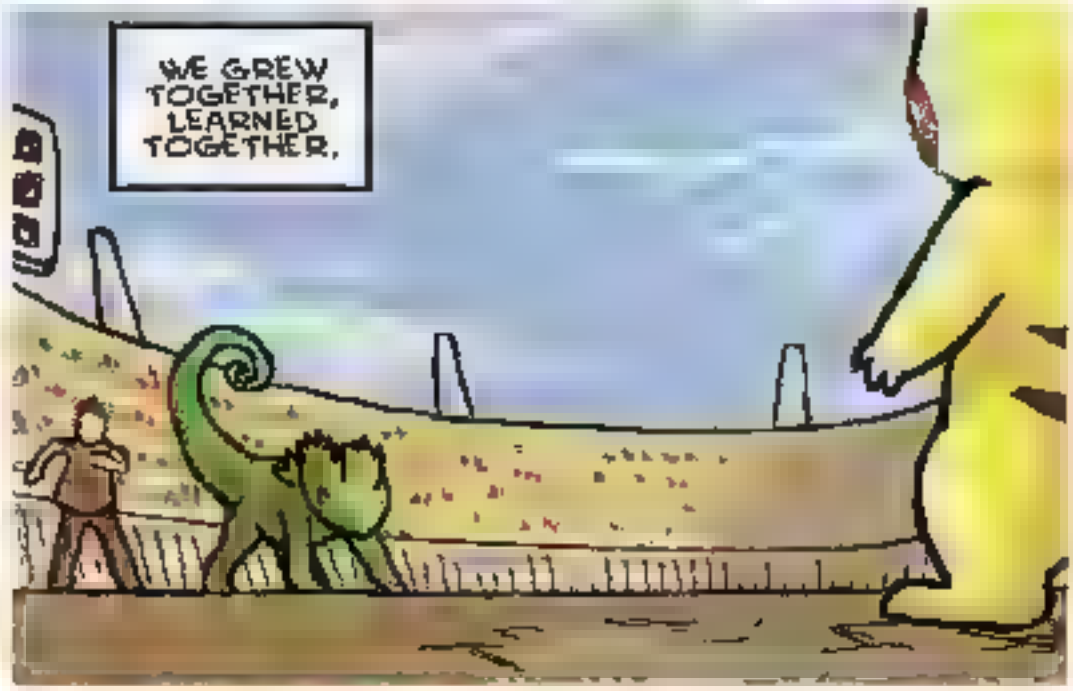
CELEBI ..?

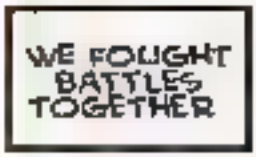
CELEBI IS THE GUARDIAN OF PURITY FOREST, AND MY FRIEND
I SUPPOSE I HAD BETTER TELL YOU I--
FORGIVE ME THIS ISN'T EASY FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT

SHE SAVED ME FROM MYSELF, AFTER I LOST MY PARTNER
HE AND I.
WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER
FROM THE TIME I WAS BORN

I NEVER KNEW MY PARENTS, THOUGH I HEARD THEY WERE BOTH CHAMPIONS.
COOL, MOM!

HE WAS MOTHER AND FATHER TO ME.
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM NOW THEY'RE FROM HOENN, AND THEY'RE RARE


WE GREW TOGETHER, LEARNED TOGETHER,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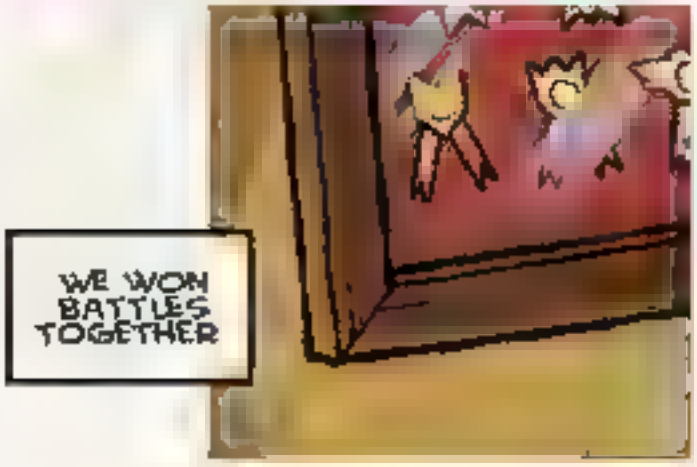
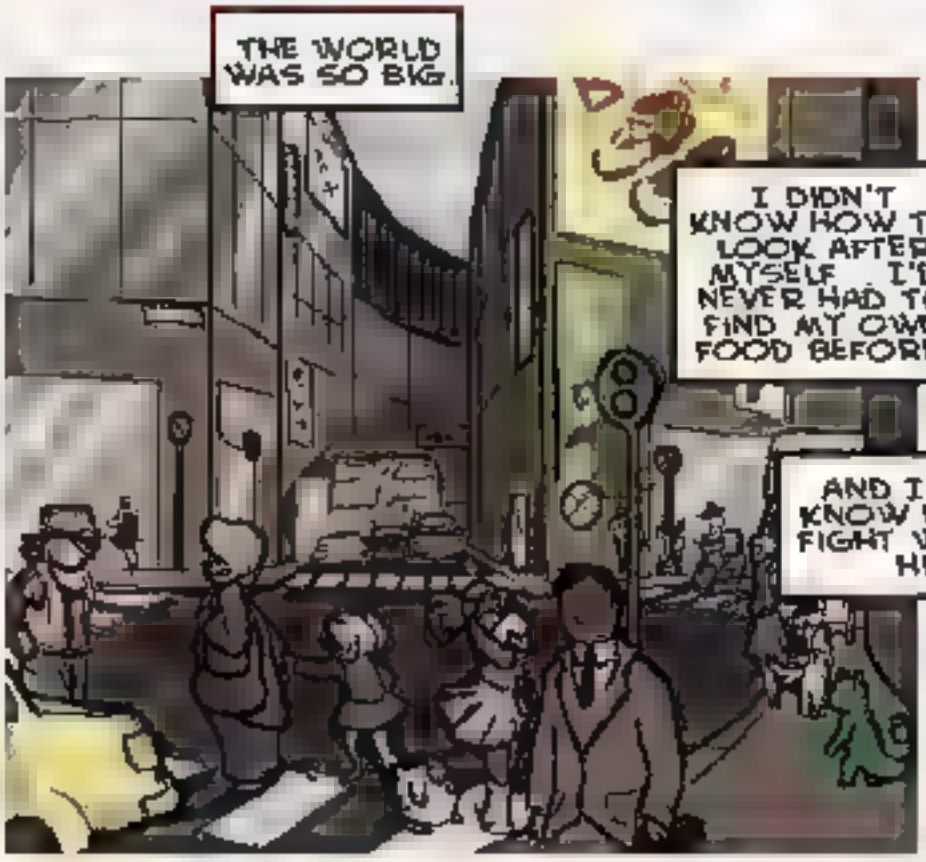

WE WON BATTLES TOGETHER

WE GREW OLD TOGETHER

ONE DAY, HE DIDN'T COME HOME
EVERYONE WAS SO SAD

I DIDN'T LIKE TO THINK OF HIM LOST AND ALONE...
I SLIPPED OUT AND WENT TO LOOK FOR HIM.

BUT THEN, I LOST TRACK, AND COULDN'T FIND MY OWN WAY HOME


THE WORLD WAS SO BIG.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO LOOK AFTER MYSELF. I'D NEVER HAD TO FIND MY OWN FOOD BEFORE
AND I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT WITHOUT HIM

WHEN I DID FIND SOMETHING, OTHERS TOOK IT FROM ME

I WANTED TO GET OUT OF THE GRAY PLACE.

I SAT DOWN TO REST. IT WAS VERY COLD THAT DAY, AND EVERY-THING HURT

ONE OF THEM STOPPED

THERE. SEE HIM?

SEEMS PRETTY TAME. MUSTA BEEN DUMPED

CLU-CLUNK

DON'T LOOK SO GOOD

SHOULD WE TAKE HIM TO A POKEMON CENTER?

AIN'T GOT TIME. JUST LEAVE HIM, MAN. OLD FELLA'S PROBABLY ON THE WAY OUT ANYWAY

I DON'T LIKE LEAVING HIM OUT HERE WITH ALL THE TRAFFIC.

EHH.

THERE GOT SOME FOOD NOW AT LEAST

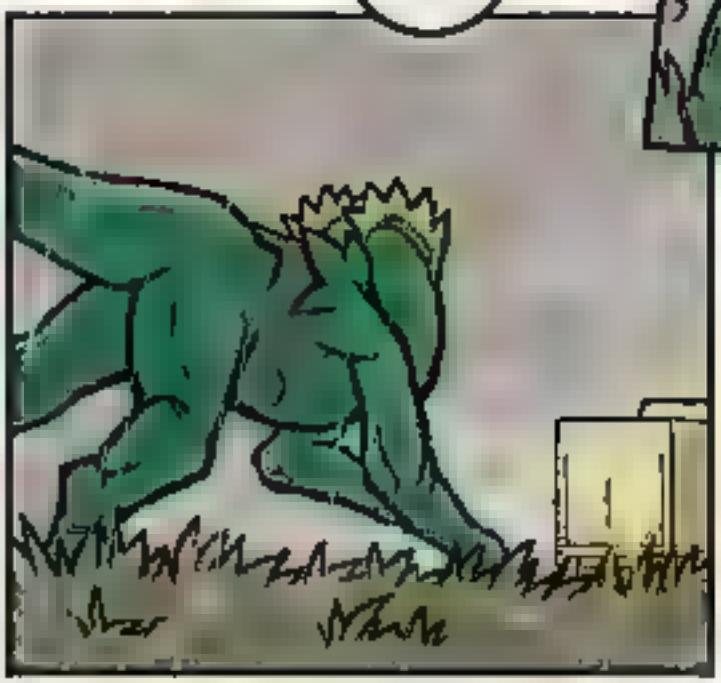
COME ON WE GOTTA GO

CLU-CLUNK

DON'T LEAVE

HHUH

GAAK!



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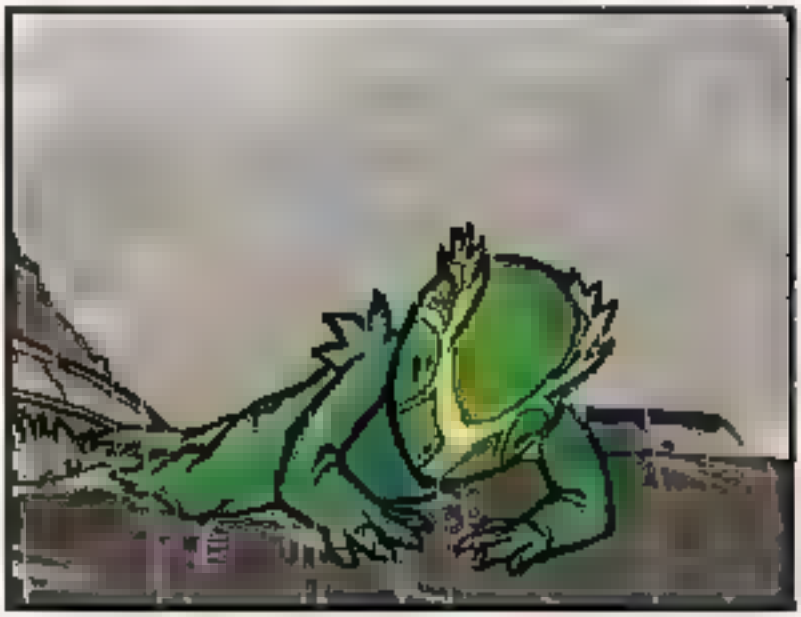
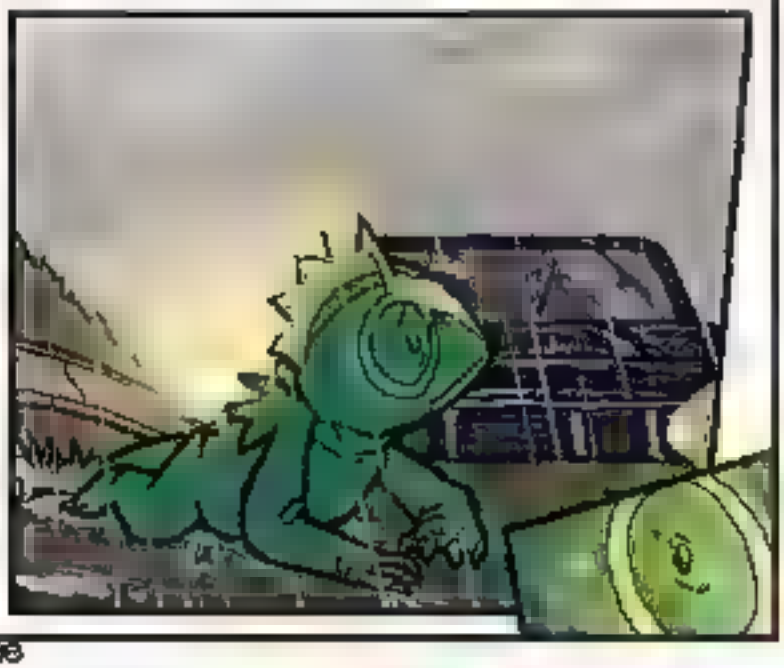
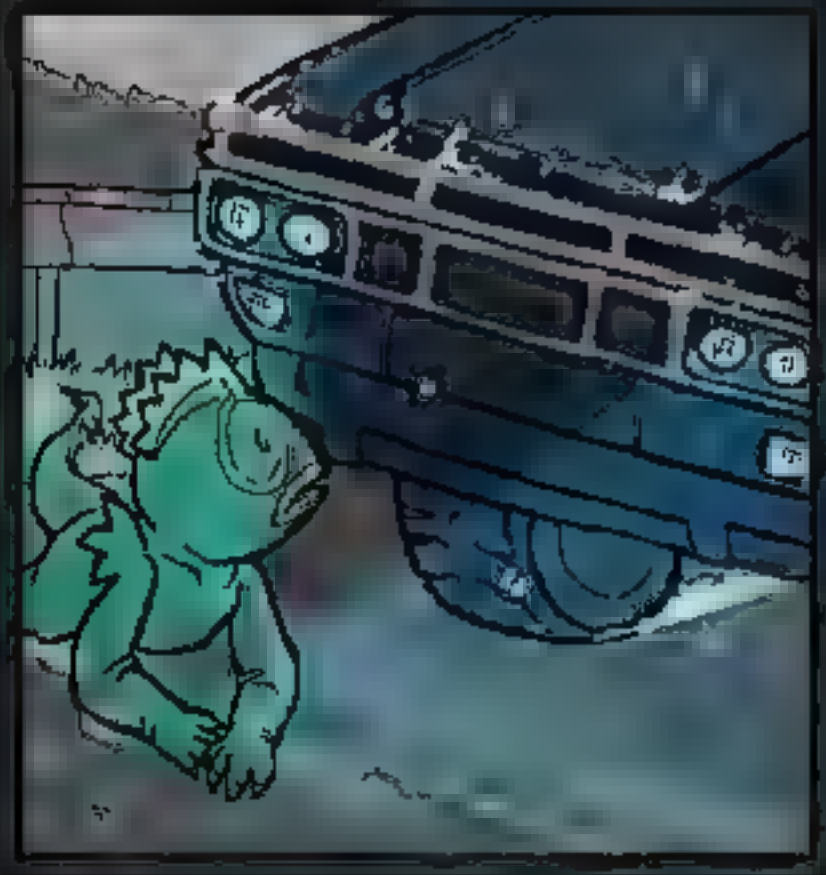
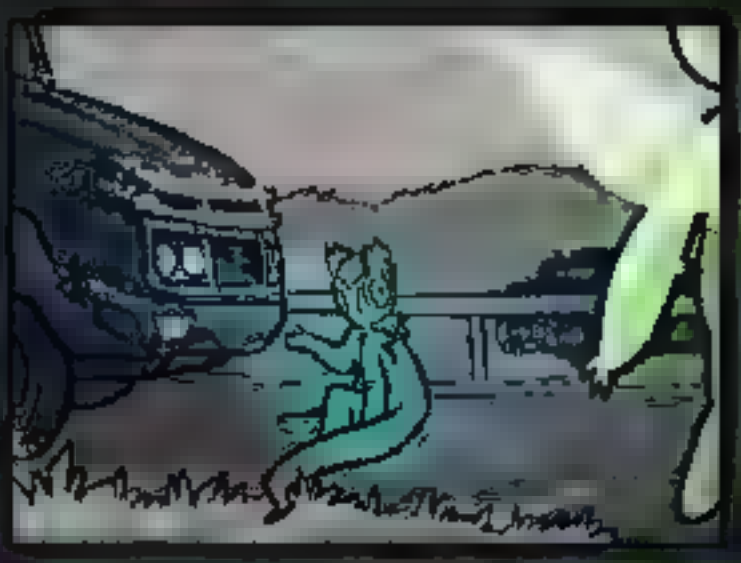
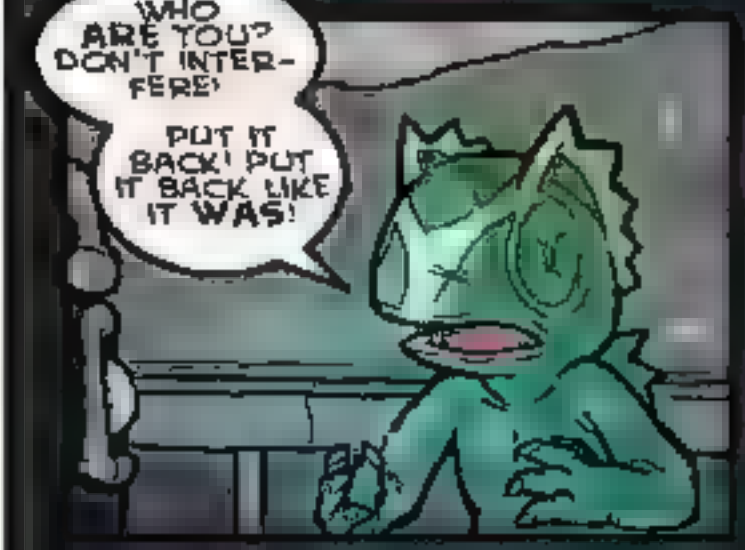




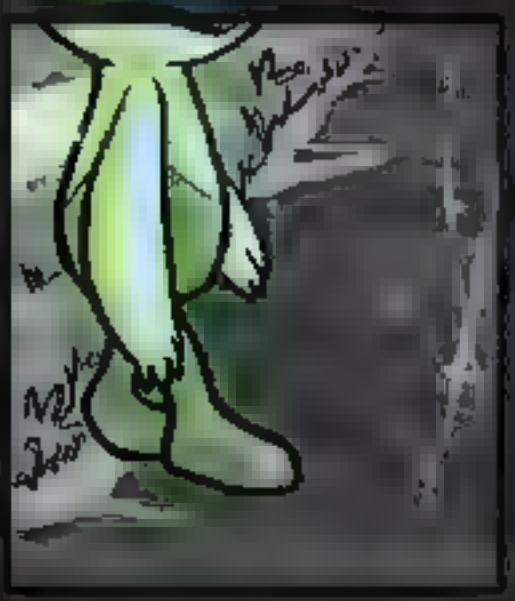


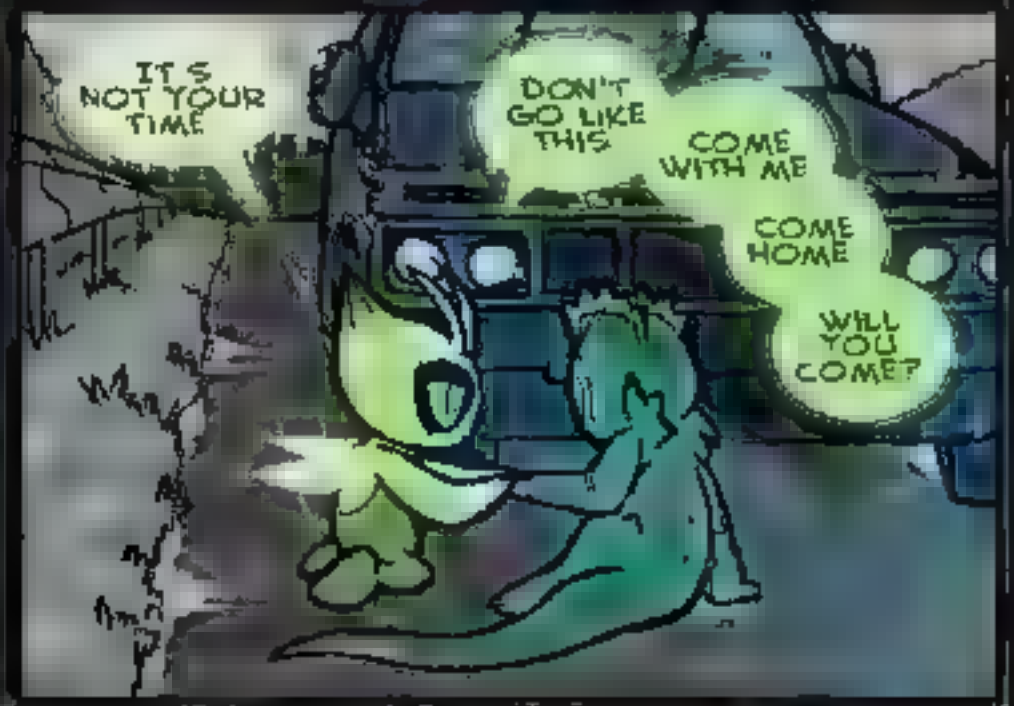


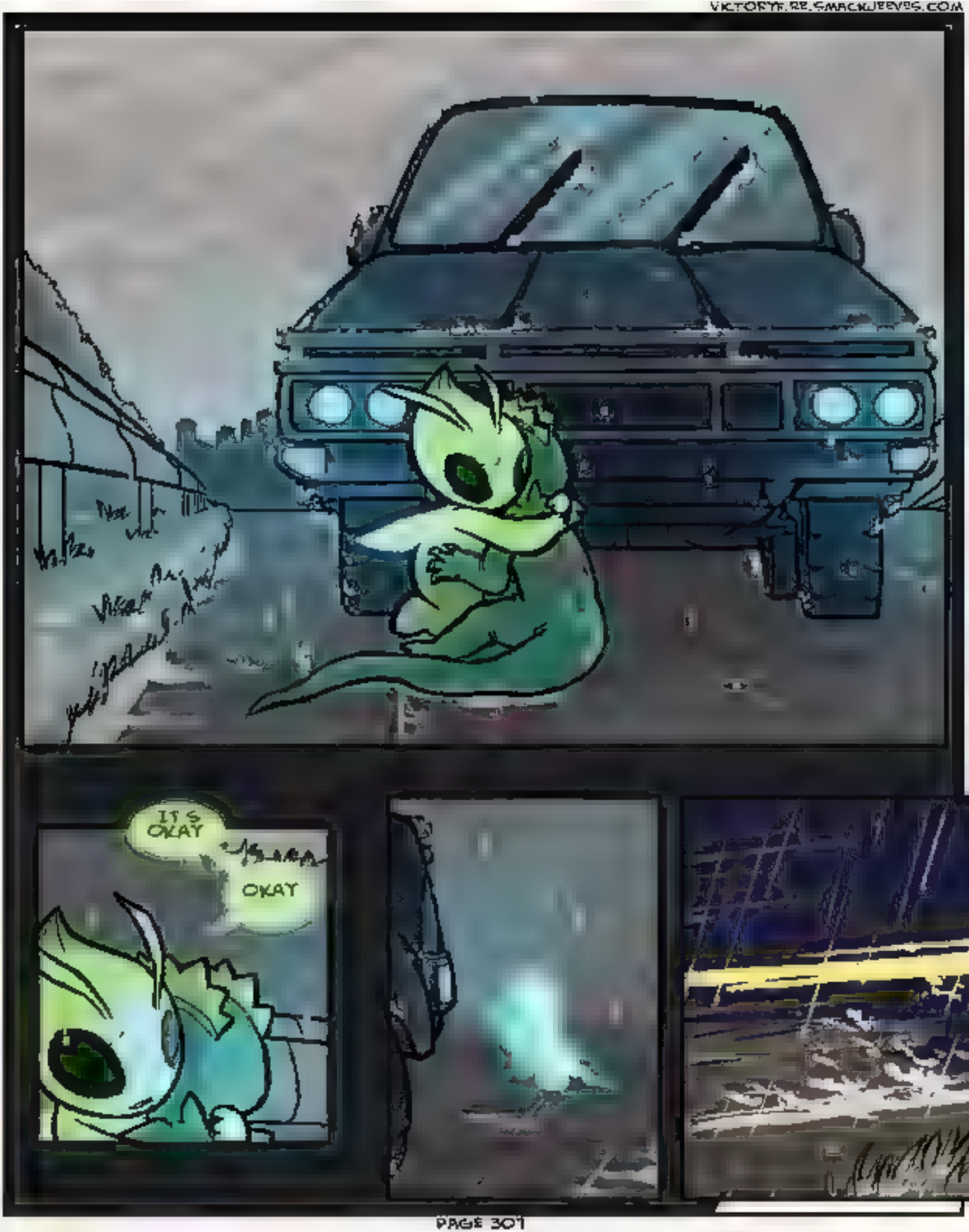
YOU
YOU STOPPED IT?


WHO ARE YOU? DON'T INTER-FERE!
PUT IT BACK! PUT IT BACK LIKE IT WAS!

YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO DIE?
WHY?
BECAUSE I'M OLD! I'M OLD AND NOBODY WANTS ME!

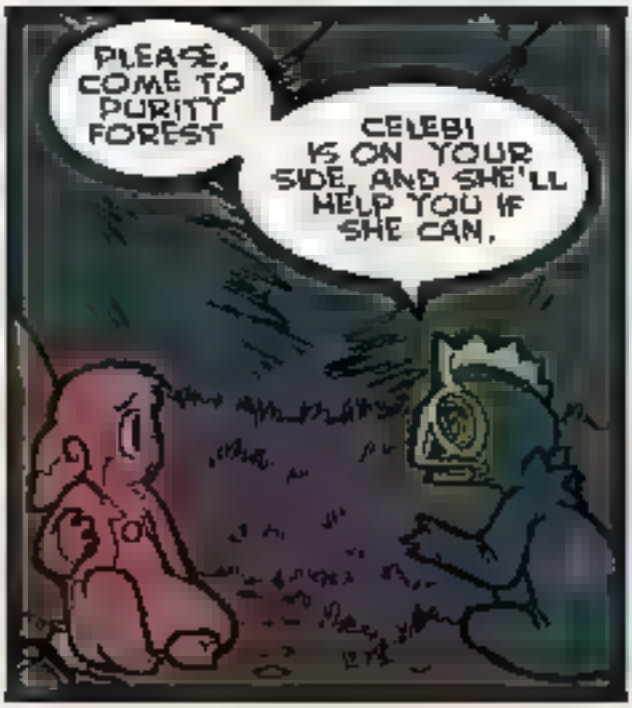


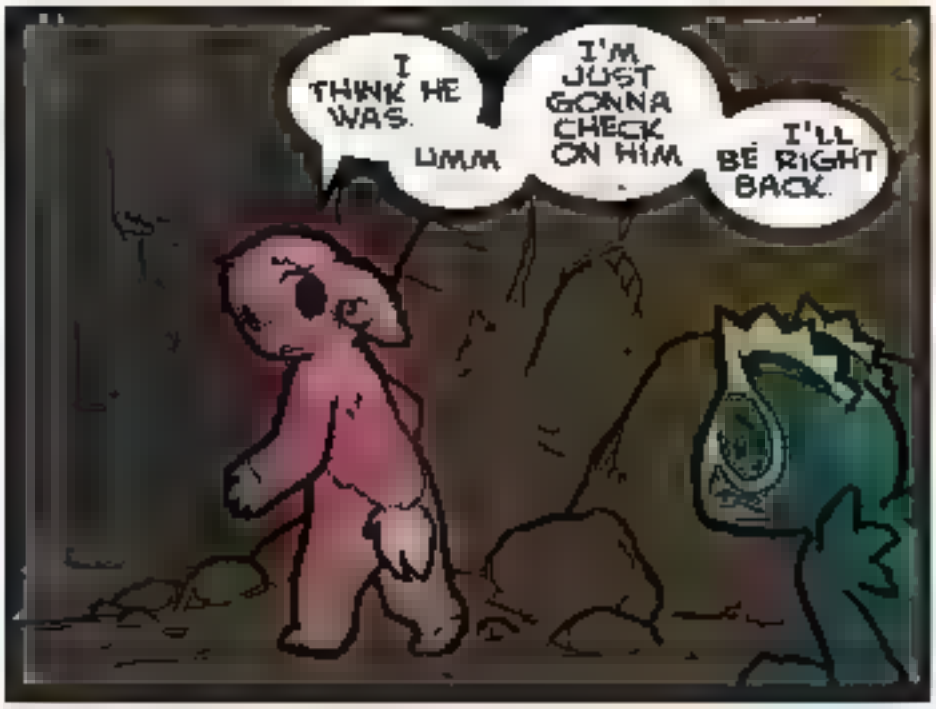

IT'S NOT YOUR TIME
DON'T GO LIKE THIS
COME WITH ME
COME HOME
WILL YOU COME?


IT'S OKAY
OKAY

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT UPSET HIM, WITH HIS HISTORY
IT'S OLD NOW, AND IT REALLY DOESN'T HURT ME MUCH ANY MORE
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BUT NO, I THINK I HAD TO TELL YOU.
YOU TWO HAD ALREADY GUESSED SOME OF IT ANYWAY, HADN'T YOU?

GENGAR ?


PLEASE, COME TO PURITY FOREST
CELEBI IS ON YOUR SIDE, AND SHE'LL HELP YOU IF SHE CAN.


I THINK HE WAS.
UMM
I'M JUST GONNA CHECK ON HIM
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
YOU SURE?

HM. SO...
KECLEON'S HUMANS REALLY MESSED HIM UP, HUH?

BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE HIS OWNER REALLY LOVED HIM.
YEAH, SURE DID.
AND YOU THINK THAT DID HIM ANY GOOD?

FIRST, THEY STOLE HIM FROM HIS MOM SO HE IMPRINTS ON THE KID ... INSTEAD...
THEN ALL HIS LIFE HE'S TAUGHT TO KEEP PUSHING EVEN WHEN IT HURTS...
THAT WORKS WHEN THERE'S SOMEONE TO TELL THEM TO STOP, BUT NOT OUT HERE!
IF HE DIDN'T TREAT EVERYTHING LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO WIN A GYM BADGE, HIS LEG WOULD BE FINE!

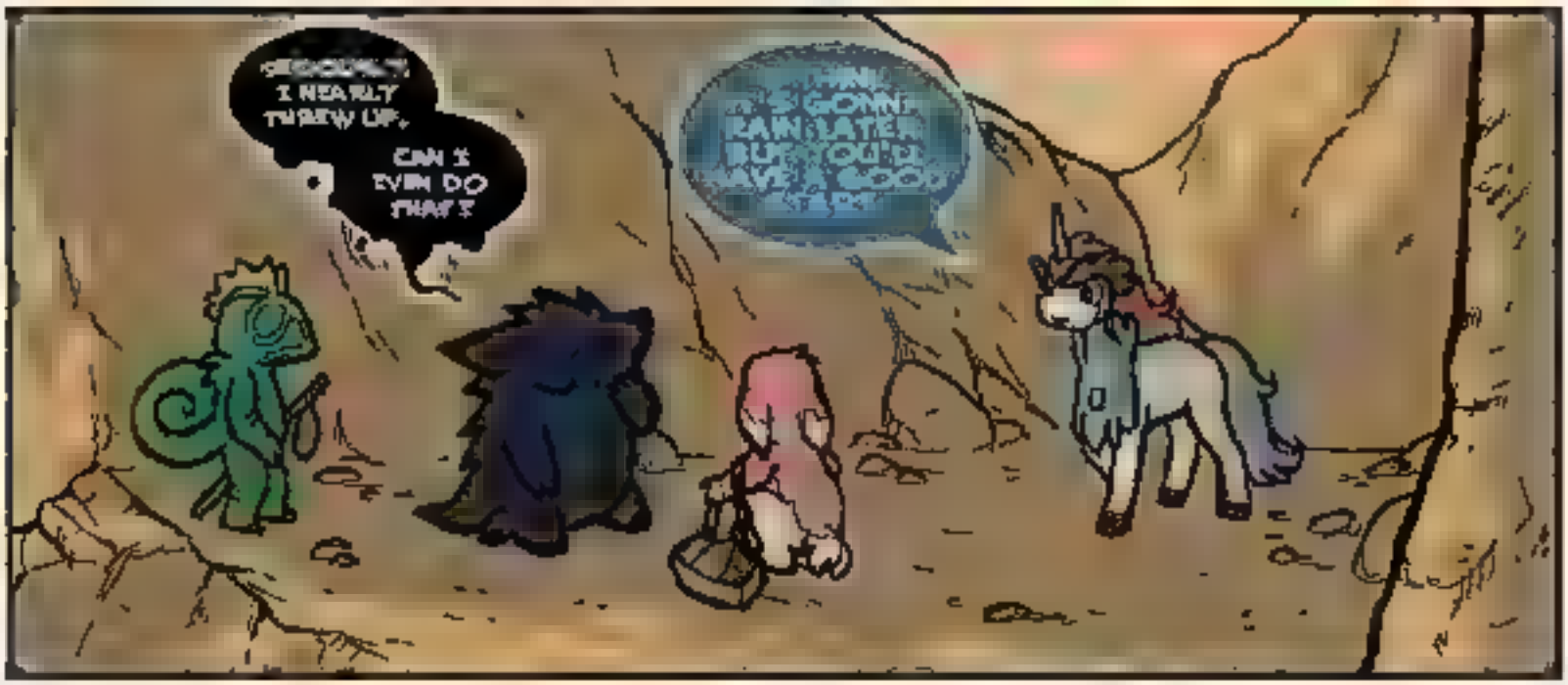
WE TRAIN THEM TO DO THAT, TO GIVE US EVERYTHING, AND THEN THEY CAN'T LET GO...

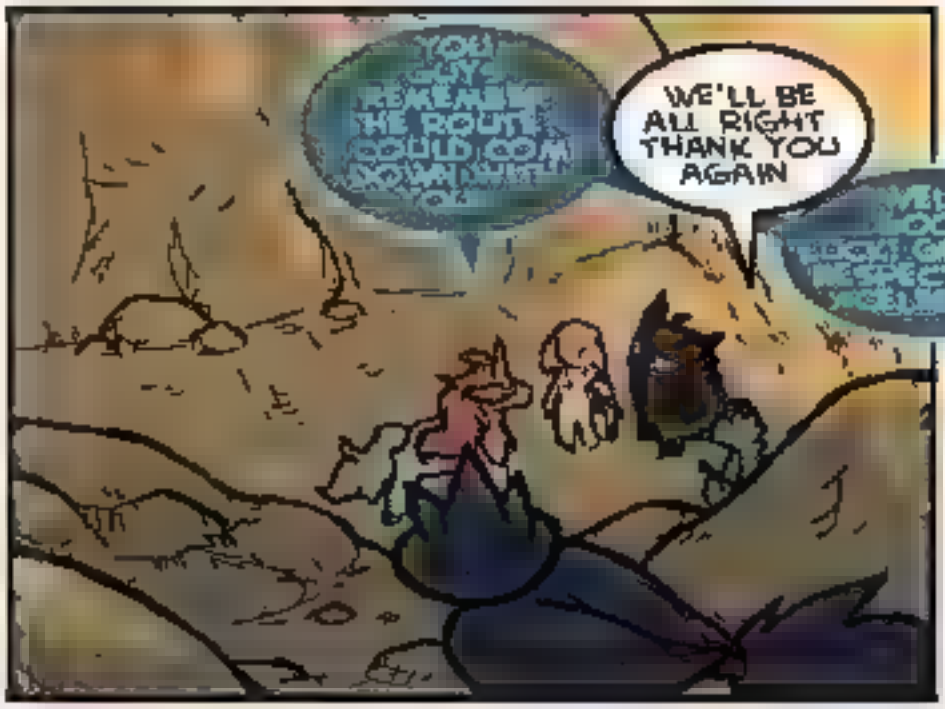
...EVEN WHEN THEY NEED TO...
EVEN WHEN...
THEIR TRAINER WASN'T WORTH IT...

THEY SAY PARTNER
BUT WE SAY TRAINER DID YOU NOTICE THAT?

KECLEON WANTS US TO GO TO PURITY FOREST
THEN I GUESS THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING.
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
IF YOU ARE.

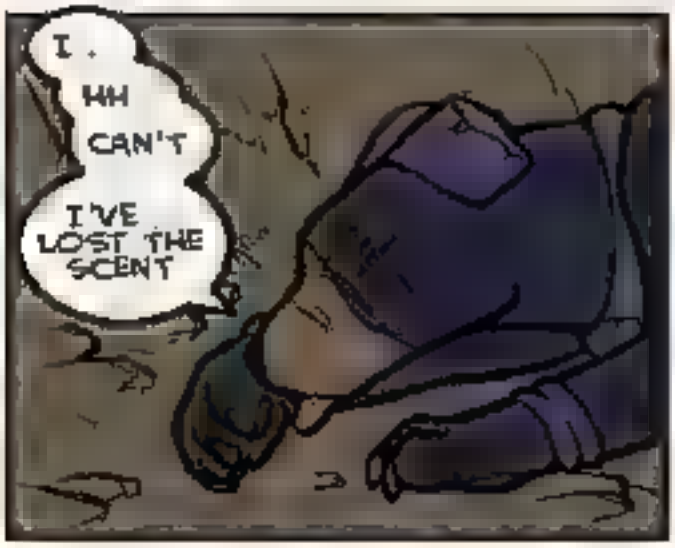
I AM NEVER SETTING FOOT ON THAT PATH AGAIN.

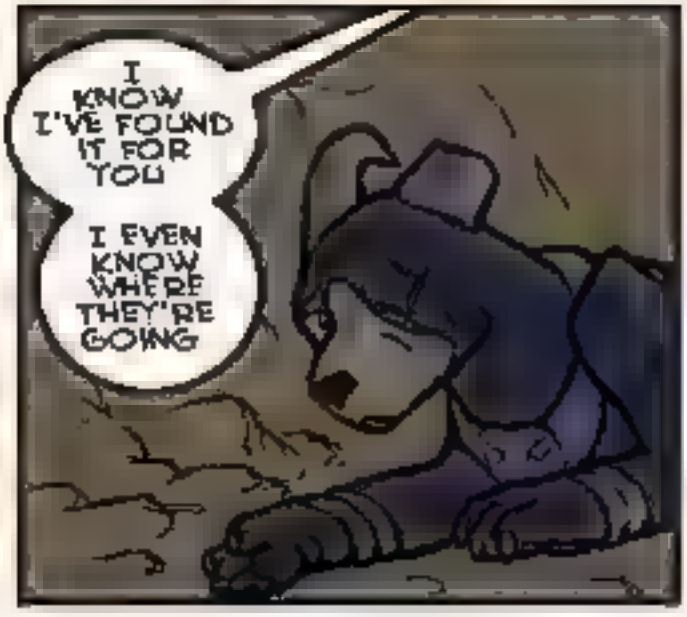

I NEARLY THREW UP.
CAN I EVEN DO THAT?


WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT THANK YOU AGAIN

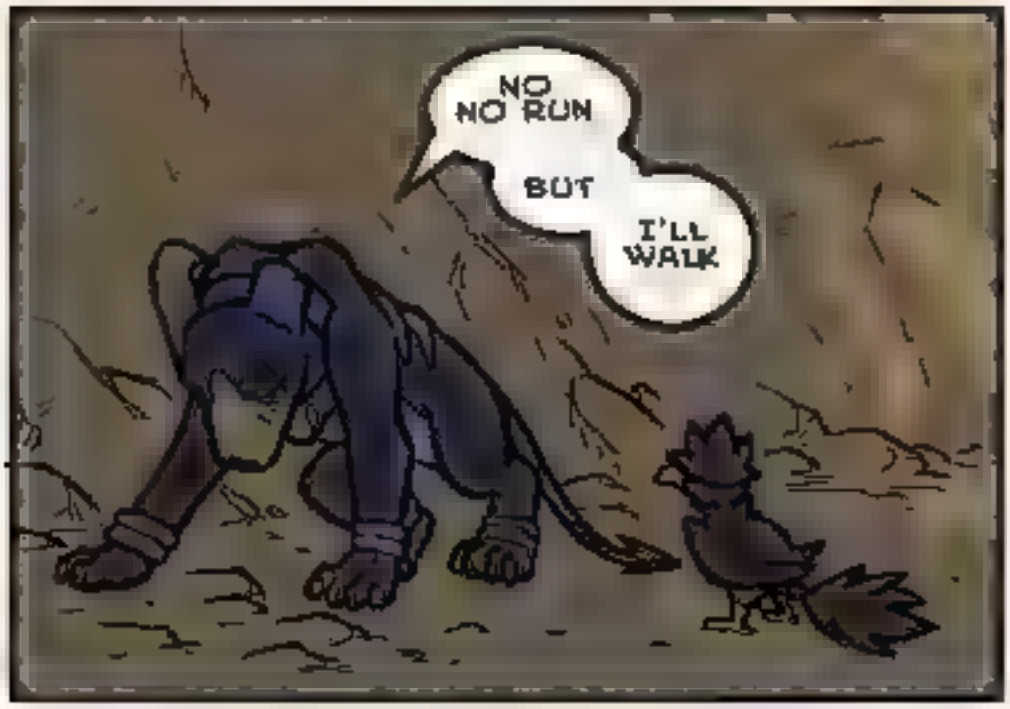
CELEBI?

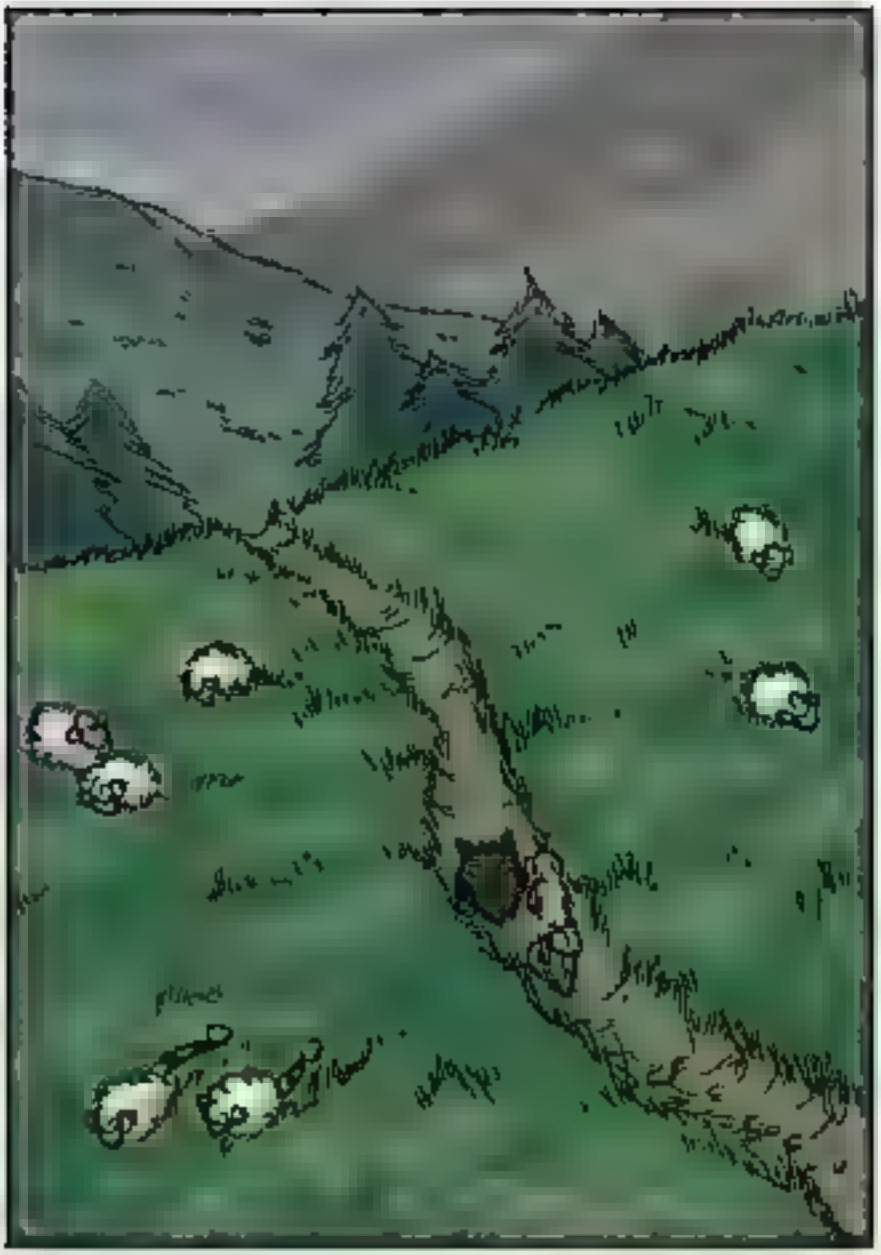
ALL RIGHT ARE YOU READY TO MOVE?


I . HH CAN'T
I'VE LOST THE SCENT


I KNOW I'VE FOUND IT FOR YOU
I EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING

IF YOU RUN, YOU COULD CATCH UP IN AN HOUR.
NO?


NO NO RUN
BUT
I'LL WALK



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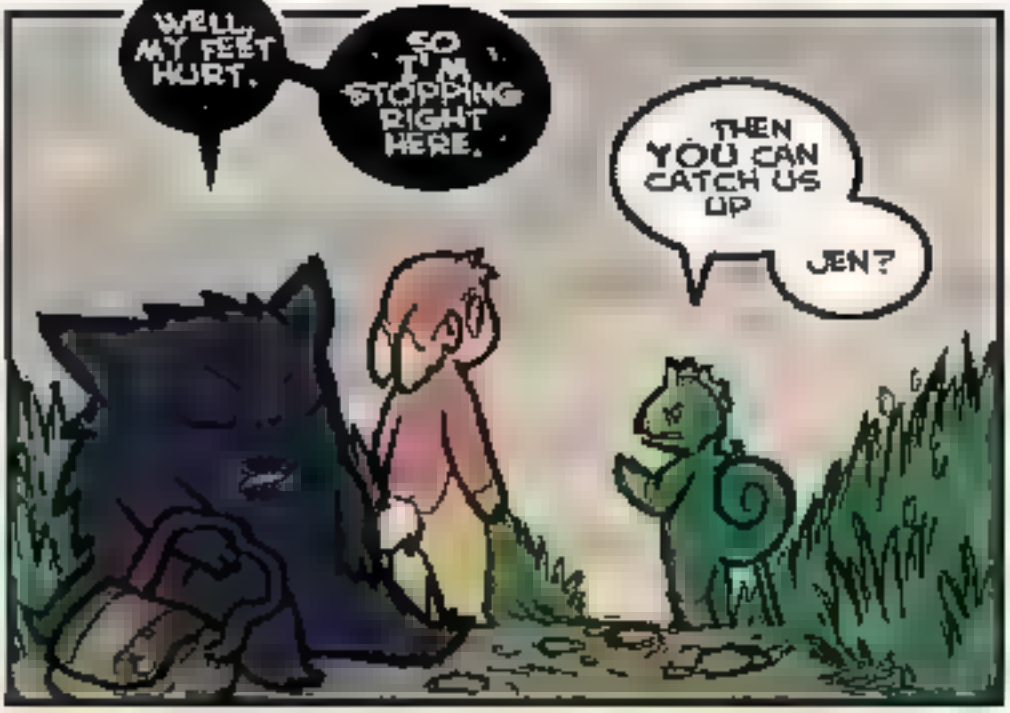
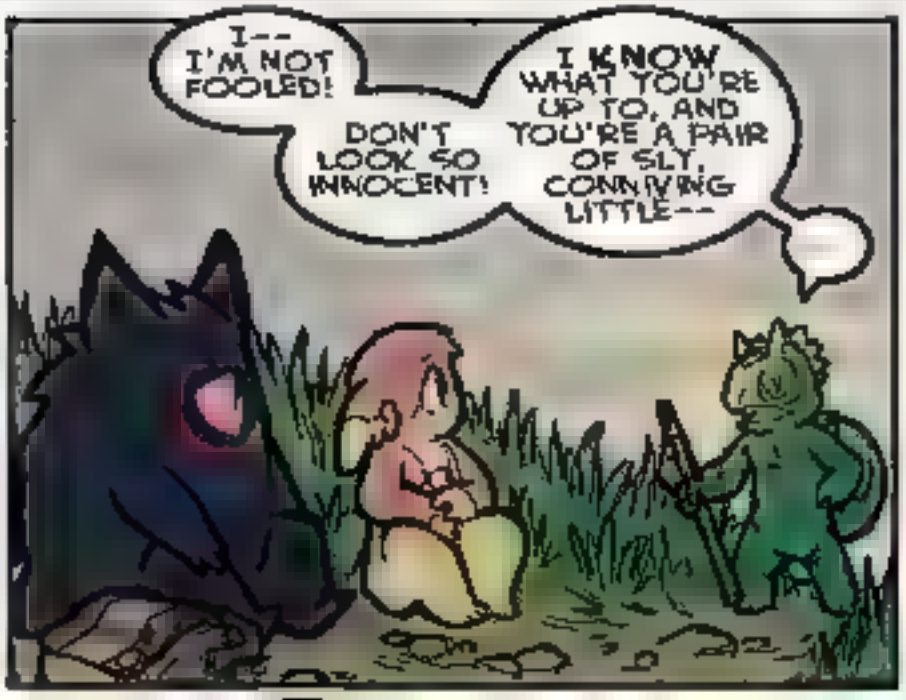
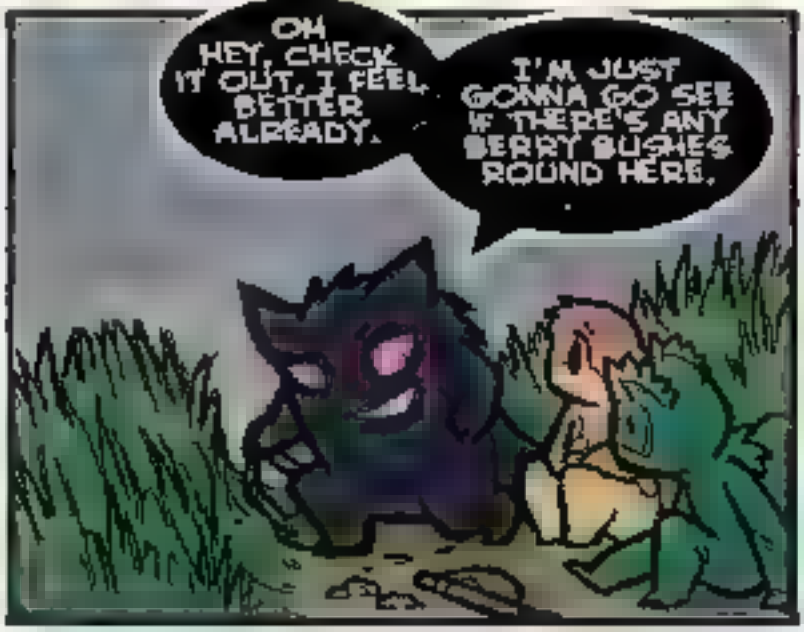
HEY, GRANDPA! LET'S TAKE A BREAK. I'M TIRED.
NO, YOU'RE NOT IT'S ONLY BEEN AN HOUR


WELL, MY FEET HURT.
SO I'M STOPPING RIGHT HERE.
THEN YOU CAN CATCH US UP
JEN?

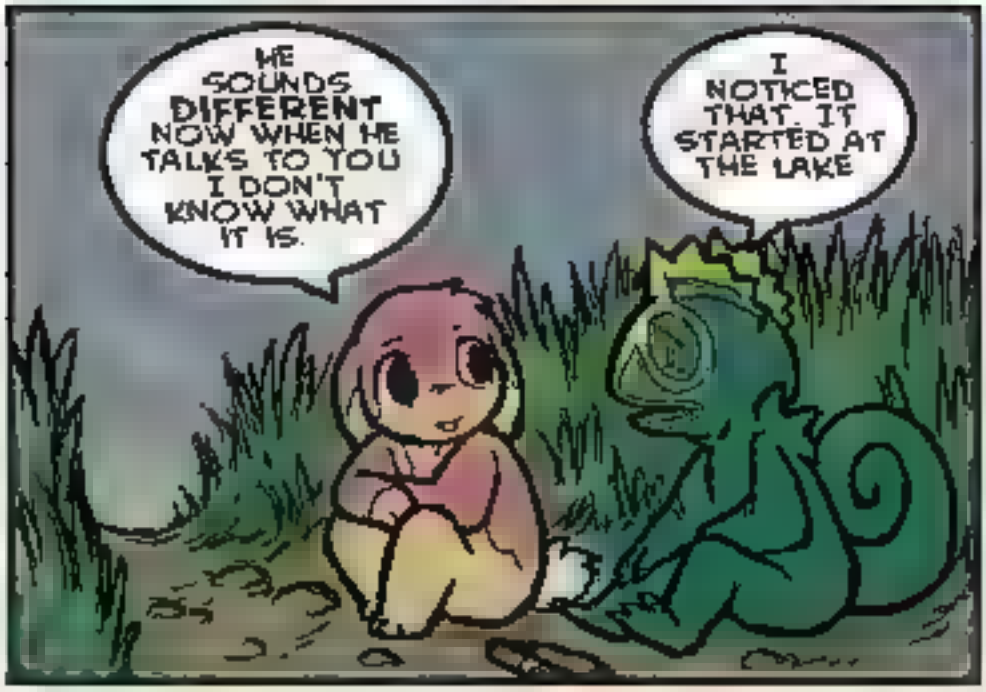
I'M TIRED TOO.


I-- I'M NOT FOOLED!
DON'T LOOK SO INNOCENT!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, AND YOU'RE A PAIR OF SLY, CONNIVING LITTLE--

HHEH HAH
OH, FINE, YOU WIN, YOU EVIL GENIUSES.
BUT NOT TOO LONG, ALL RIGHT?


OH HEY, CHECK IT OUT, I FEEL BETTER ALREADY.
I'M JUST GONNA GO SEE IF THERE'S ANY BERRY BUSHES ROUND HERE.

WOLF?
WOLF! LOOK OUT! WOLF!
WOLF!


HE SOUNDS DIFFERENT NOW WHEN HE TALKS TO YOU I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
I NOTICED THAT. IT STARTED AT THE LAKE

HE'S GOT A GOOD HEART IT JUST TAKES TIME TO GET AT IT UNDER ALL THE PRICKLES
REALLY, IT'S A BIT LIKE PEELING A CHESTNUT

KRAKOOM

NOT AGAIN ...

WHY DO I ALWAYS END UP SOAKED? ...

IT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO STOP I THOUGHT WE MIGHT END UP GETTING CAUGHT IN IT

HUF ..

WHOOF

YOU'RE NOT REALLY SUPPOSED TO GO UNDER TREES WHEN IT'S A THUNDER-STORM.

WE'LL RISK IT, JEN, SINCE THE ALTERNATIVE SEEMS TO BE DROWNING.

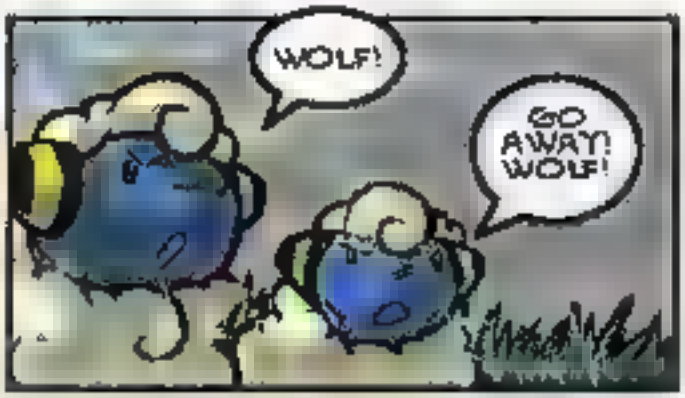
KID, YOU COULD NOT PAY ME TO GO BACK OUT THERE.

REALLY?

NOT EVEN IF I HAD SOME SHAVED ICE?

...

WHAT FLAVOR?


WOLF!
GO AWAY! WOLF!

THE LIGHTNING'S GOT THEM RILED UP
YOU NEED TO MOVE FASTER, OR THIS'LL GET NASTY
I'M TRYING

I JUST WANT TO PASS BY
LEAVE ME BE
WOLF!

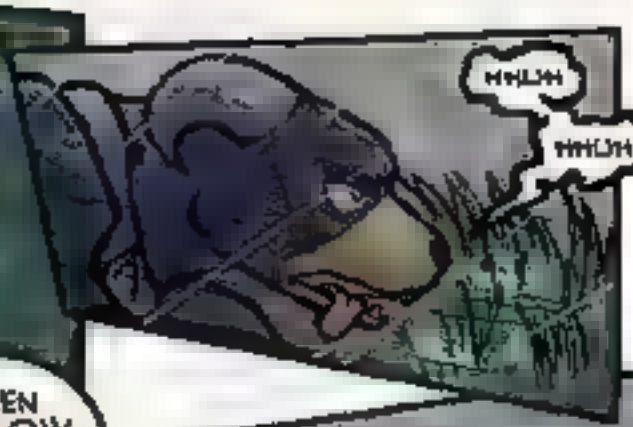
!!!

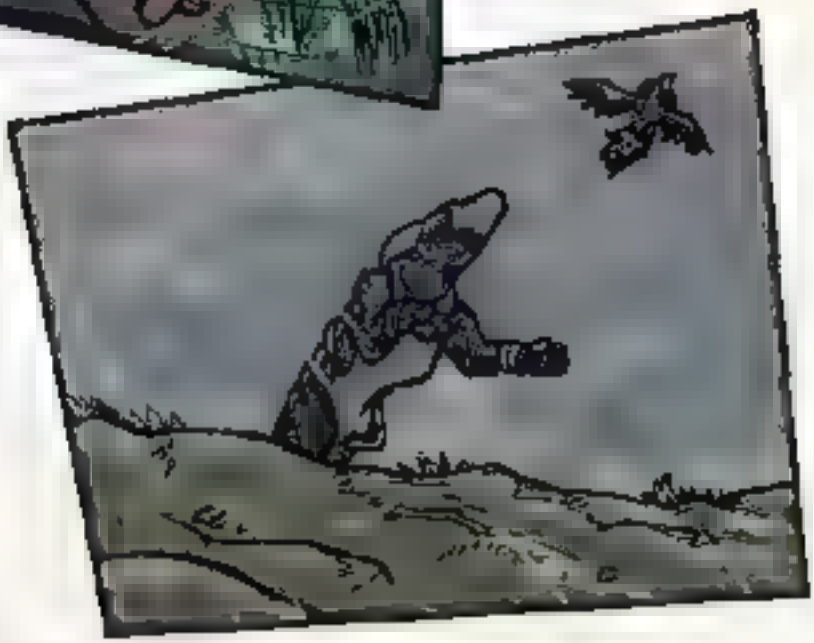
DON'T-!

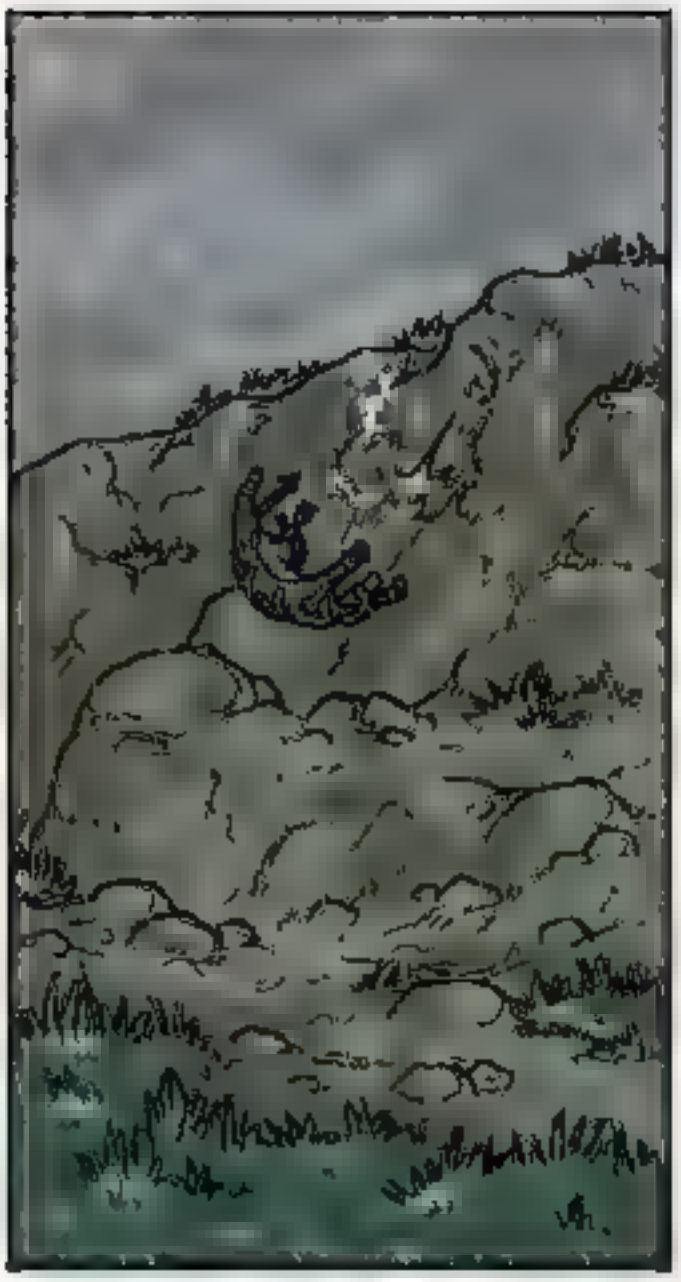
AAH! FIRE WOLF!
WOLF'S ATTACKING US!
GET THE WOLF!

AAA!
FLYING WOLF!
RUN!

OVER THE RIDGE, NOW, BEFORE THEY REGROUP!
I CAN'T SEE --
THEN FOLLOW MY VOICE! THIS WAY! MOVE!

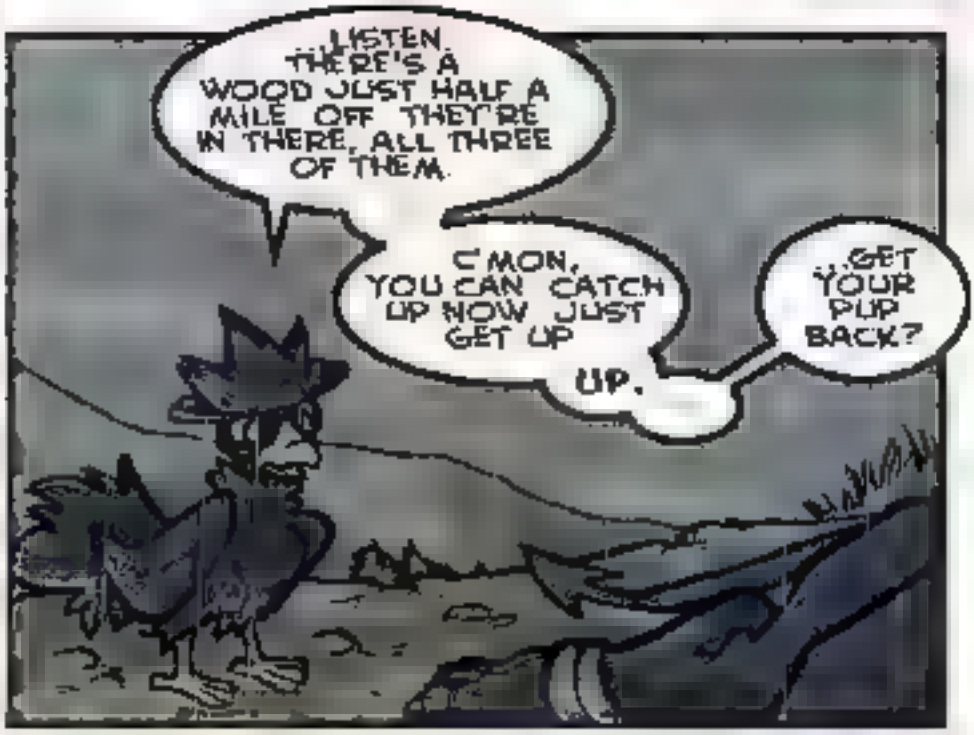

HHUH
HHUH



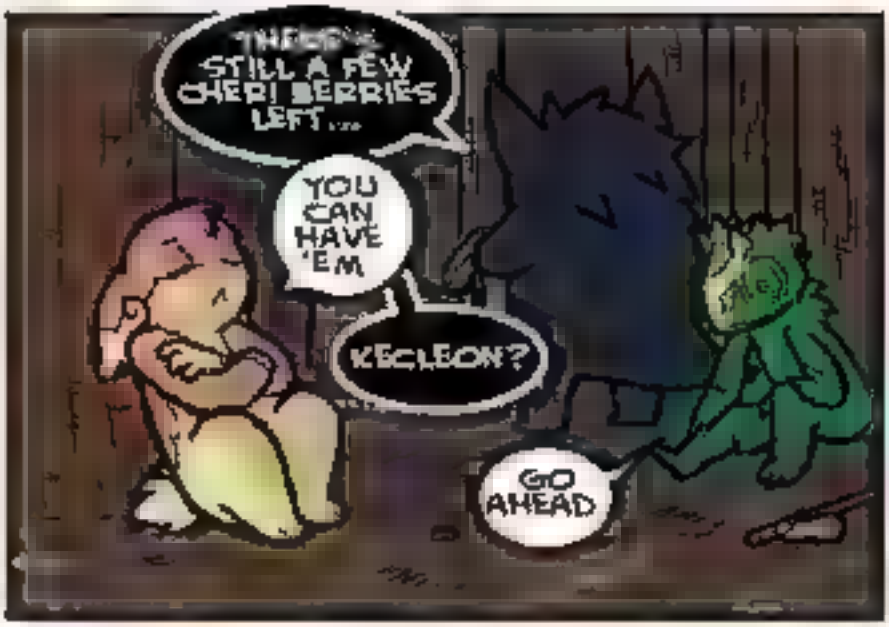


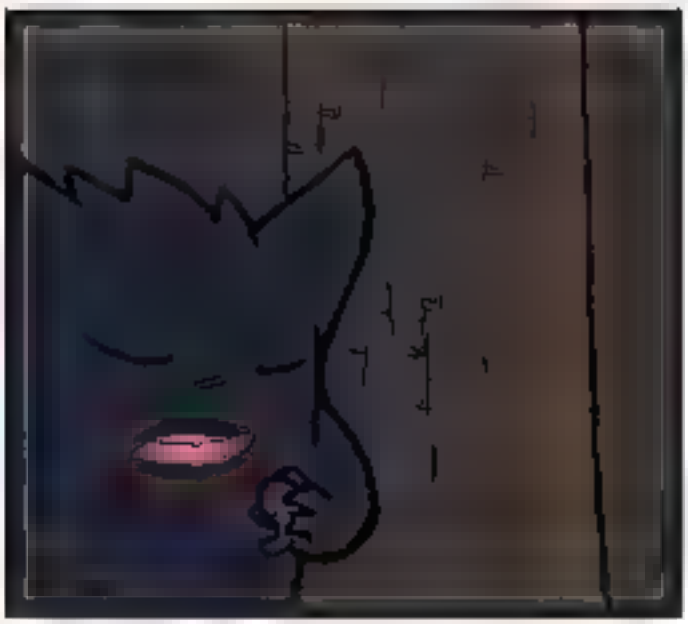
HEY DON'T GO TO SLEEP IN THE RAIN! UP!

I CAN'T

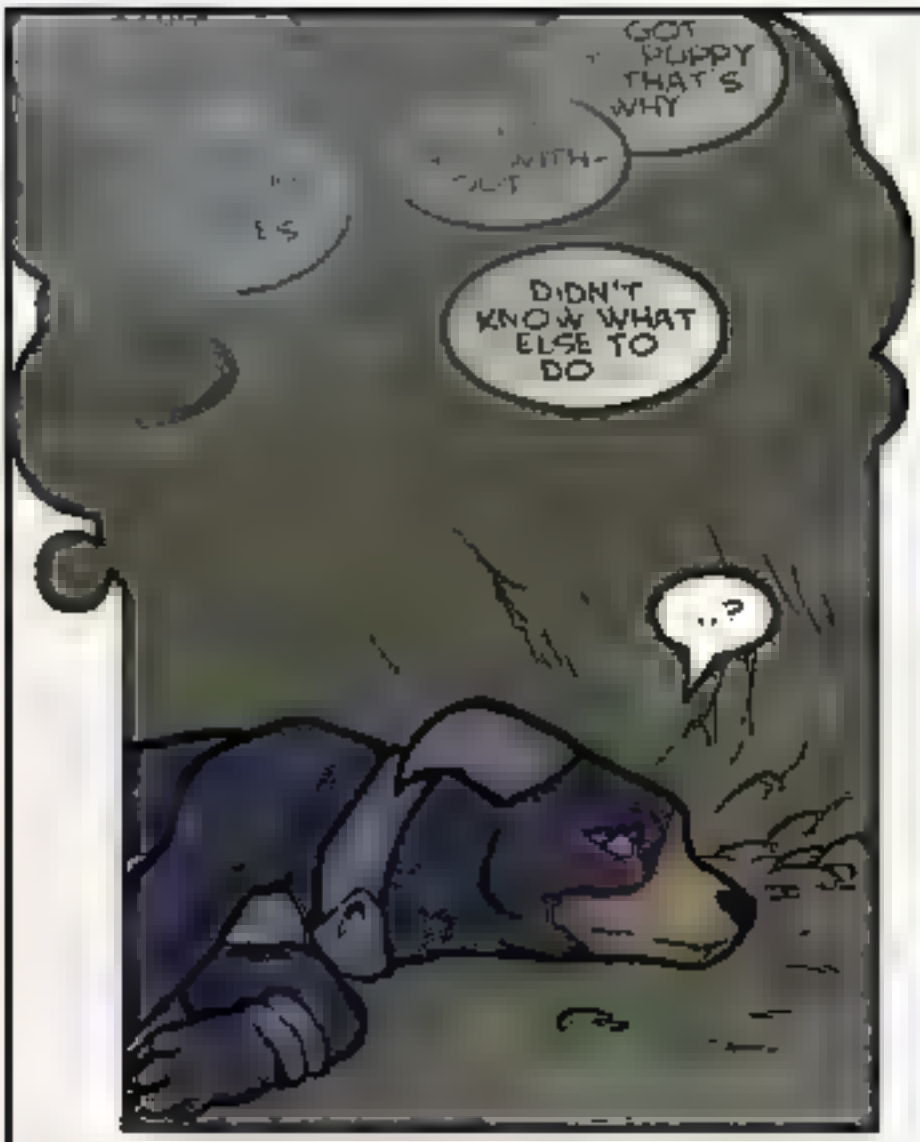

LISTEN. THERE'S A WOOD JUST HALF A MILE OFF THEY'RE IN THERE, ALL THREE OF THEM.
C'MON, YOU CAN CATCH UP NOW JUST GET UP
UP.
GET YOUR PUP BACK?

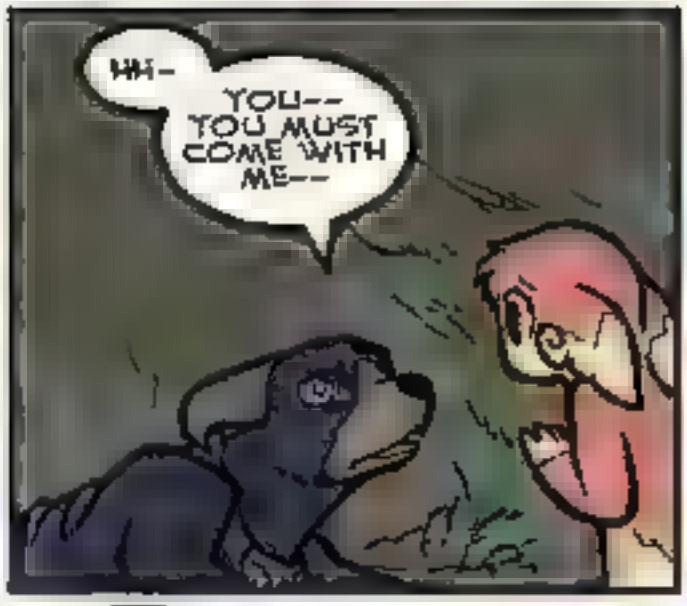
I CAN'T

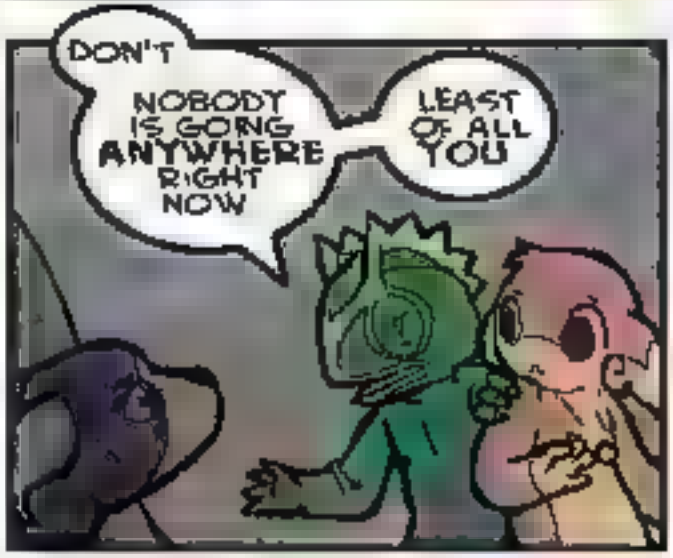

THERE'S STILL A FEW CHERI BERRIES LEFT...
YOU CAN HAVE 'EM
KECLEON?
GO AHEAD

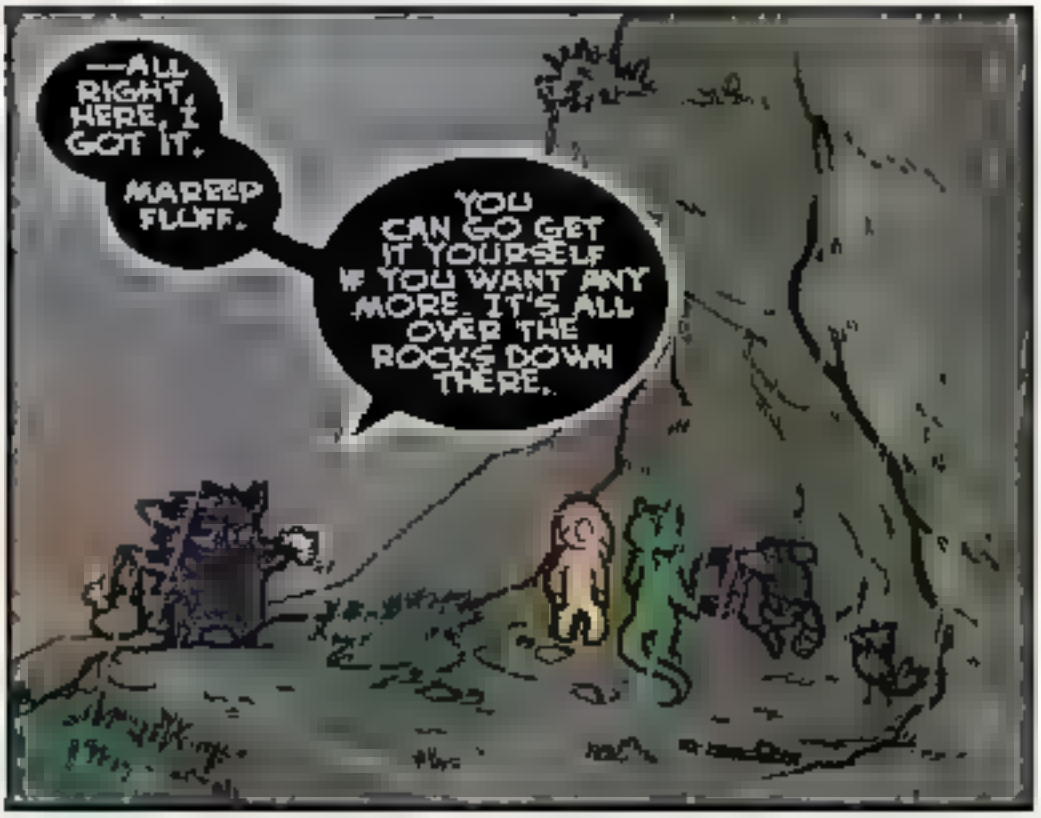


FLUT
LOOK!
HI.
BEFORE YOU THROW THAT
CAN WE TALK?

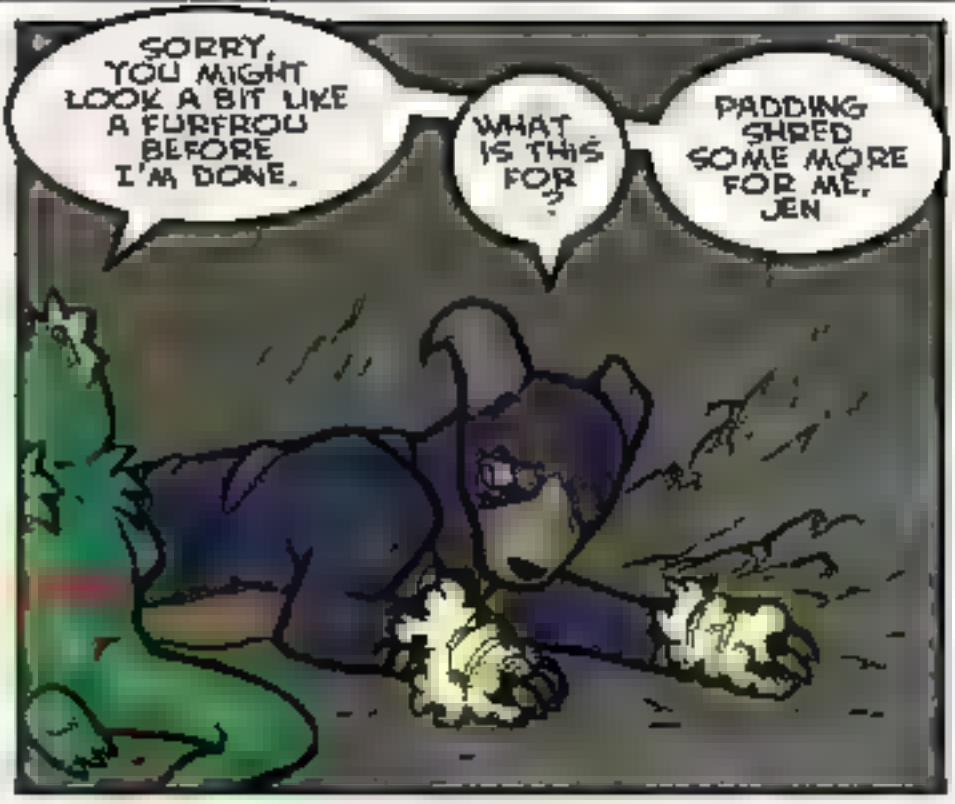

GOT PUPPY THAT'S WHY
WITH-OUT
ES
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO
..?

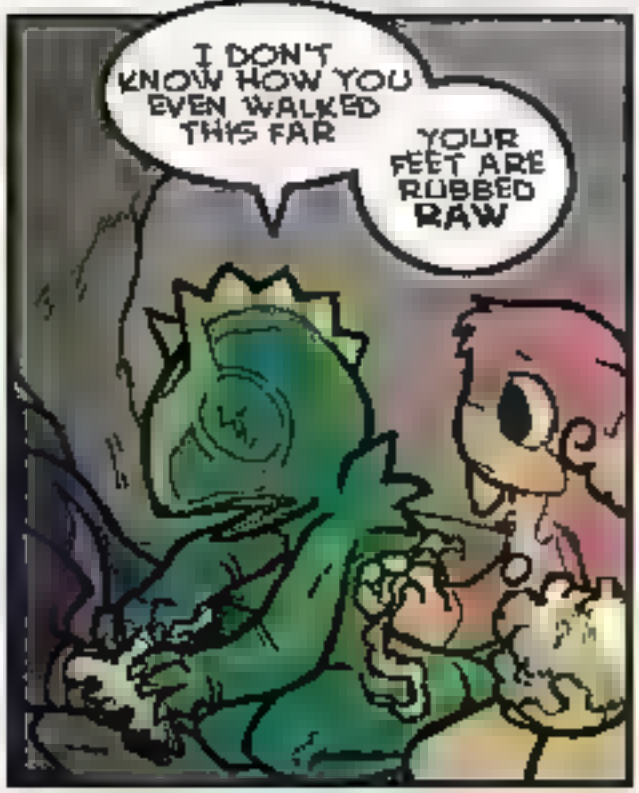

HH-
YOU-- YOU MUST COME WITH ME--

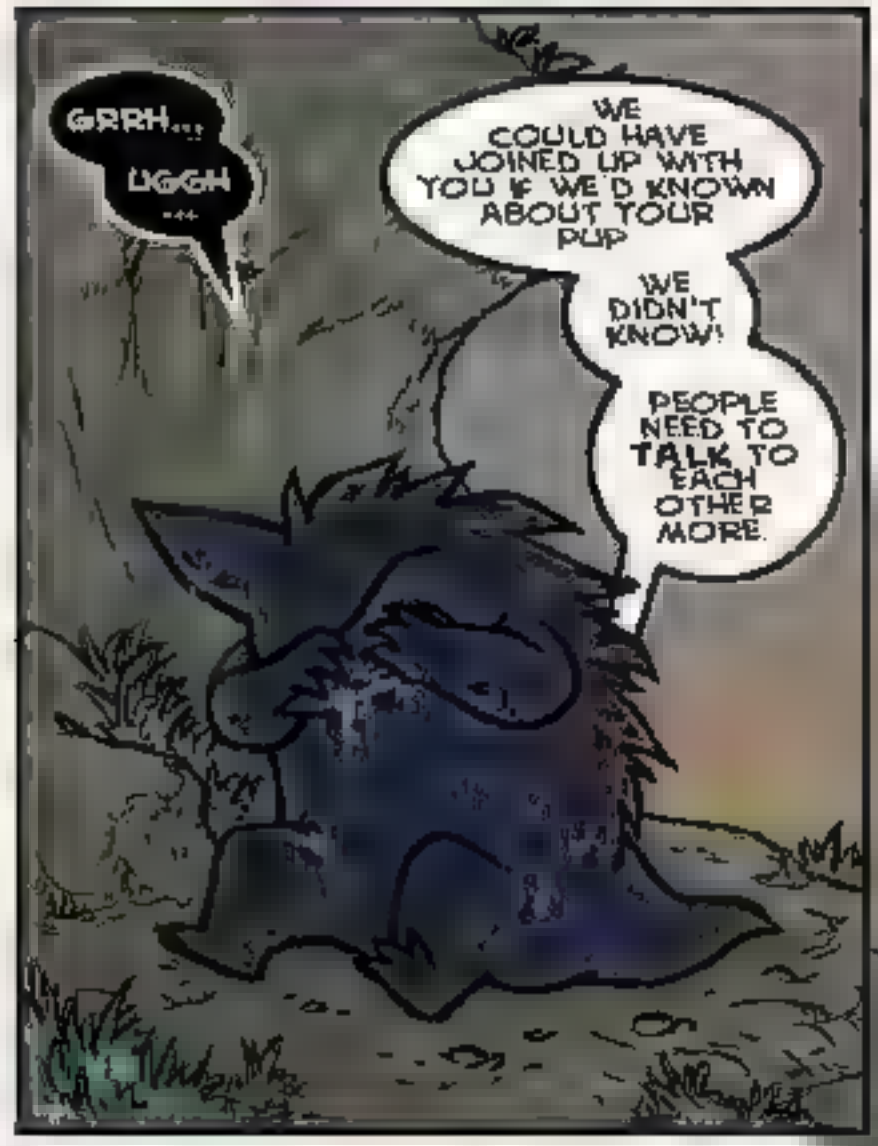

DON'T
NOBODY IS GOING ANYWHERE RIGHT NOW
LEAST OF ALL YOU


—ALL RIGHT, HERE, I GOT IT.
MAREEP FLUFF.
YOU CAN GO GET IT YOURSELF IF YOU WANT ANY MORE. IT'S ALL OVER THE ROCKS DOWN THERE.

AND YOU GUYS OWE ME AT LEAST FIVE BOWLS OF SHAVED ICE FOR THIS.


SORRY, YOU MIGHT LOOK A BIT LIKE A FURFROU BEFORE I'M DONE.
WHAT IS THIS FOR?
PADDING SHRED SOME MORE FOR ME, JEN


I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU EVEN WALKED THIS FAR
YOUR FEET ARE RUBBED RAW


GRRH...
LIGGH...
WE COULD HAVE JOINED UP WITH YOU IF WE'D KNOWN ABOUT YOUR PUP
WE DIDN'T KNOW!
PEOPLE NEED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER MORE.

WHUH?!

...
"PEOPLE NEED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER..."
TALK TO EACH OTHER...

ARE THEY COMING WITH US TO PURITY FOREST?

I THINK THEY SHOULD

THE HOUNDOOM, CERTAINLY

YOU KNOW HE'S THE ONE THAT BIT ME?

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN

HE'S A VICTIM TOO.

AND HE'S BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DARKRAI

HE MAY KNOW USEFUL THINGS.

PLUS, IF HE COMES WITH US, WE'LL KNOW WHERE HE IS

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT KECLEON.

AND I WAS RIGHT!

IN ANY CASE, HE ISN'T MUCH THREAT IN HIS CURRENT STATE

NOW YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE UP TO WALKING TODAY?

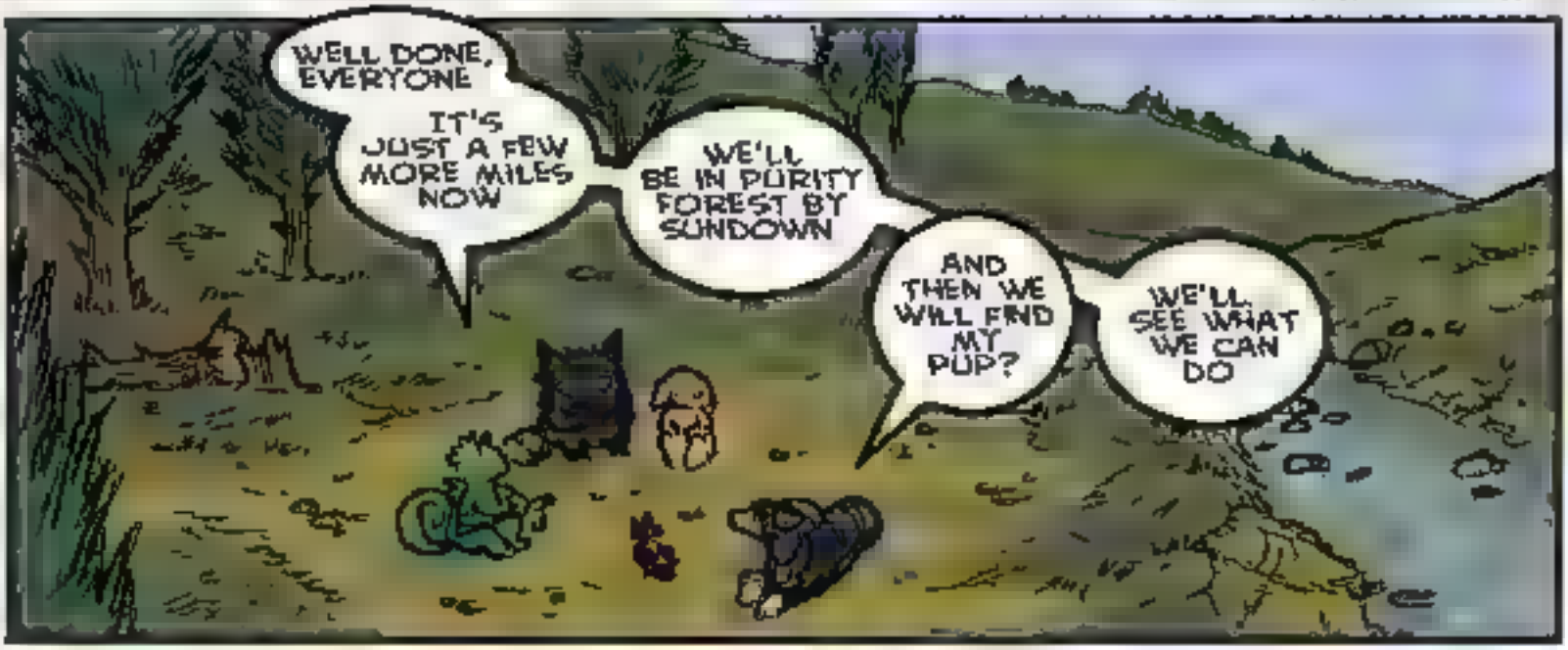
I WILL WALK

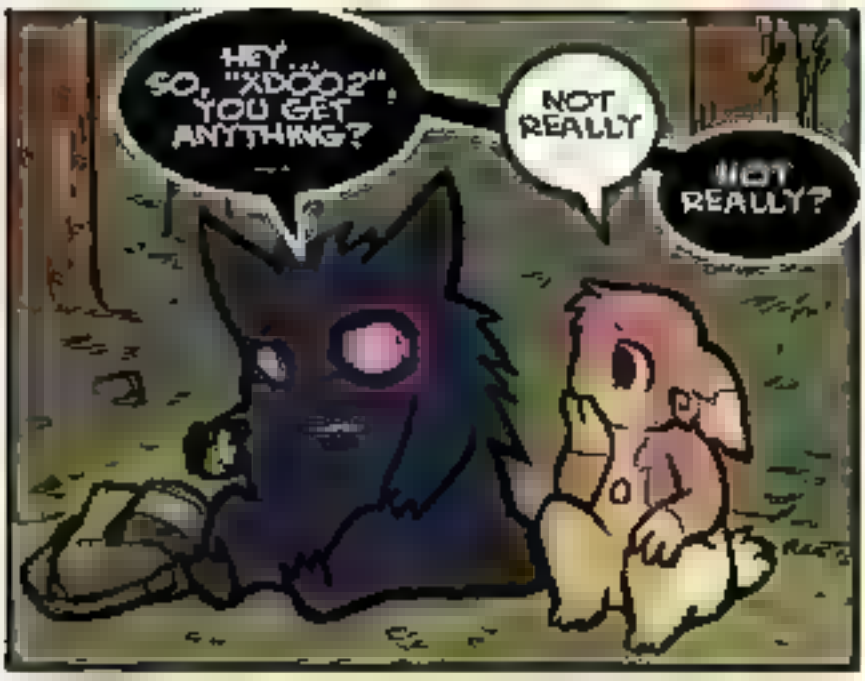
WELL, WE'D ALL BETTER TAKE IT SLOW, JUST IN CASE

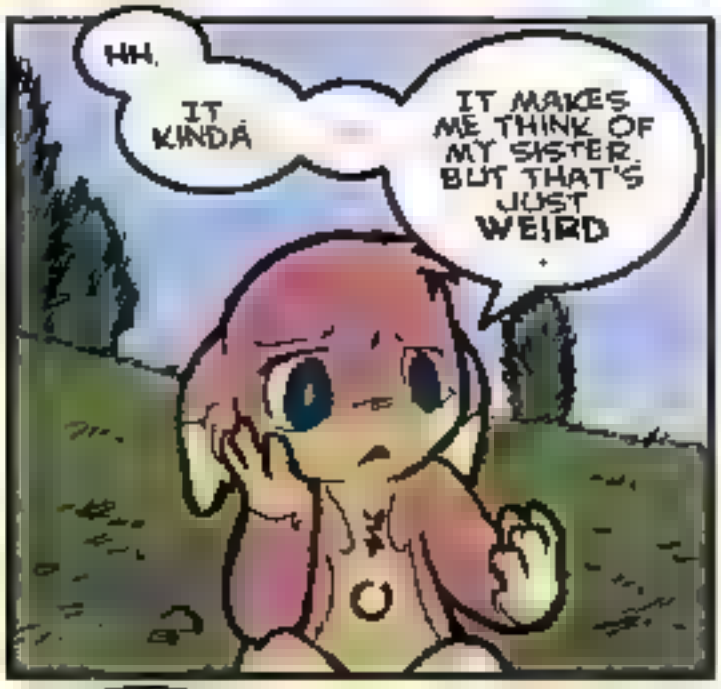
YEAH, WOULDN'T WANT TO OVERDO IT, RIGHT, GRANDPA?

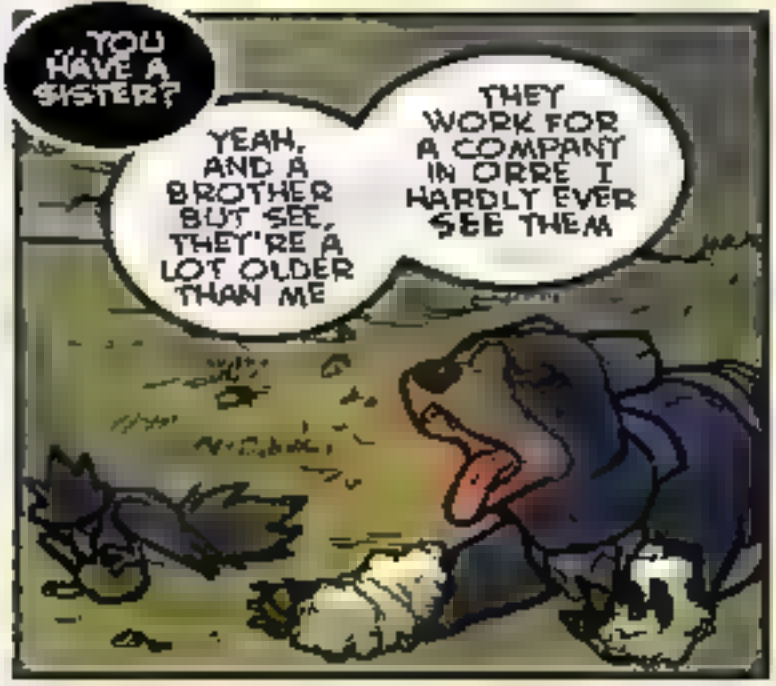
GOTTA RESPECT OUR LIMITS...

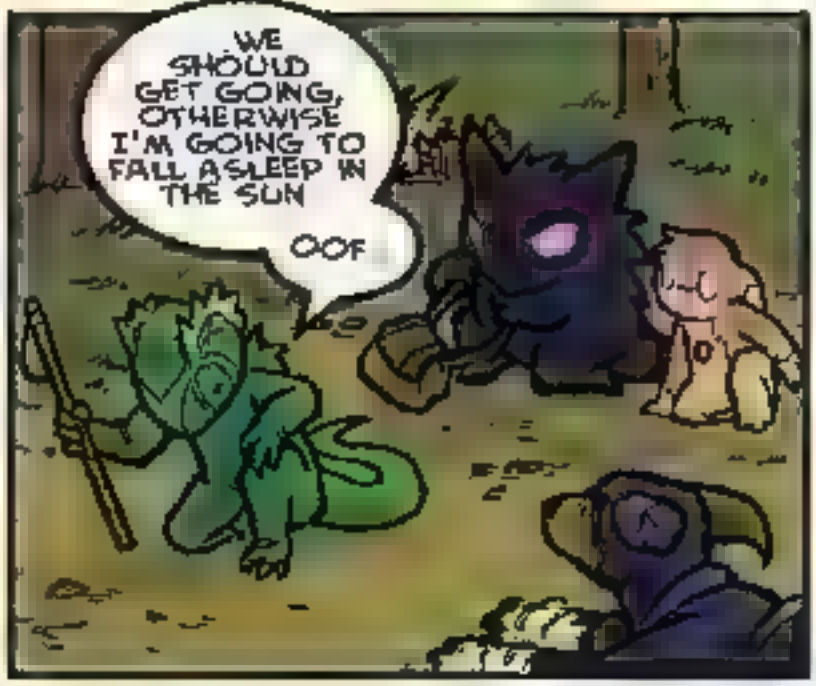
I'M NOT GOING TO RESPOND TO THAT ONE


WELL DONE, EVERYONE
IT'S JUST A FEW MORE MILES NOW
WE'LL BE IN PURITY FOREST BY SUNDOWN
AND THEN WE WILL FIND MY PUP?
WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO


HEY... SO, "XDOO2", YOU GET ANYTHING?
NOT REALLY
NOT REALLY?


HH.
IT KINDA
IT MAKES ME THINK OF MY SISTER. BUT THAT'S JUST WEIRD


YOU HAVE A SISTER?
YEAH, AND A BROTHER BUT SEE, THEY'RE A LOT OLDER THAN ME
THEY WORK FOR A COMPANY IN ORRE I HARDLY EVER SEE THEM


WE SHOULD GET GOING, OTHERWISE I'M GOING TO FALL ASLEEP IN THE SUN
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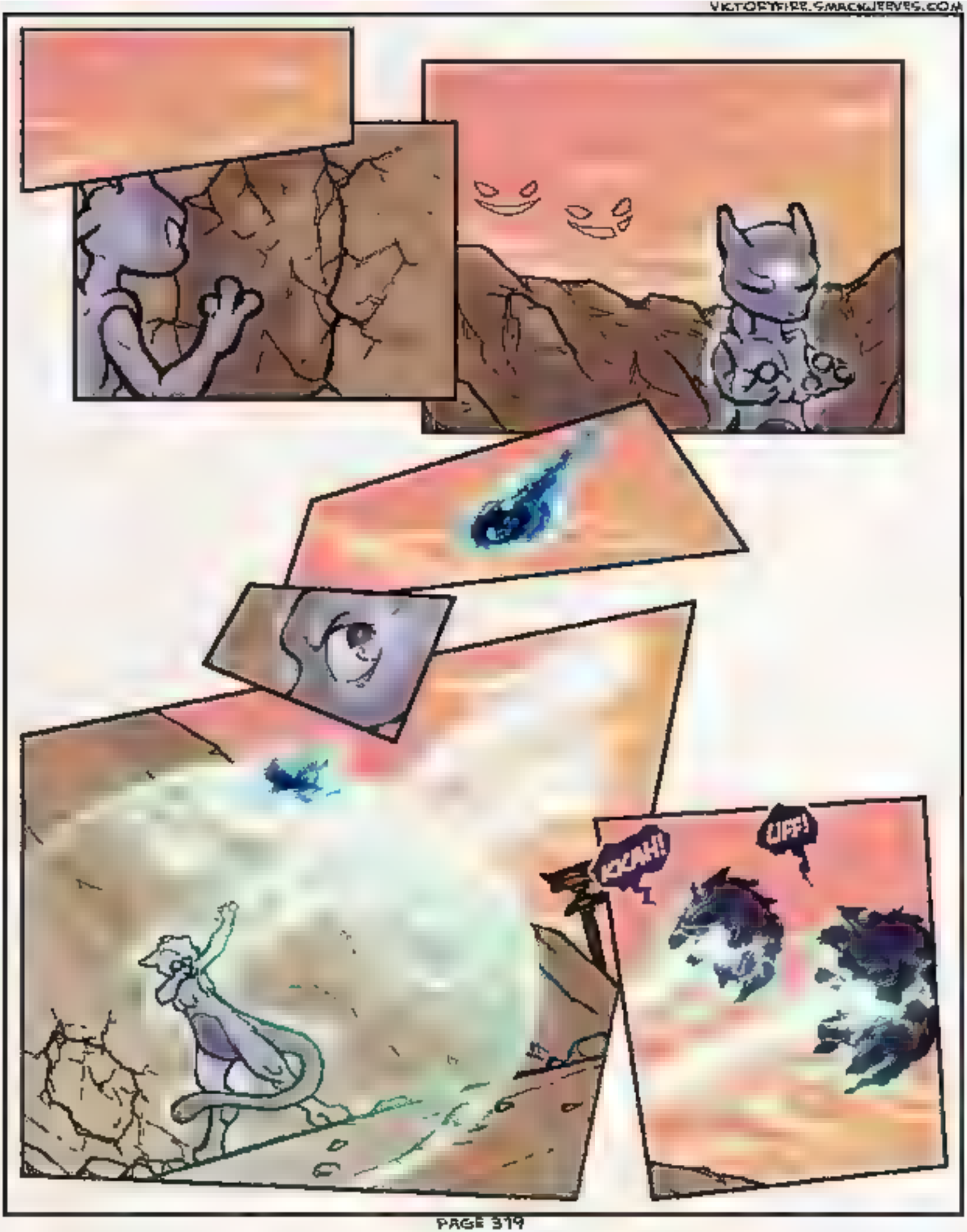
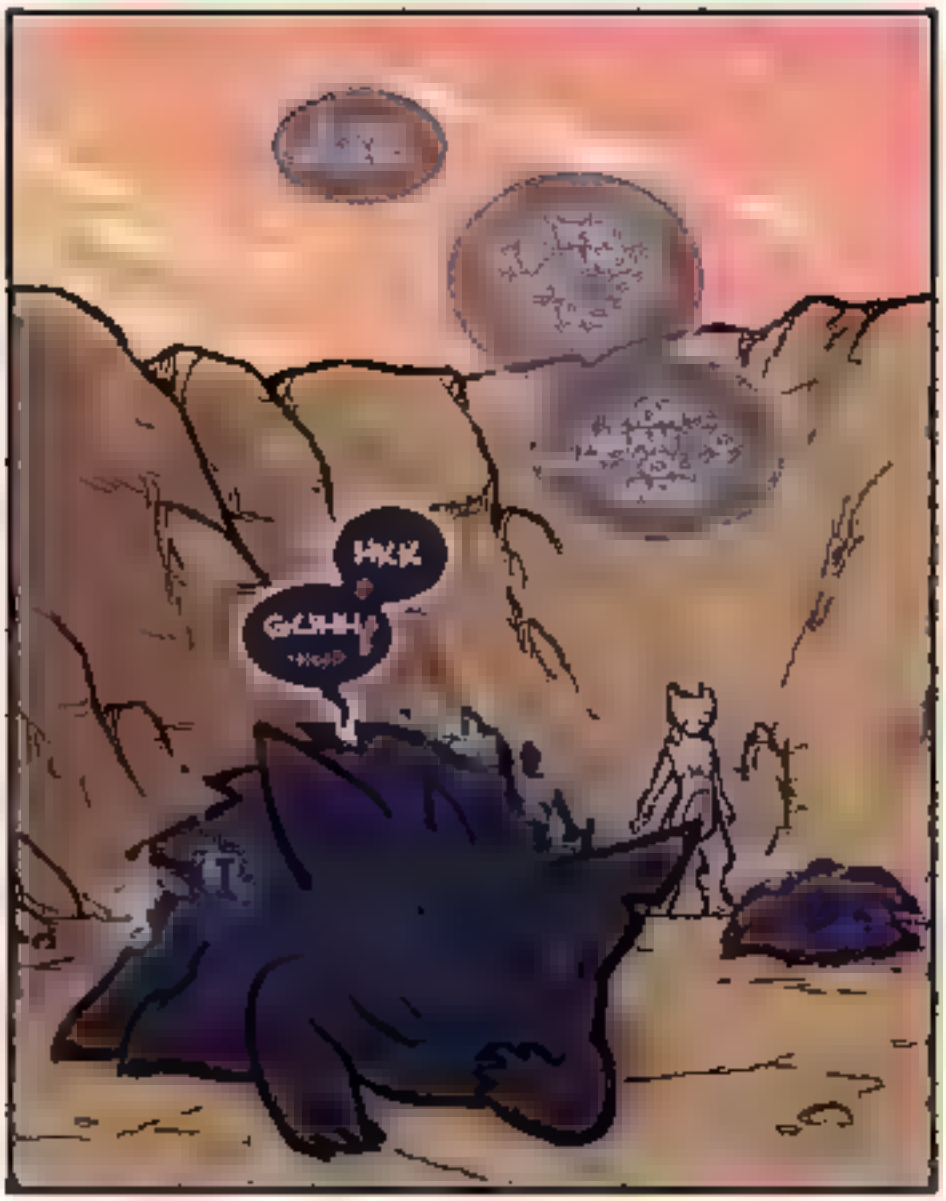
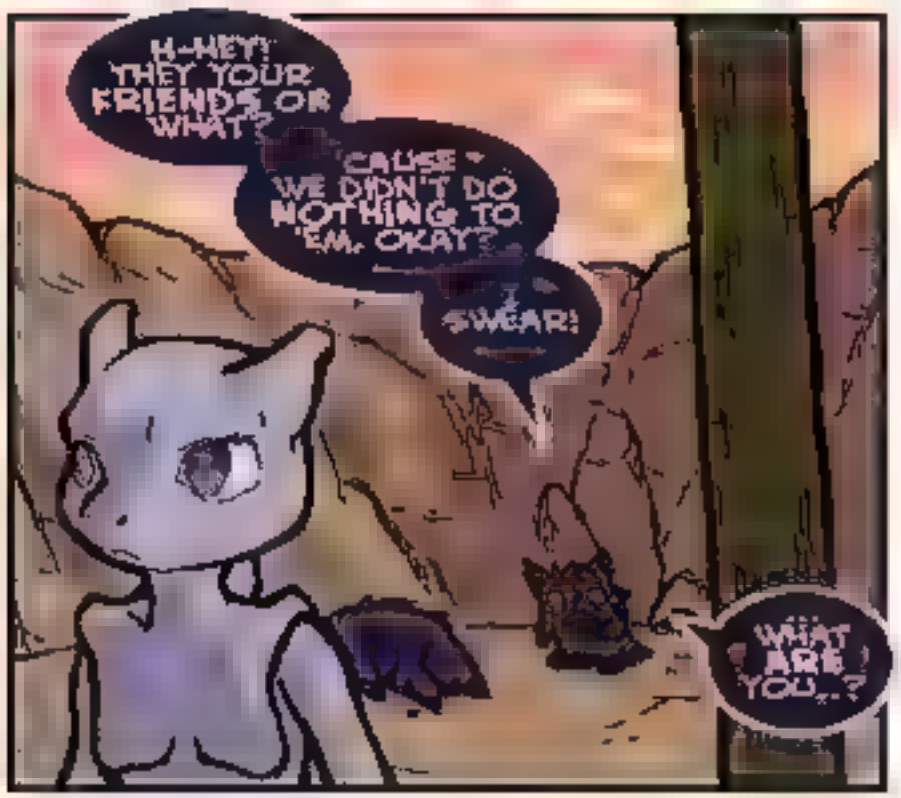

KCAH!
UFF!


HKK
GCHHH!

HHUH
WHUH?

I—
I DUNNO, MAN! I DIDN'T SEE—
THE LITWICKS LED 'EM OFF—MAYBE THE PONY KNOWS?
I DUNNO!


H-HEY! THEY YOUR FRIENDS OR WHAT?
CAUSE WE DIDN'T DO NOTHING TO 'EM, OKAY?
I SWEAR!
WHAT ARE YOU...?

WHOA!

HOW OLD ARE THESE TREES?

"HOW OLD"?

HEH

THIS IS CELEBI'S DOMAIN, JEN

QUESTIONS LIKE THAT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MEANING HERE

...HEY, YOU SWEAR NOTHING WEIRD IS GONNA HAPPEN TO ME IF I STEP IN THERE?

I PROMISE YOU WILL NOT FORGET WHO YOU ARE

YOU'LL BE FINE-- YOU RE WITH ME.

NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO ME YET, GENGAR

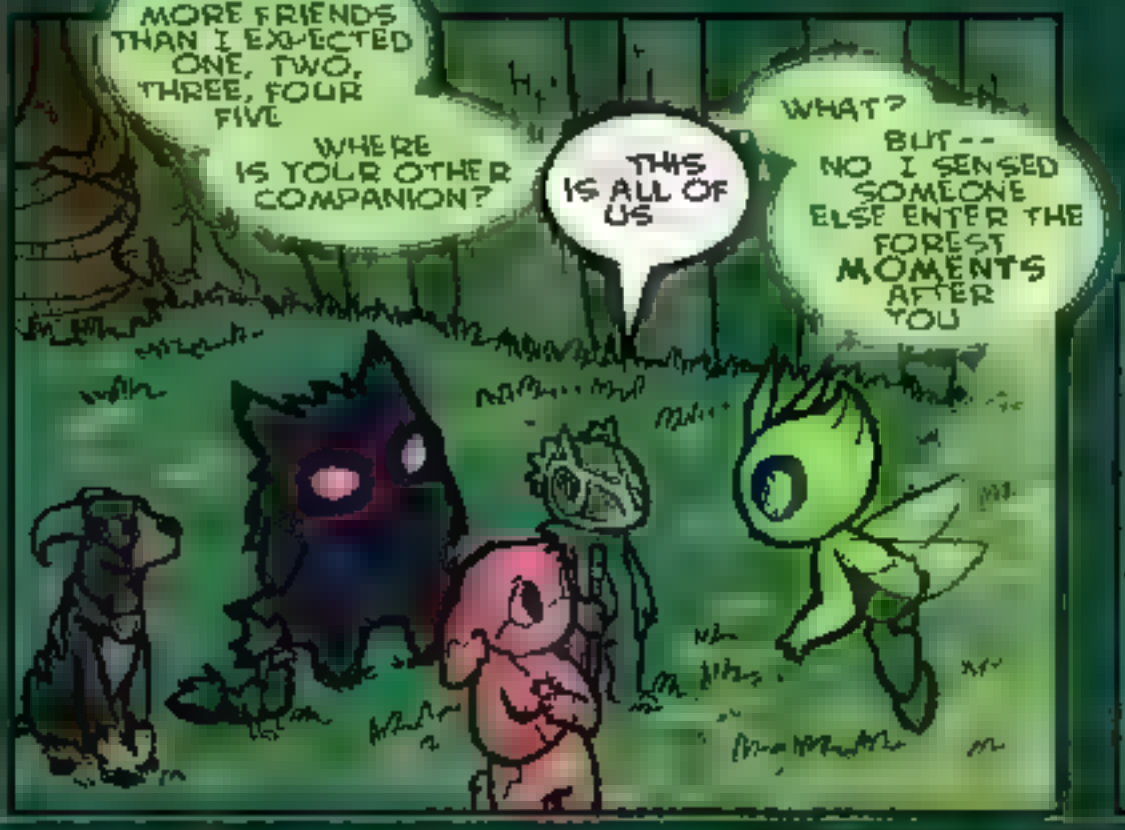
THOUGH THIS PLACE SMELLS STRANGE

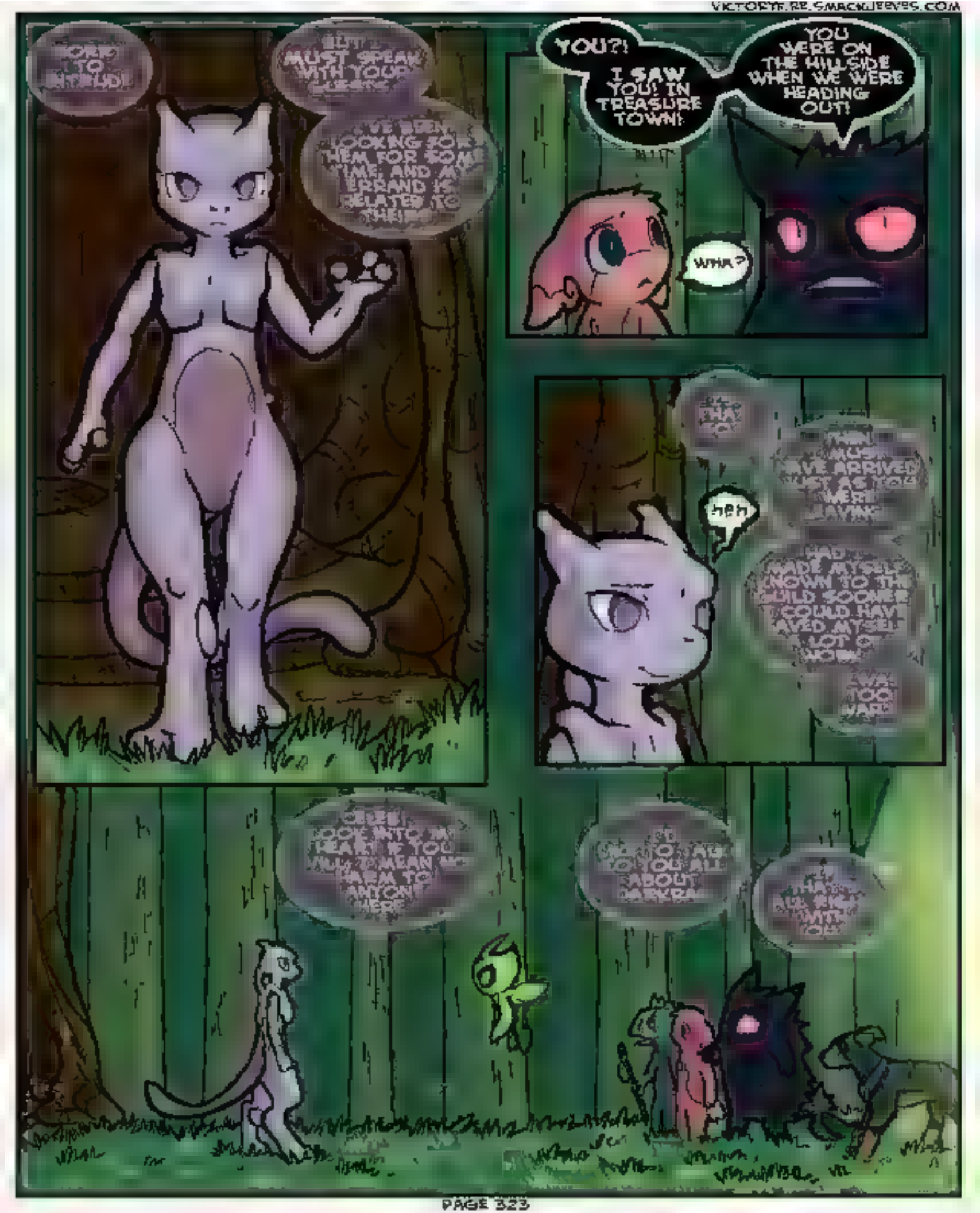
WHUFF

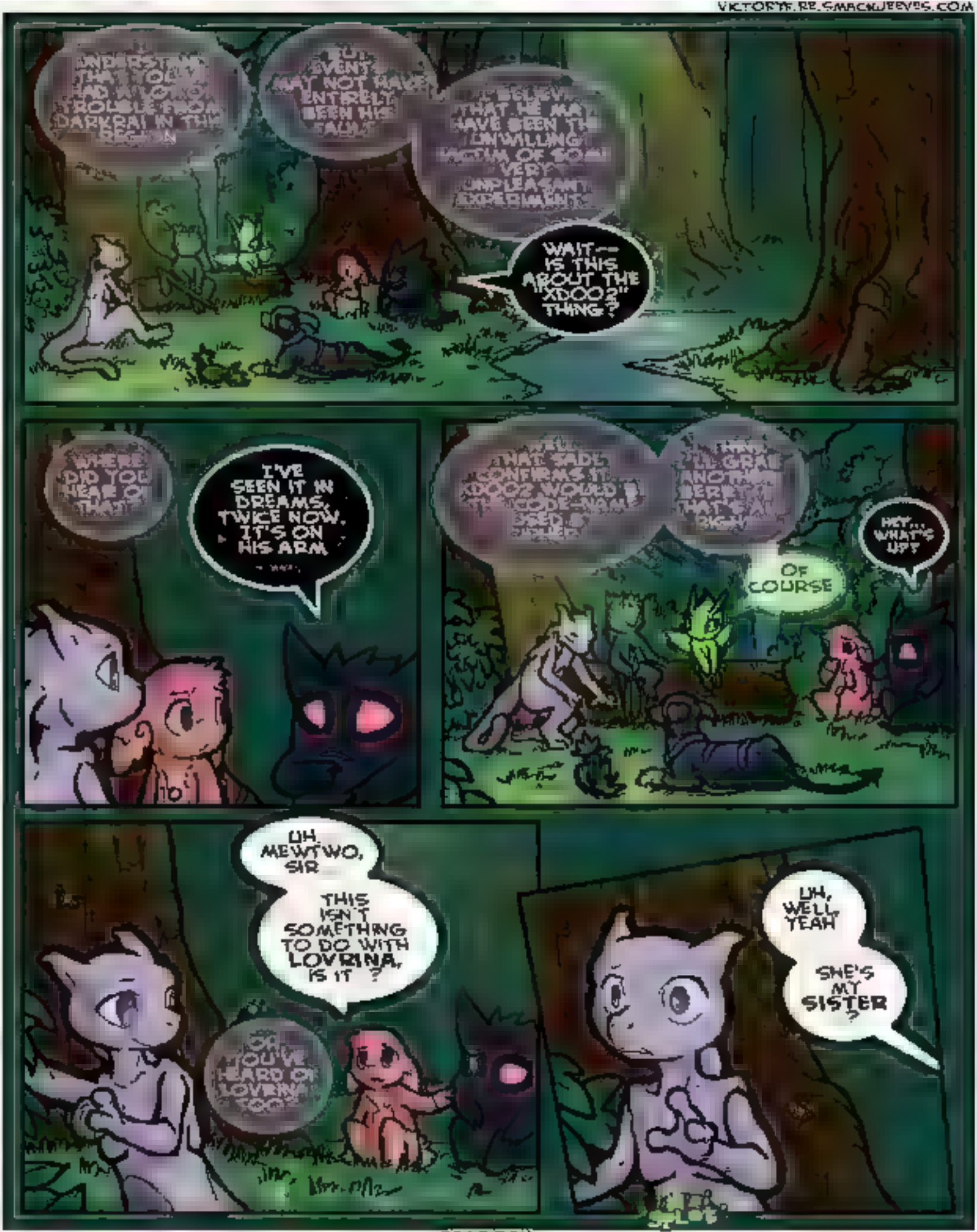
OH...
WOW

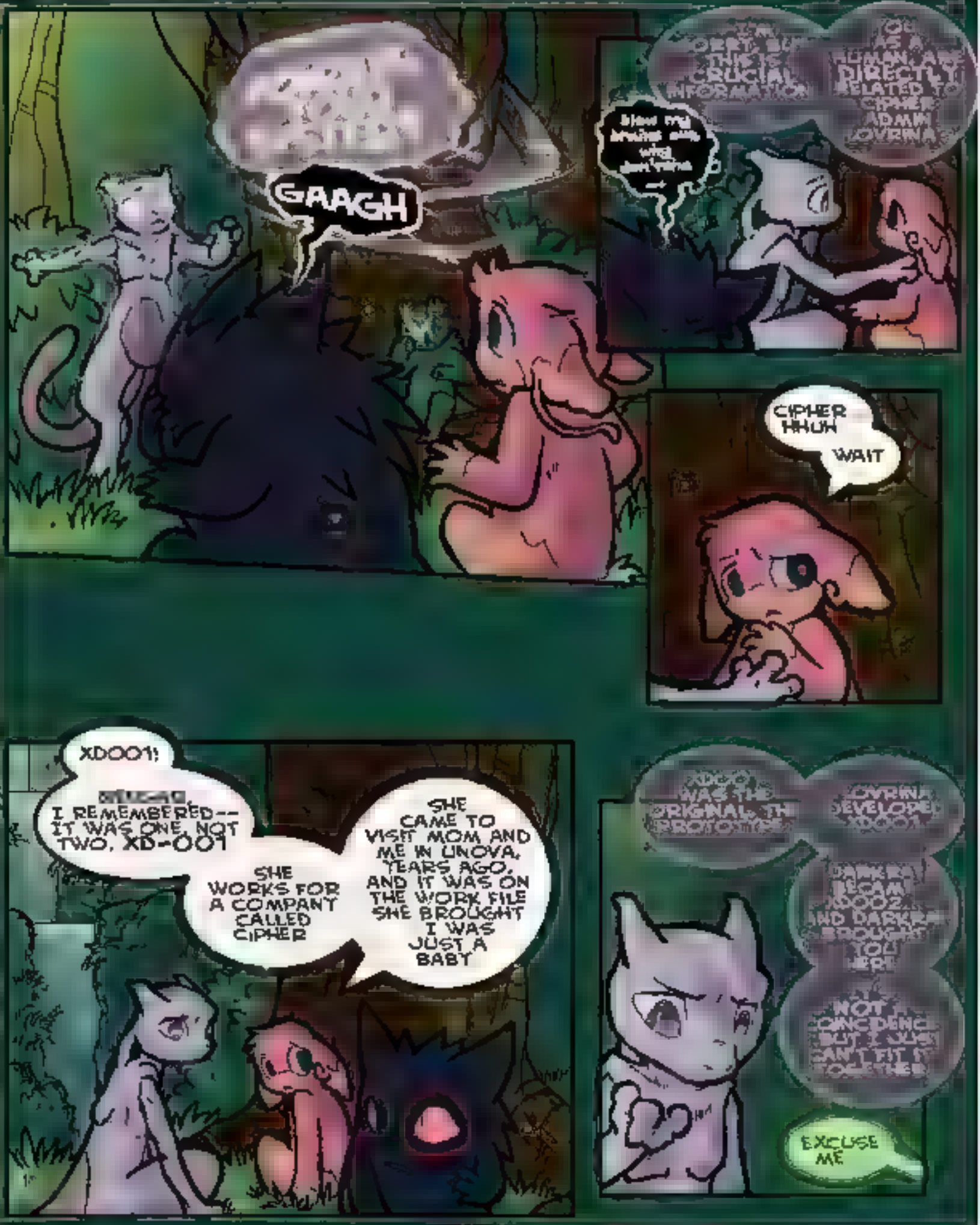
KECLEON! IT'S ABOUT TIME!
WELCOME HOME, MY FRIEND I'VE MISSED YOU

SO YOU MUST BE THE ONE I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU
WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU?
UH JEN HL.


YOU'VE BROUGHT MORE FRIENDS THAN I EXPECTED ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR FIVE
WHERE IS YOUR OTHER COMPANION?
THIS IS ALL OF US
WHAT? BUT-- NO I SENSED SOMEONE ELSE ENTER THE FOREST MOMENTS AFTER YOU


SORRY TO INTRUDE
BUT I MUST SPEAK WITH YOUR LEADERS
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THEM FOR SOME TIME, AND MY ERRAND IS RELATED TO THEIR
YOU?!
I SAW YOU! IN TREASURE TOWN!
YOU WERE ON THE HILLSIDE WHEN WE WERE HEADING OUT!
WHA?
HA HA
THEN I MUST HAVE ARRIVED JUST AS YOU WERE LEAVING
HEH
I HAD MADE MYSELF KNOWN TO THE GUILD SOONER I COULD HAVE SAVED MYSELF A LOT OF WORK
BUT TOO LATE
OTHER, LOOK INTO MY REALM IF YOU WILL, I MEAN NO HARM TO ANYONE HERE
SO I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT MARKRAI
HA HA ALL RIGHT WITH YOU


UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAD WITNESS TROUBLE FROM DARKRAI IN THE REGION
BUT EVENT MAY NOT HAVE ENTIRELY BEEN HIS FAULT
I BELIEVE THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN THE UNWILLING VICTIM OF SOME VERY UNPLEASANT EXPERIMENTS
WAIT-- IS THIS ABOUT THE "XDOO2" THING?
WHERE DID YOU HEAR OF THAT?
I'VE SEEN IT IN DREAMS, TWICE NOW. IT'S ON HIS ARM
WHAT SADE CONFIRMS IT. XDOO2 WOULD BE THE CODE NAME USED IN SPLICER
I'LL GRAB ANOTHER BERRY THAT'S A BIG ONE
OF COURSE
HEY... WHAT'S UP?
UH, MEWTWO, SIR
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO DO WITH LOVRINA, IS IT?
OH, YOU'VE HEARD OF LOVRINA TOO?
UH, WELL, YEAH
SHE'S MY SISTER?


GAAGH
SORRY, BUT THIS IS CRUCIAL INFORMATION
OH, AS A HUMAN, ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO CIPHER ADMIN LOVRINA
CIPHER HHUH
WAIT
XD001!
I REMEMBERED-- IT WAS ONE, NOT TWO, XD-001
SHE WORKS FOR A COMPANY CALLED CIPHER
SHE CAME TO VISIT MOM AND ME IN UNOVA, YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS ON THE WORK FILE SHE BROUGHT I WAS JUST A BABY
XD001 WAS THE ORIGINAL, THE PROTOTYPE
LOVRINA DEVELOPED XD001
DARKER BECAME XD002, AND DARKER BROUGHT YOU HERE
NOT A COINCIDENCE BUT I JUST CAN'T FIT IT TOGETHER
EXCUSE ME

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT CIPHER HAS COME BACK ?

TO MY GREAT REGRET THAT EVIL MAN, EW

--WELL, I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THESE NAMES.

WILL SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO US MERE MORTALS?

I'LL TRY BUT IT'S NOT A VERY LONG STORY

POKEMON AND HUMANS HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT EACH OTHER

IN THE WORLD THEY IMPLY THAT THAT

BY SELECTING PARENTS TO PRODUCE OFFSPRING WITH MORE WILL TO

HARSH TRAINING

OR BY THE ABUSE OF SCIENCE TO CREATE SOMETHING MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING IN NATURE

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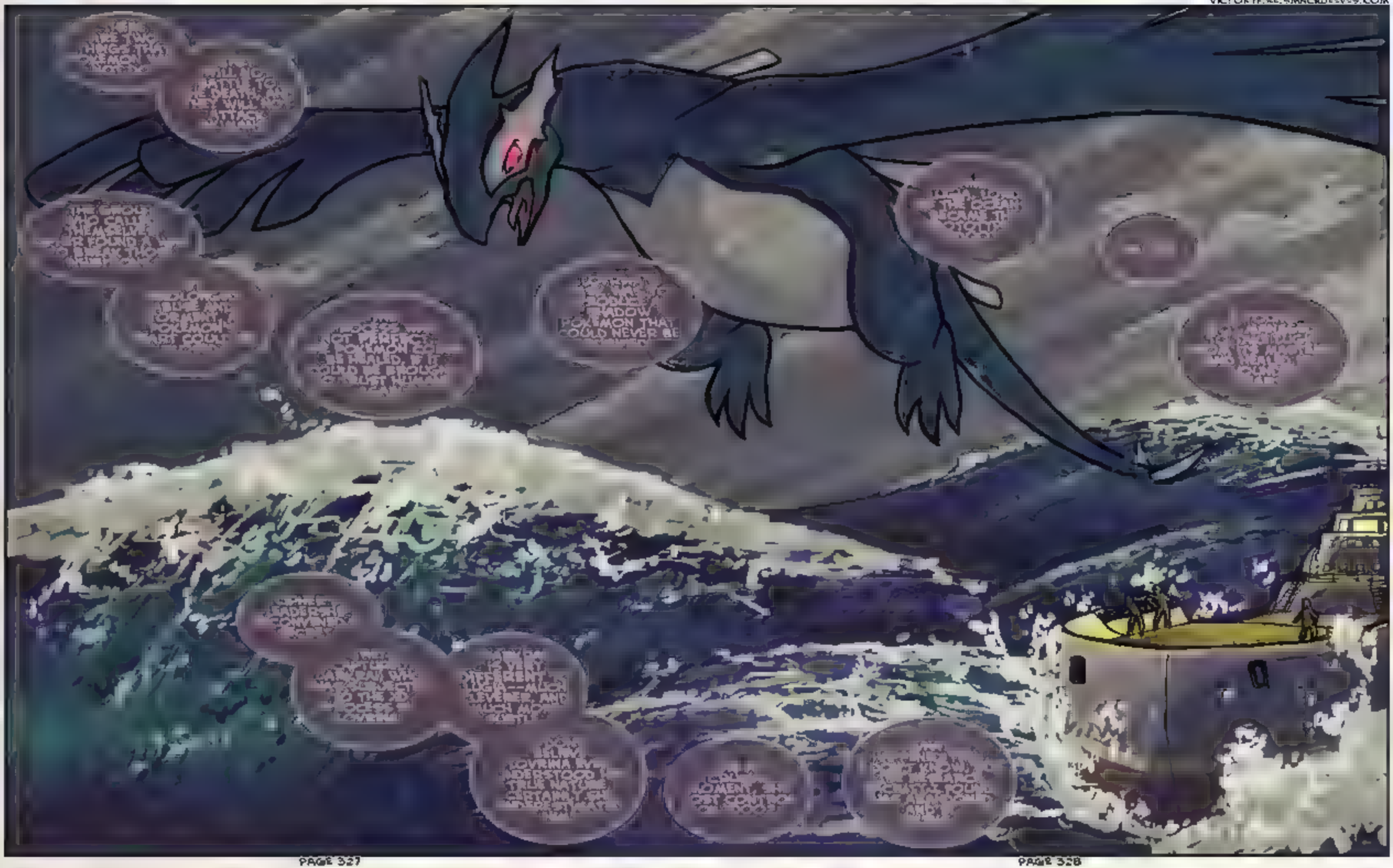


I DIDN'T KNOW

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS DOING ALL THAT AWFUL STUFF

IS DARKRAI GONNA HATE ME FOREVER NOW?

BECAUSE I DIDN'T TRY TO STOP HER?

WE DON'T KNOW THAT'S THE CASE

IT'S DIFFICULT TO BE SURE WHAT XDOO2 INTENDS

...

WELL, HEY, CRAZY IDEA...

WHY DON'T WE JUST ASK HIM?

I MEAN, EXACTLY CALL HIM, YOU KNOW

I CAN.

WELL, I HAVEN'T TRIED, BUT...

LAST TIME HE SHOWED UP, HE LEFT ME A WAY...

THERE'S GOTTA BE A REASON FOR THAT... RIGHT? HE WANTS SOMETHING. I RECKON HE'D TALK TO ME

...

...

WHY'RE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

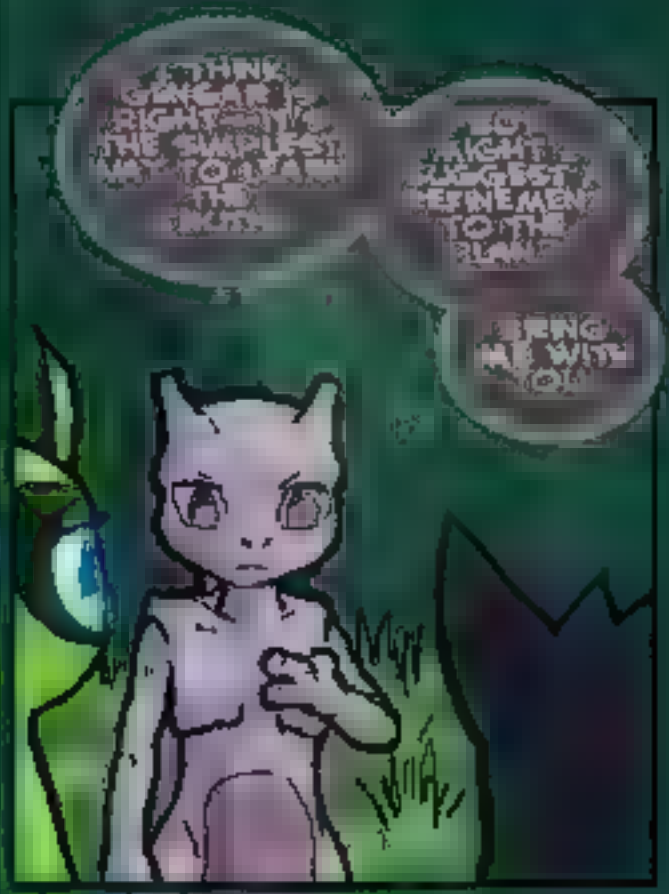
SO, THIS IS WHERE YOU WANNA DO IT?

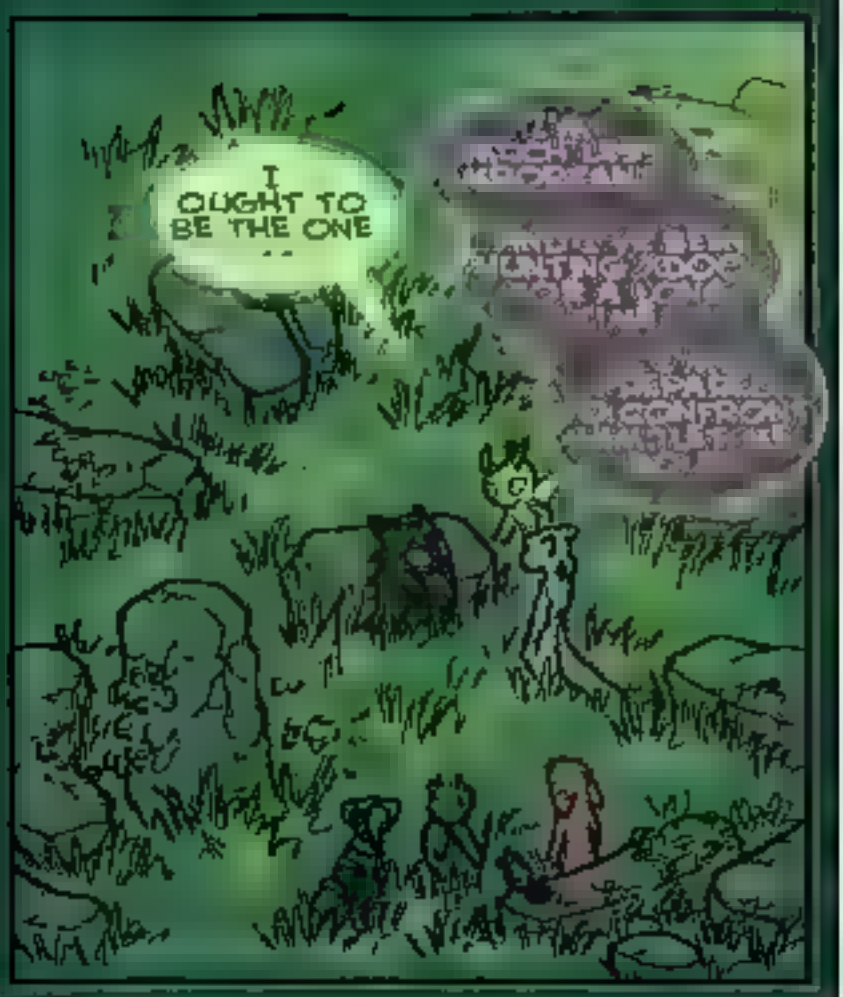
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT! IT'S DANGEROUS!

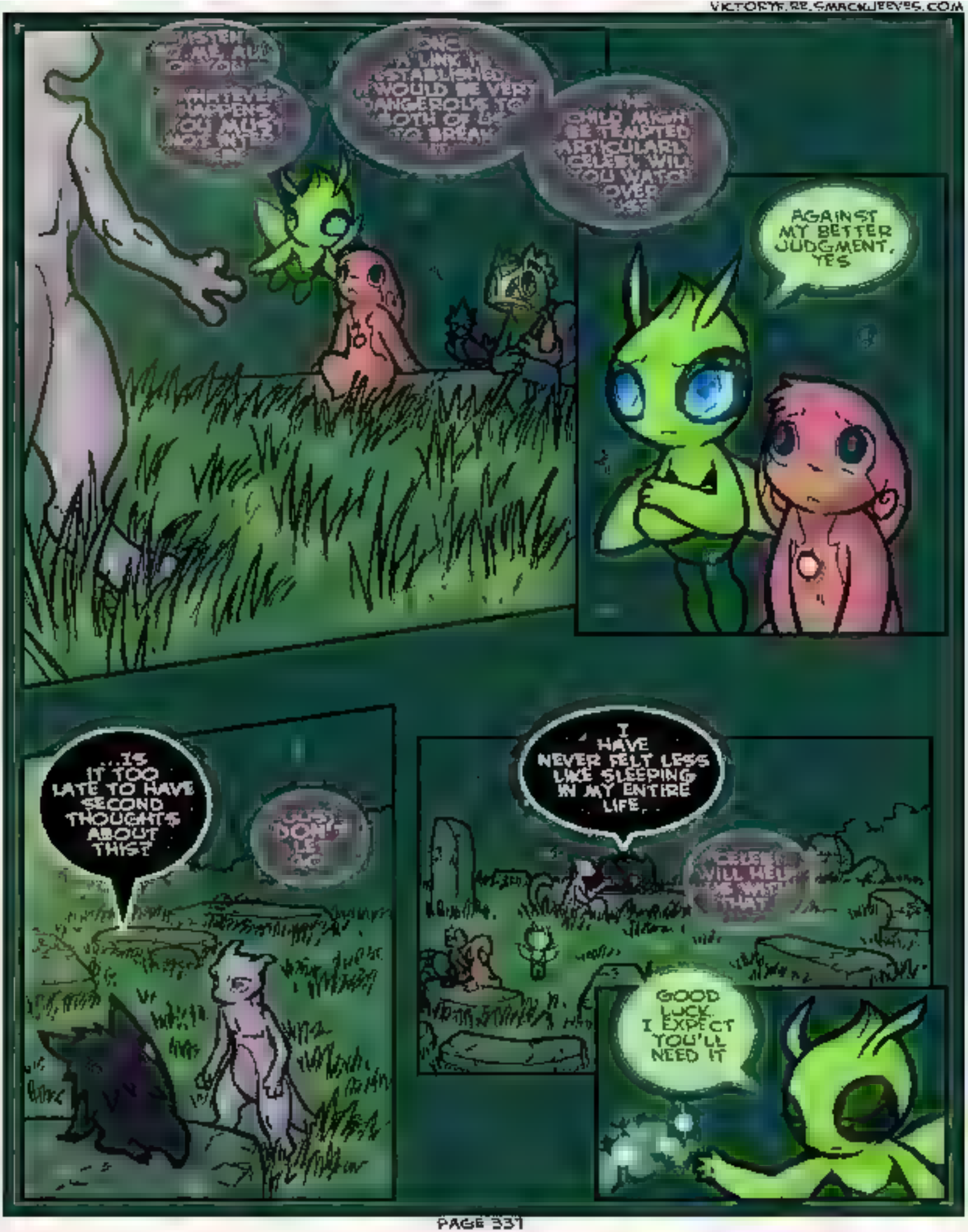
YOU DON'T REALIZE.. HE IS ONE OF THE 'FIRSTBORN', AND YOU'RE CHALLENGING HIM ON HIS OWN GROUND!

THE LAST PERSON WHO CLASHED WITH DARKRAI IN DREAMS WAS NEARLY TRICKED INTO COMMITTING SUICIDE

I'VE MET HIM TWICE, AND I HAVEN'T KILLED MYSELF YET...






LISTEN TO ME ALL OF YOU!
WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU MUST NOT INTERFERE!
ONCE A LINK IS ESTABLISHED, IT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS TO BOTH OF US TO BREAK IT!
THE CHILD MIGHT BE TEMPTED, PARTICULARLY CELESTA WILL YOU WATCH OVER HER?
AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, YES
...IS IT TOO LATE TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS?
I HAVE NEVER FELT LESS LIKE SLEEPING IN MY ENTIRE LIFE...
GOOD LUCK. I EXPECT YOU'LL NEED IT

I'VE LOST SOMETHING.
I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, HAVEN'T I?
IS IT... HERE?
OOG
OKAY. DREAMING AND YOU'RE HERE. I GOT IT...
HERE GOES THEN...
DARKRAI?

YES?
GHAH!
DON'T DO THAT!
"YOU" CALLED ME; I CAME...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?
WHO IS WITH YOU?

I TRUSTED YOU!
WAIT-- WAIT A SEC--
YOU LED ME INTO A TRAP?
LYING!
MY HEAD --
NO! I WON'T BE TRICKED AGAIN-- LET ME GO!
I-- YOU'RE ASKING TOO MUCH! I HAVEN'T GOT THE STRENGTH --

HHUH
HHUH
WELL PLAYED SUPERS EVEN
HH... WHAT HAPPENED ...?
YOU'RE MAKING ME YOU TURNED BACK ON HIM
THAT WAS QUITE REMARKABLE I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT
YOU NEE
WE'RE IN HIS NIGHTMARE NOW
NO
NO
NO

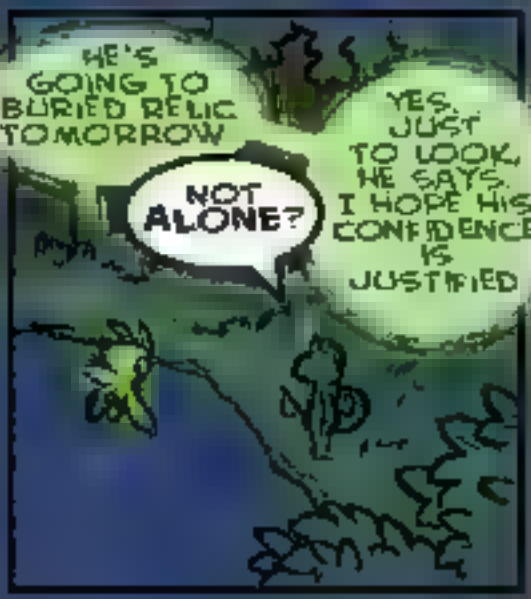
WE DIDN'T SEEK YOU OUT TO TORMENT YOU WITH THE MEMORIES.
YOU ASKED FOR HELP. WON'T YOU GIVE US A CHANCE?
DARKEN
COME BACK AND TALK TO US
AGAIN
GAH-
THANK YOU
TIRED. I'M SO TIRED.
I HURT.
CAN'T HOLD IT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
YOU'RE FIGHTING. YOU'VE BEEN RESISTING IT FOR SOME TIME, EVEN.
THEN YOU'RE NOT ATTACKING THAT CHILD OF YOUR OWN WILL.
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO PROTECT?
I IT'S NOT HER FAULT...
"HER"?

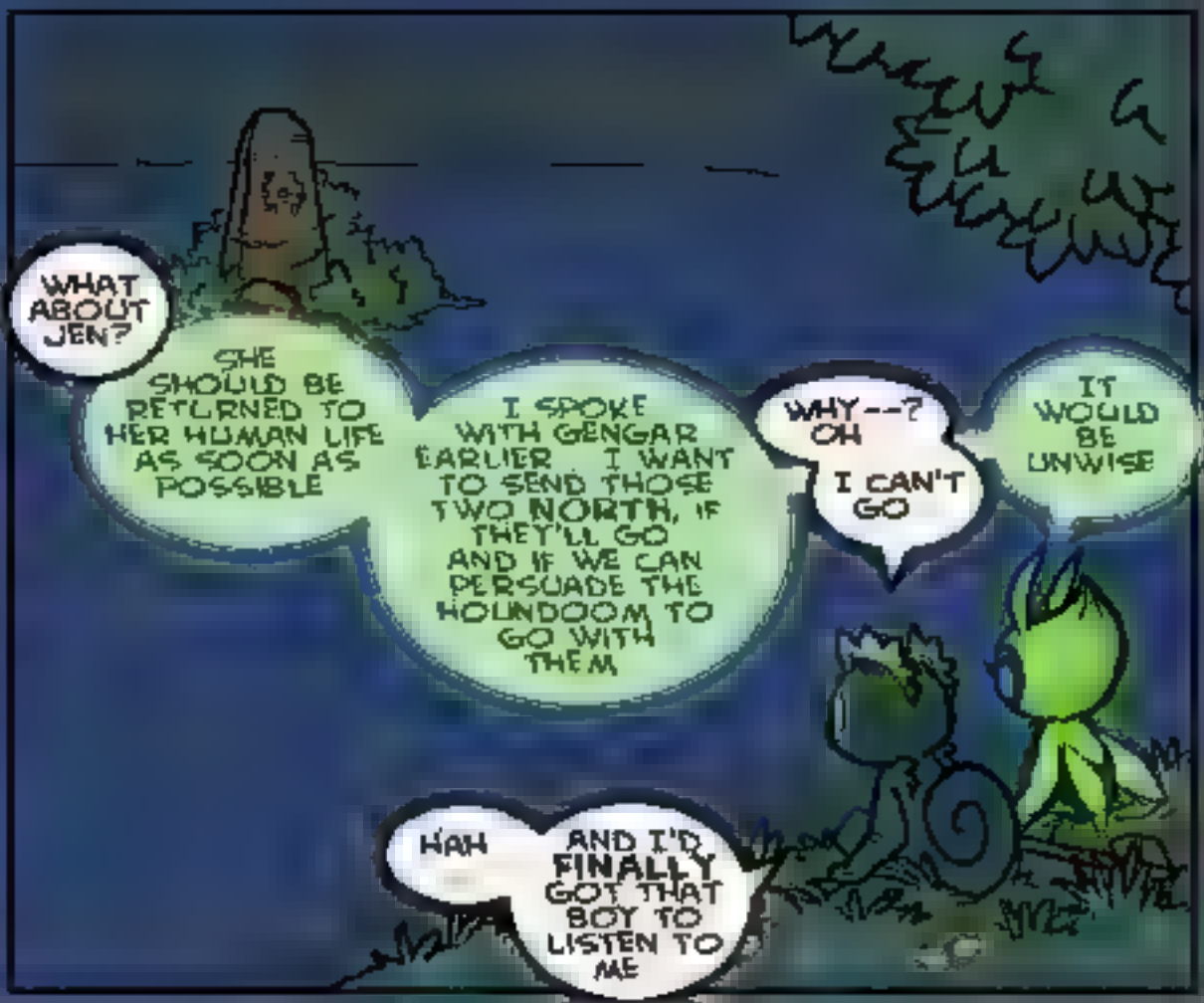
IT'S MY FAULT... I HELPED THEM TAKE HER...
I HELPED THEM DO IT TO HER...
SHE...
SHE THINKS IF SHE SHARES IT, MISS LOVRNA WILL TAKE US BACK...
GHH-
HEARTED HUMAN CHILD ...NEED TO
OPEN THE DOOR...
H-HEAD-- GONNA EXPLODE-- CAN'T--
NO HOLD ON!
WE'RE SO CLOSE!
SOMETHING

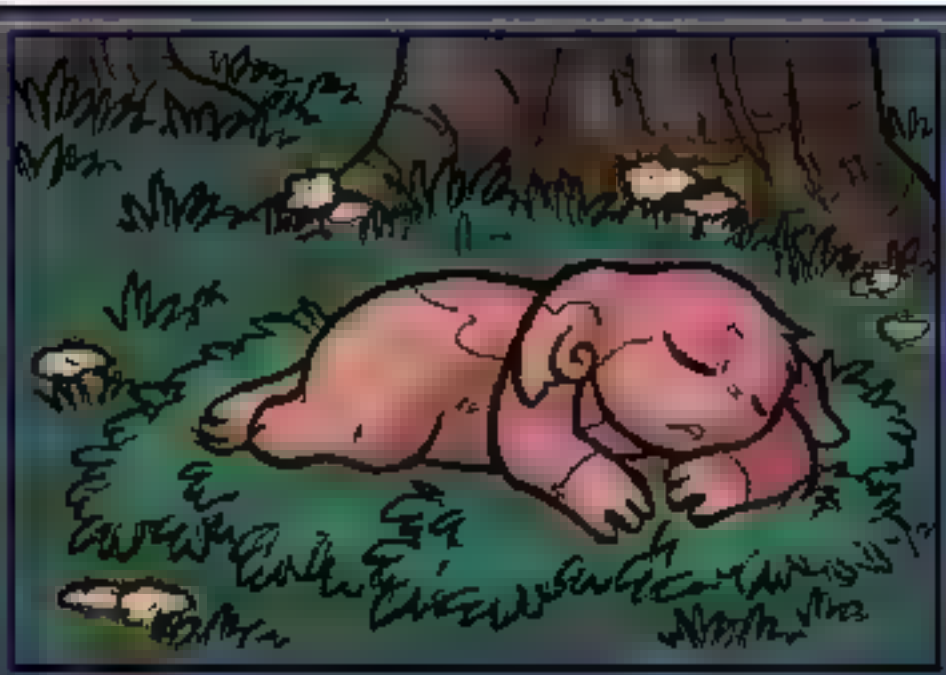
...BUT HE DIDN'T TELL US ANYTHING... NOTHING THAT MADE SENSE, ANYWAY...
HE GAVE US SOMETHING WE DIDN'T HAVE
READ
ANYONE CAN TELL US YOU CAN
WHERE AND WHAT IS BURIED RELIC?

DO YOU TRUST HIM?

MEWTWO? THERE'S SOMETHING DARK IN HIS PAST
I DON'T KNOW I THINK WE HAVE TO FOR NOW


HE'S GOING TO BURIED RELIC TOMORROW
NOT ALONE?
YES, JUST TO LOOK, HE SAYS. I HOPE HIS CONFIDENCE IS JUSTIFIED


WHAT ABOUT JEN?
SHE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HER HUMAN LIFE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
I SPOKE WITH GENGAR EARLIER I WANT TO SEND THOSE TWO NORTH, IF THEY'LL GO AND IF WE CAN PERSUADE THE HOUNDOOM TO GO WITH THEM
WHY--? OH
I CAN'T GO
IT WOULD BE UNWISE
HAH
AND I'D FINALLY GOT THAT BOY TO LISTEN TO ME



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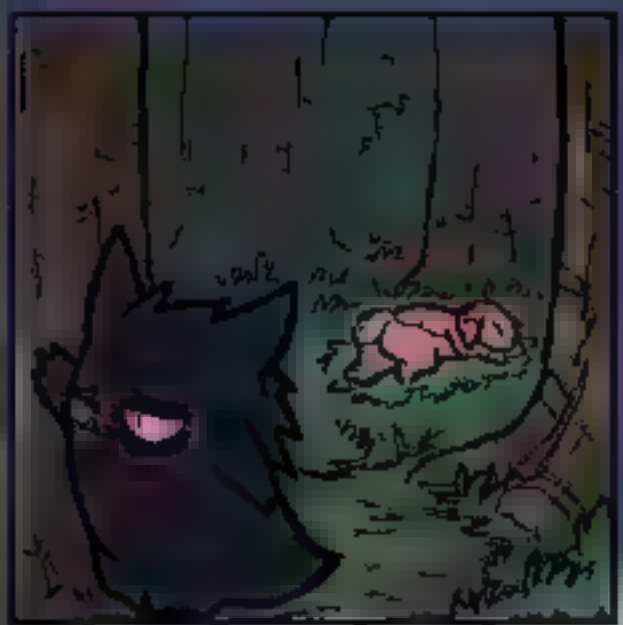
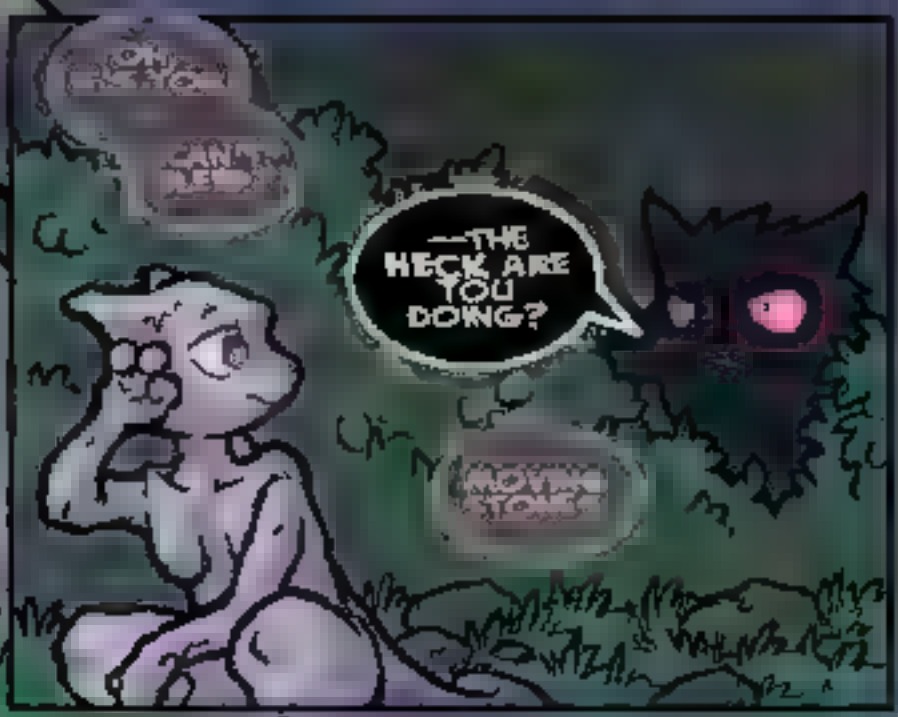
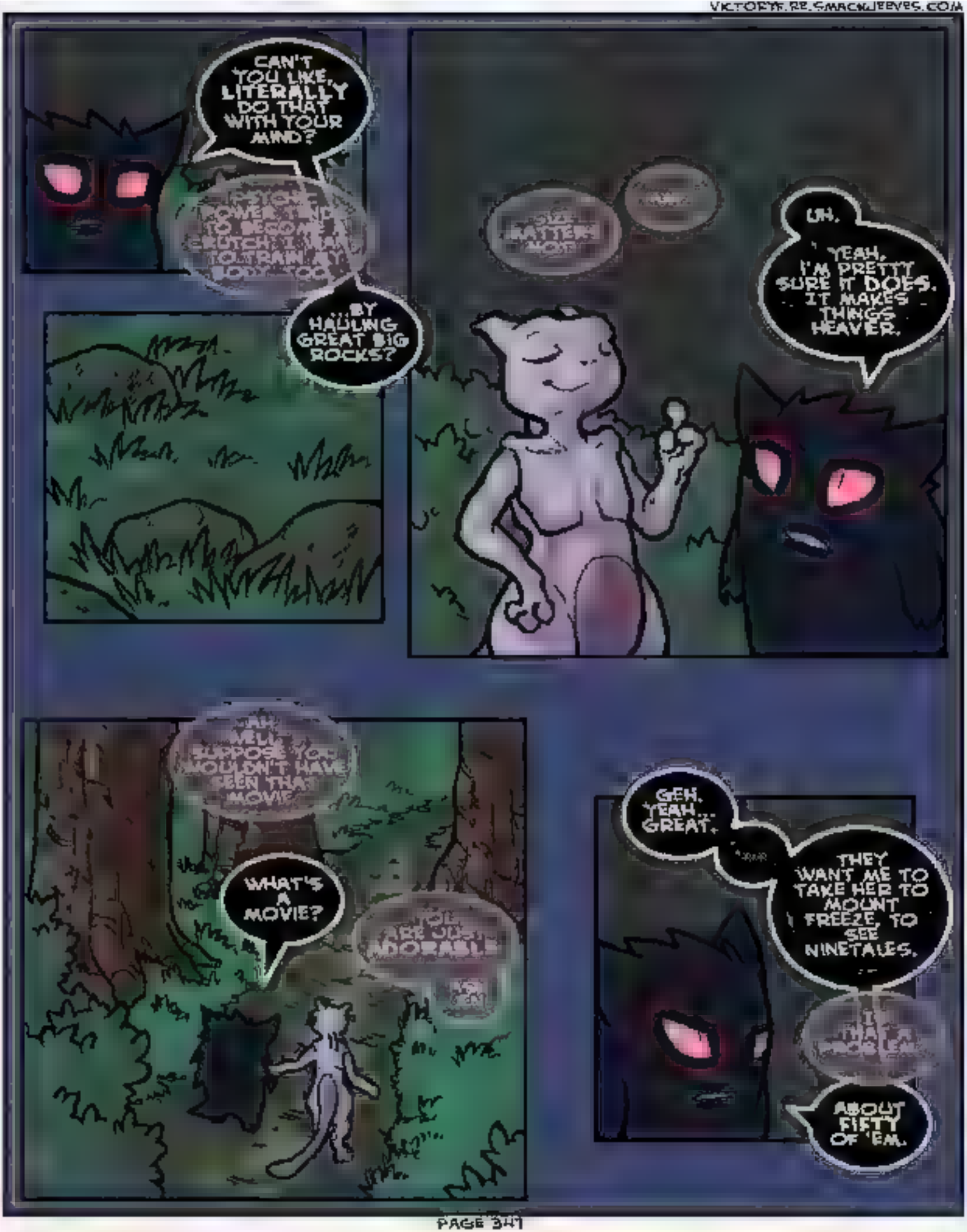
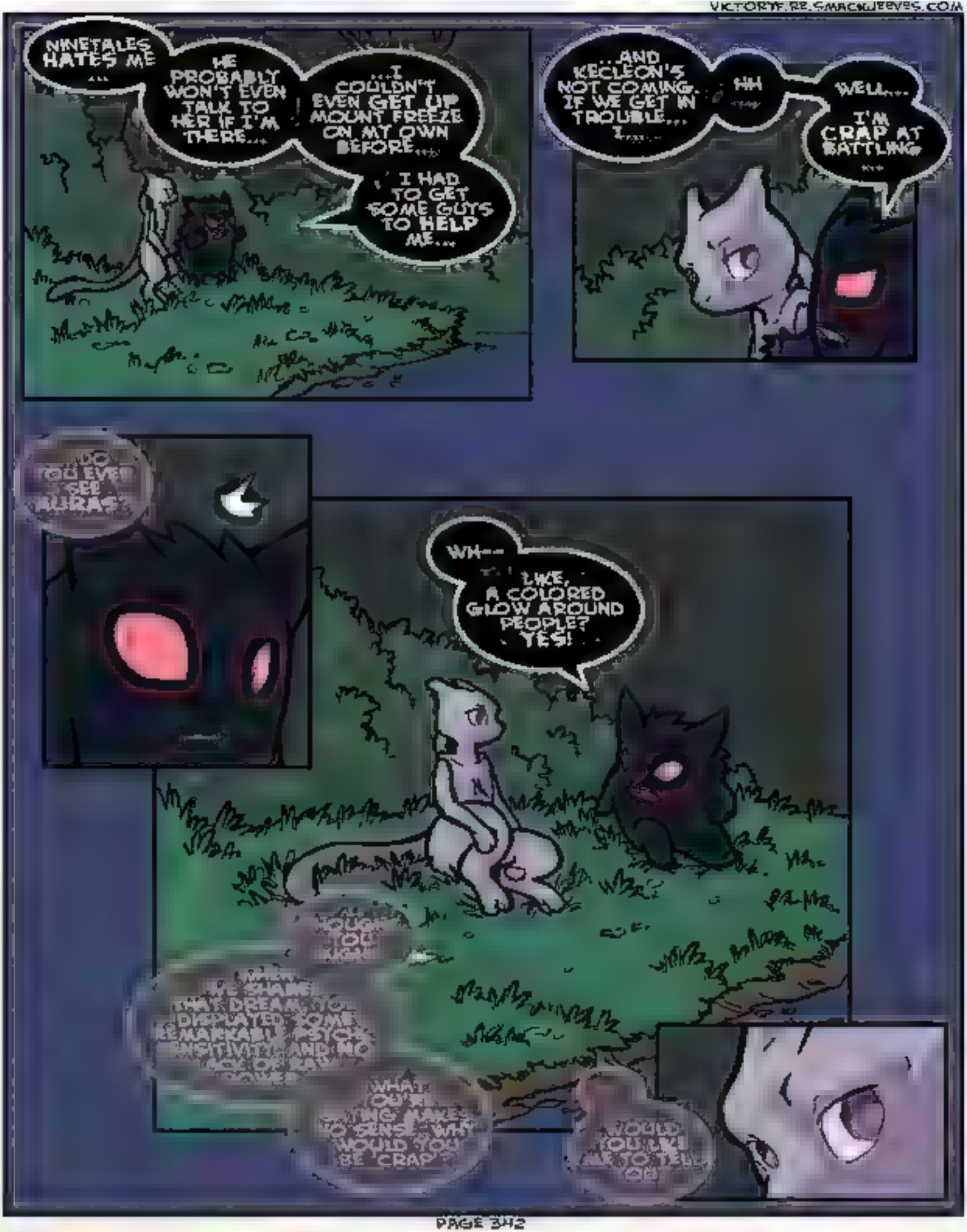


WHUH!?

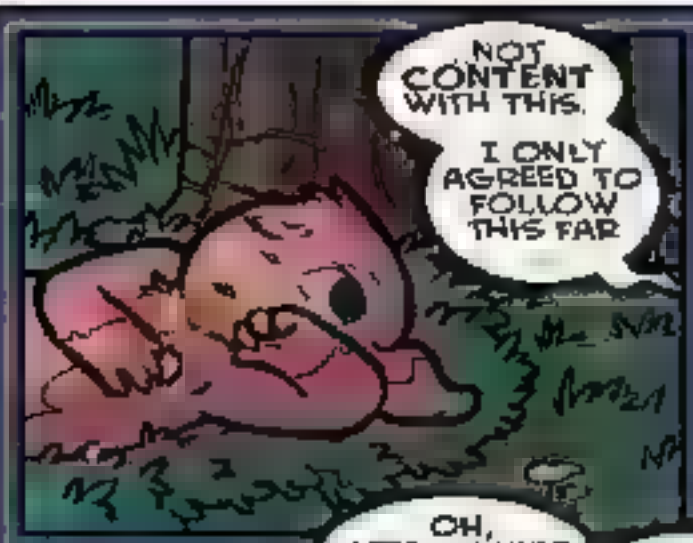

—THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?

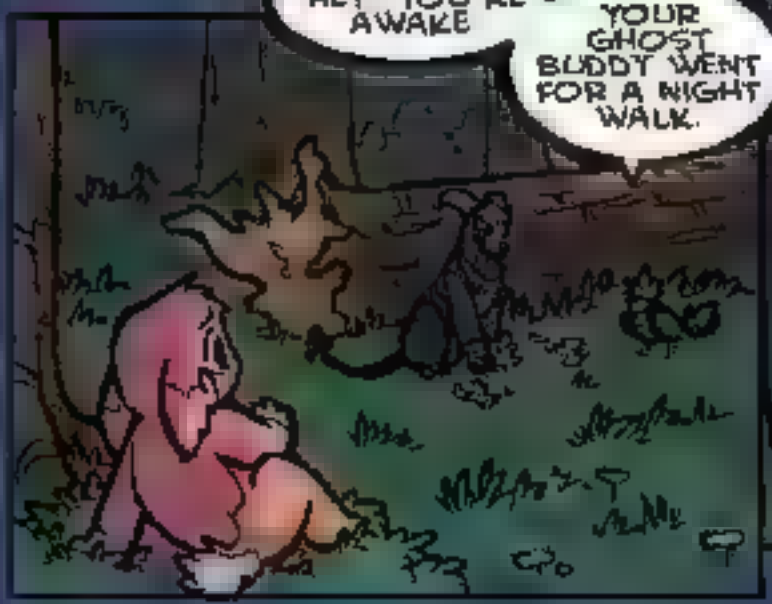

CAN'T YOU LIKE, LITERALLY DO THAT WITH YOUR MIND?
BY HAULING GREAT BIG ROCKS?
SIZE MATTERS MOST
UH.
YEAH, I'M PRETTY SURE IT DOES. IT MAKES THINGS HEAVER.
WHAT'S A MOVIE?
GEH. YEAH... GREAT.
THEY WANT ME TO TAKE HER TO MOUNT FREEZE, TO SEE NINETALES.
ABOUT FIFTY OF 'EM.


NINETALES HATES ME...
HE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN TALK TO HER IF I'M THERE...
...I COULDN'T EVEN GET UP MOUNT FREEZE ON MY OWN BEFORE...
I HAD TO GET SOME GUYS TO HELP ME...
...AND KECLEON'S NOT COMING. IF WE GET IN TROUBLE... I...
HH...
WELL...
I'M CRAP AT BATTLING...
...DO YOU EVER SEE AURAS?
WH--
LIKE, A COLORED GLOW AROUND PEOPLE? YES!
WHAT OUT-LANDING MAKES NO SENSE - WHY WOULD YOU BE CRAP?
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TELL YOU

BUT I DIDN'T GET OUT VERY
BUT
OUR MINDS WERE LINKED BACK THERE
BEING WHAT I AM, I COULDN'T HELP BUT PICK UP SOMETHING OF YOUR HISTORY
PLEASE DON'T BE ASHAMED
YOU KNEW
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'M THE LAST ONE WHO SHOULD JUDGE PEOPLE ON THEIR PAST DEEDS
YOUR MOLITIES HAVE BECOME UNRELIABLE LATELY, AS THAT
Y-YEAH
AND BECAUSE I TRIED TO TRAIN YOU
EXPECTS HE MEANT WELL, BUT HE'S ONLY REALLY HURT YOUR CONFIDENCE AND MADE THINGS WORSE
ARE YOU READING MY MIND?
hhaha
SORRY
I'M TRYING NOT TO
WELL, I'LL BE THERE FOR THE BEST, I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHAT'S WRONG
AND I THINK I CAN HELP

THE GHOST TYPE'S UNIQUE TRICKERY, AND MISDIRECTION!
UNLESS YOU ACCEPT AND EMBRACE WHAT YOU ARE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BATTLE AS A GENGAR SHOULD.
THAT'S ALL I GET? I JUST GOTTA GIVE UP HOPE?
NO NECESSARY KNOW TECHNIQUE THAT MIGHT BE MORE TO YOUR FAST.
YOU'LL LET ME TOUCH YOUR MIND ONCE MORE, I'LL SHOW YOU!
...IS THIS GONNA HURT?
NOT IF YOU DARKEN!
OKAY... GUESS I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE...


NOT CONTENT WITH THIS.
I ONLY AGREED TO FOLLOW THIS FAR


OH, HEY YOU'RE AWAKE
YOUR GHOST BUDDY WENT FOR A NIGHT WALK.

WHOA
HEY RELAX.
IT'S NOT LIKE CELEBI WOULD LET US RUN OFF WITH YOU.

UM DO YOU GUYS KNOW
WHERE'S MOUNT FREEZE?
NORTH NOT TOO FAR FOR WINGS, DUNNO ABOUT PAWS

SO THEN I GET TO GO HOME, I GUESS..
IF NINETALES REALLY KNOWS THE WAY

YOU DON'T WANNA GO, DO YOU?

I DUNNO I FEEL RESPONSIBLE

FOR WHAT YOUR SISTER DID? SHE DID IT, NOT YOU.

IF YOU'RE THE KEY TO ALL THIS, BETTER GET OUTTA HERE NOW AND FOIL WHATEVER SCHEME IT IS INVOLVES YOU

IF THIS ONE LEAVES, WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PUP?

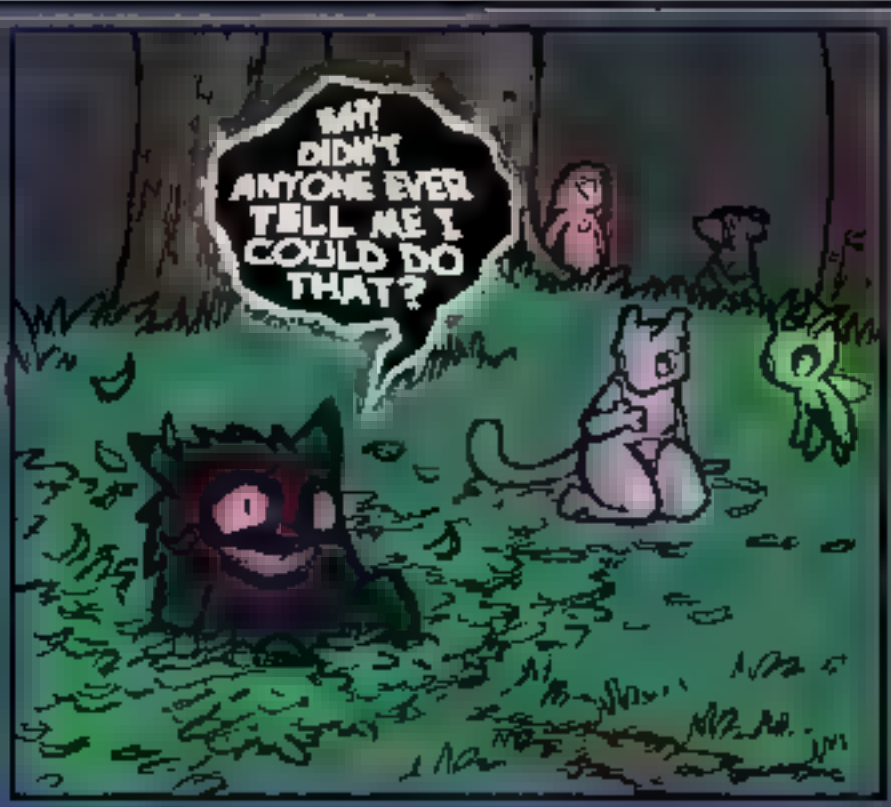
NOT HER PROBLEM.

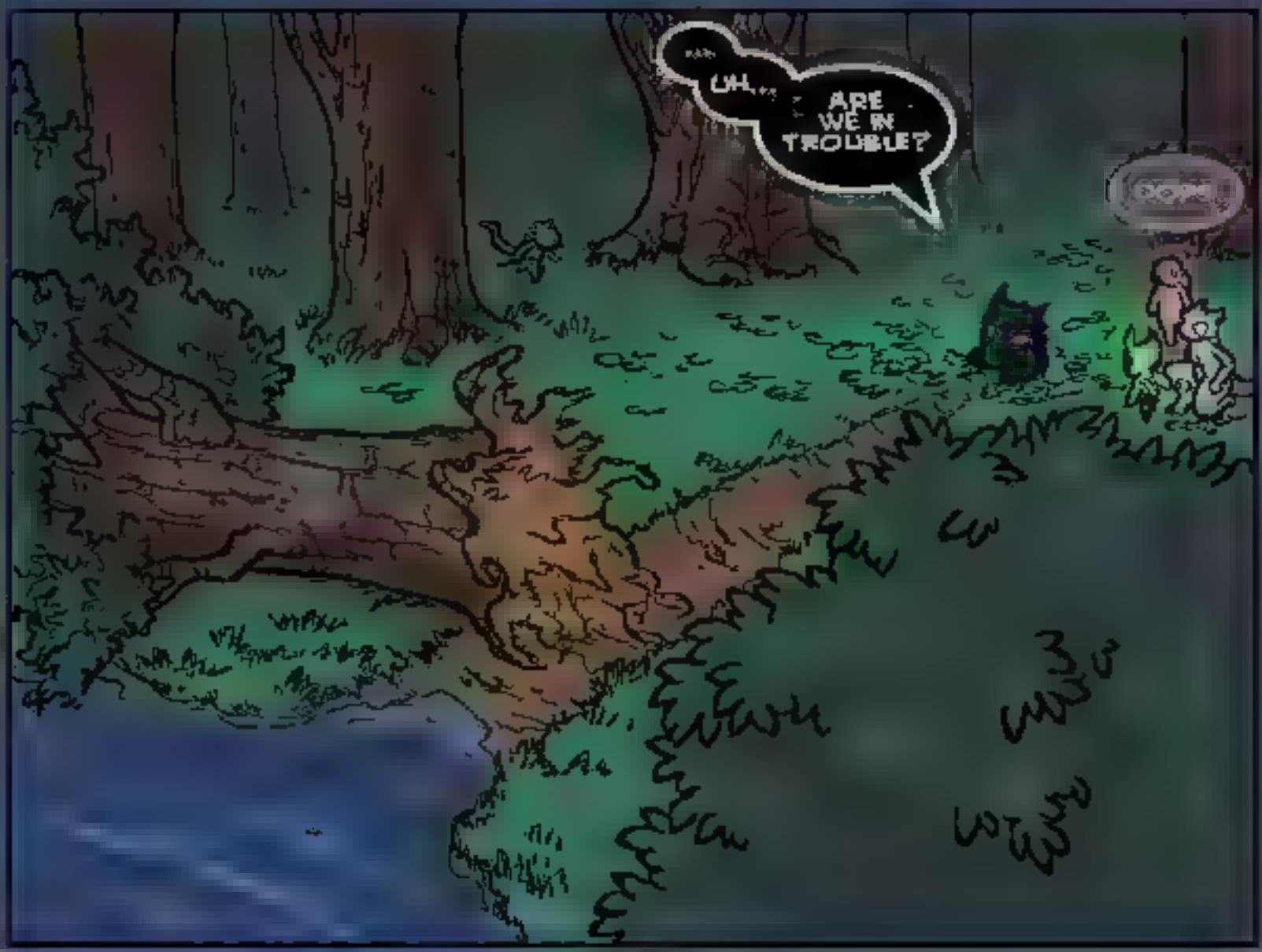
ANYWAY, THE FREAKY CAT-THING'S GOING TO LOOK FOR YOUR PUP TOMORROW

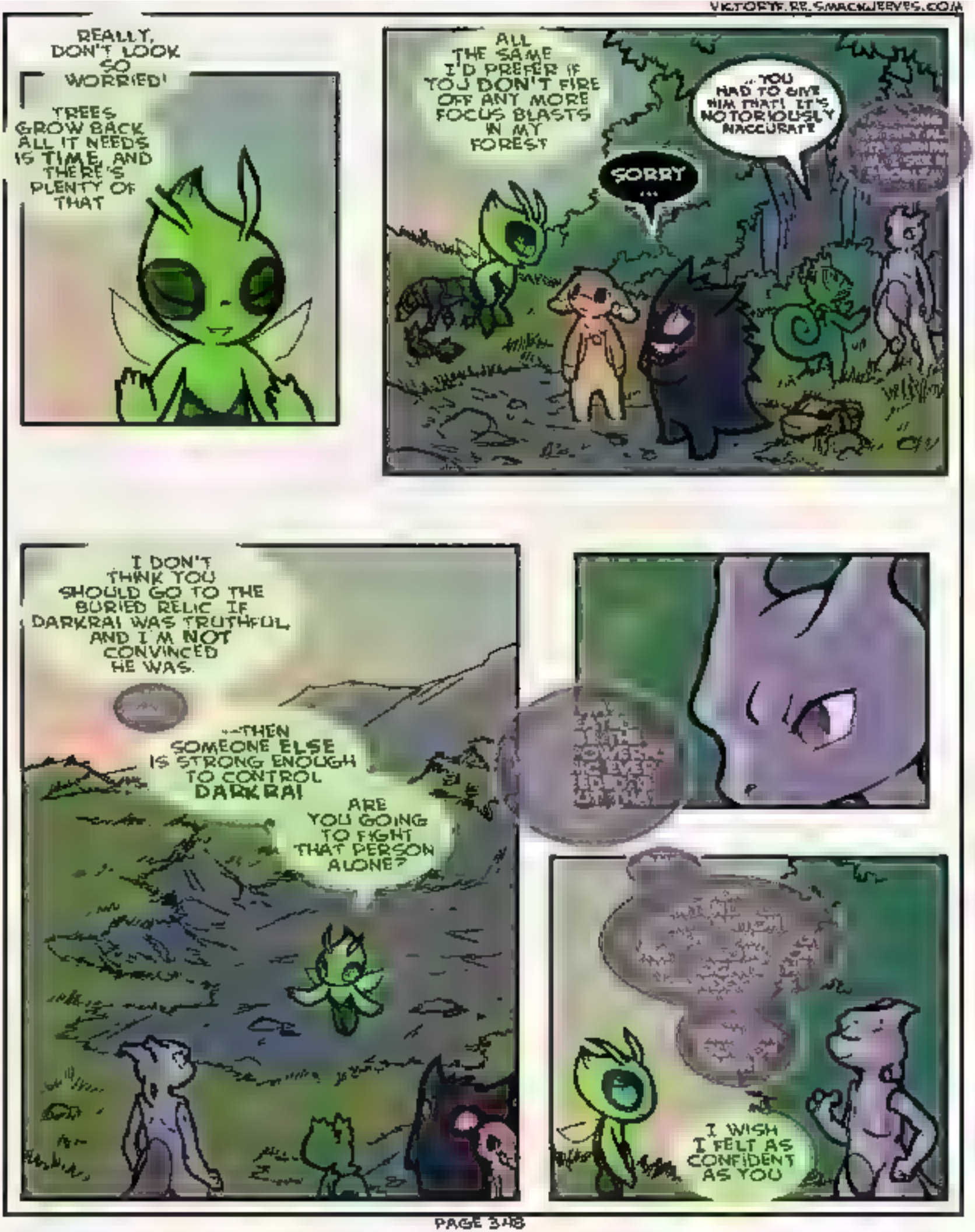
KTHOOM

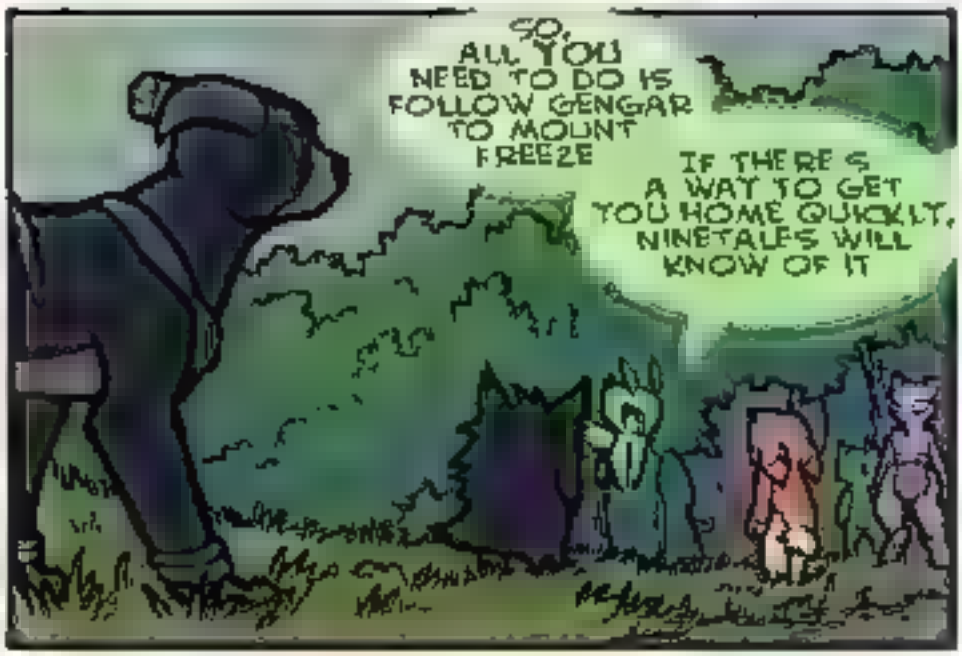
I WOULD RATHER DO THAT MYS-

PICKED WHAT UP? WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

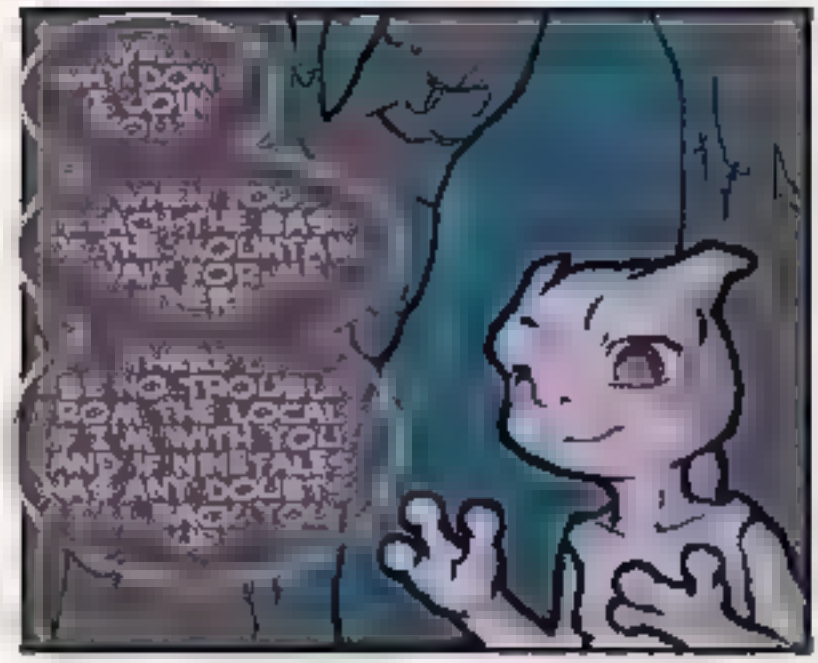

WHY DIDN'T ANYONE EVER TELL ME I COULD DO THAT?

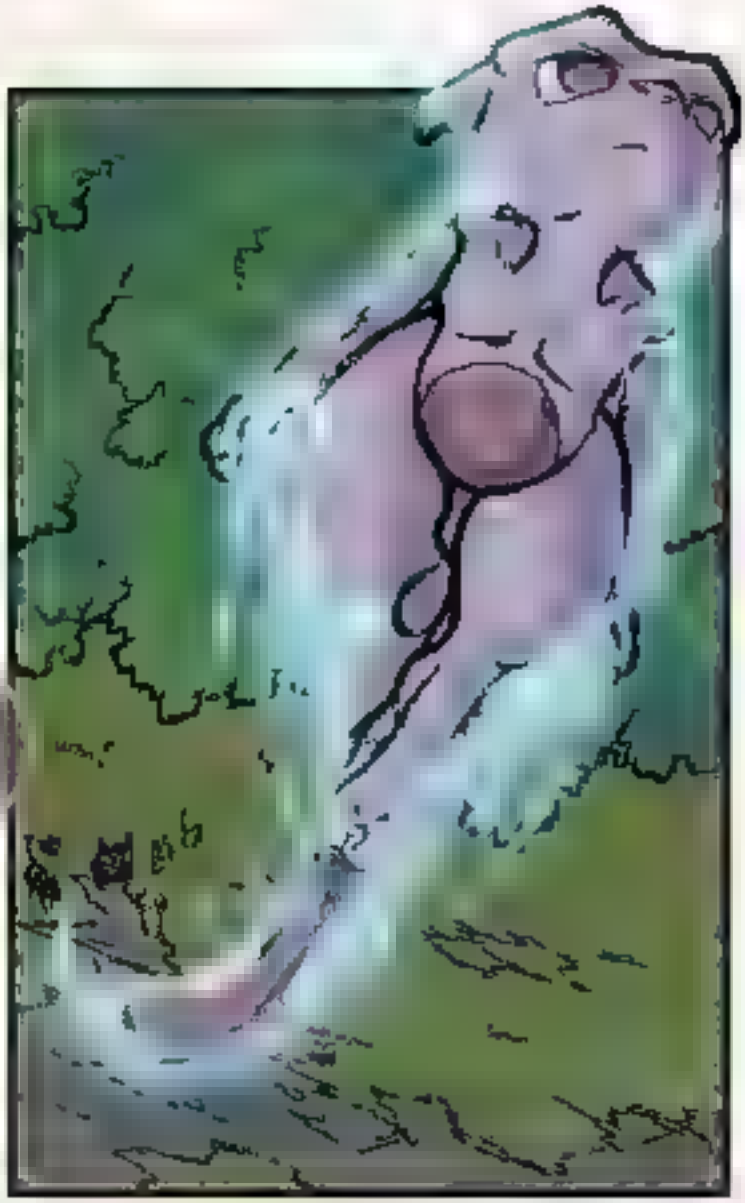

UH... ARE WE IN TROUBLE?


REALLY, DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED!
TREES GROW BACK ALL IT NEEDS IS TIME, AND THERE'S PLENTY OF THAT
ALL THE SAME I'D PREFER IF YOU DON'T FIRE OFF ANY MORE FOCUS BLASTS IN MY FOREST
...YOU HAD TO GIVE HIM THAT! IT'S NOTORIOUSLY INACCURATE
SORRY ...
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO THE BURIED RELIC IF DARKRAI WAS TRUTHFUL, AND I'M NOT CONVINCED HE WAS.
...THEN SOMEONE ELSE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTROL DARKRAI
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT THAT PERSON ALONE?
I WISH I FELT AS CONFIDENT AS YOU

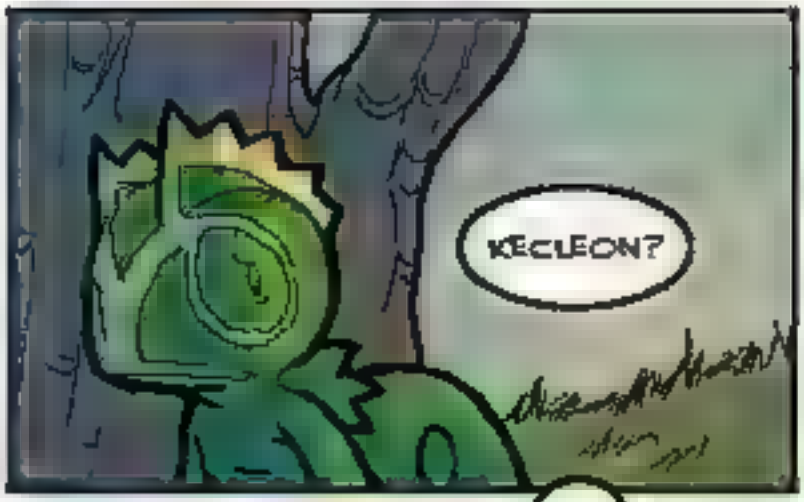

SO, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS FOLLOW GENGAR TO MOUNT FREEZE
IF THERE'S A WAY TO GET YOU HOME QUICKLY, NINETALES WILL KNOW OF IT

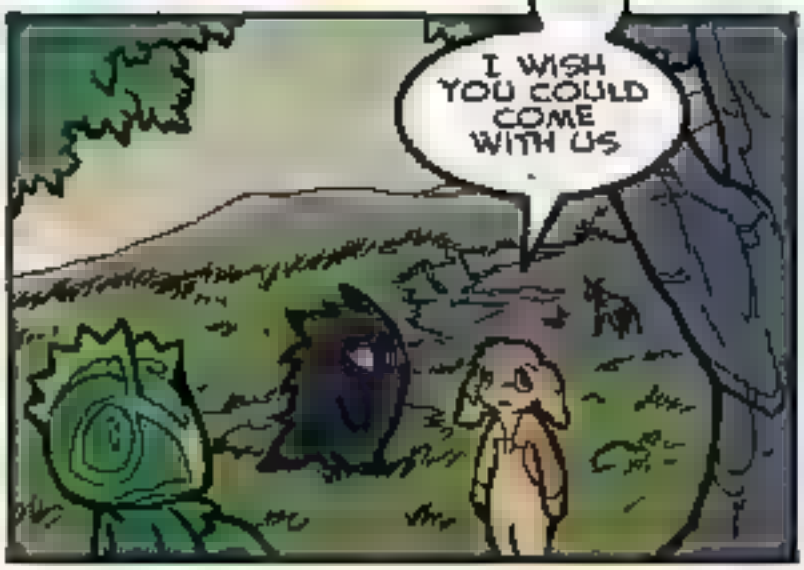
AND IF GENGAR HAS MET HIM BEFORE, SO MUCH THE BETTER!
...I DON'T THINK THAT'S GONNA HELP AS MUCH AS YOU THINK

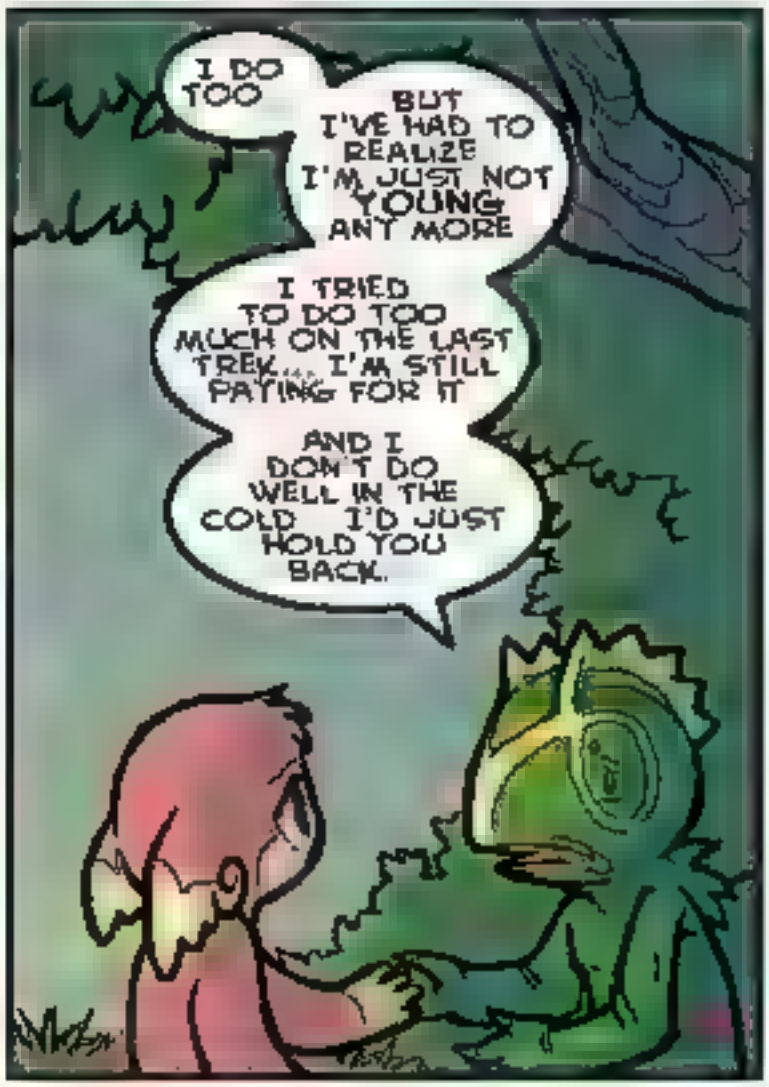




UH, YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THAT AND EVERYTHING ELSE?


KECLEON?


I WISH YOU COULD COME WITH US


I DO TOO
BUT I'VE HAD TO REALIZE I'M JUST NOT YOUNG ANY MORE
I TRIED TO DO TOO MUCH ON THE LAST TREK... I'M STILL PAYING FOR IT
AND I DON'T DO WELL IN THE COLD I'D JUST HOLD YOU BACK.

OH, LET'S JUST GO ALREADY.
I'M NOT DOING ALL THE SAPPY STUFF.

I'LL MISS YOU TOO, YOU SPIKY HEADED JERK!
KEEP ON BEING GOOD

HEH.

RIVER COMING UP NO NEED TO SWIM.

TURN SUNWISE NOW, AND THERE'S A FORD A QUARTER-MILE OFF

YEAH, GREAT.

IT FEELS WEIRD WITHOUT KECLEON

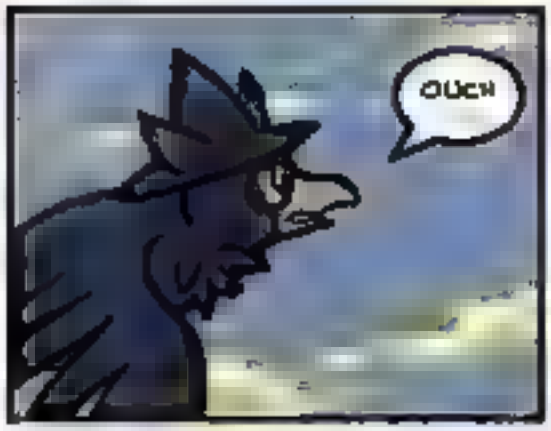
IF HE KNEW HE WASN'T UP TO IT, HE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME?

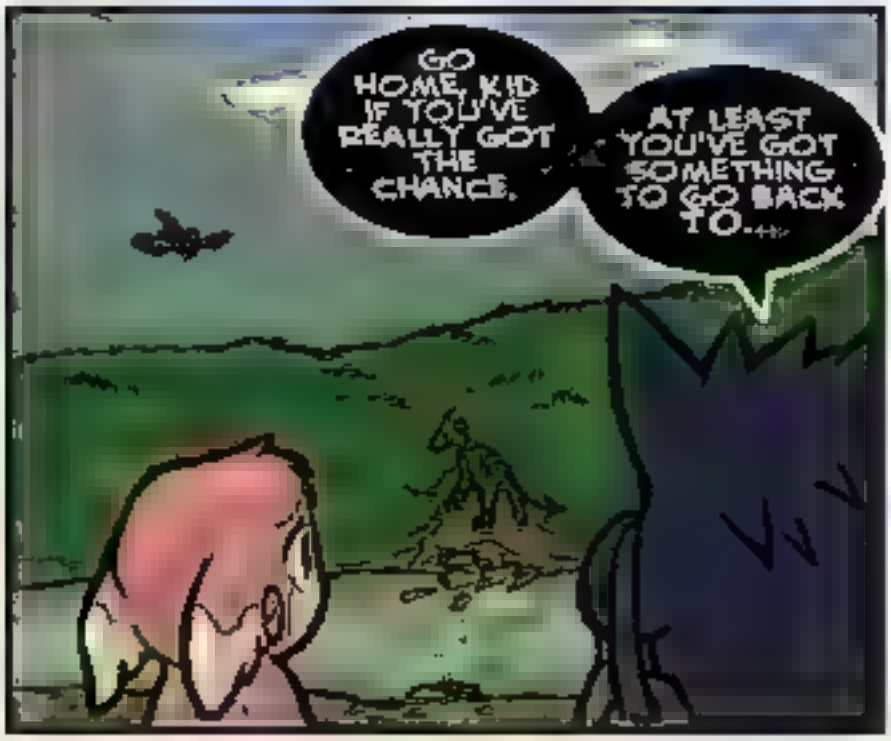
AH, CRAP.

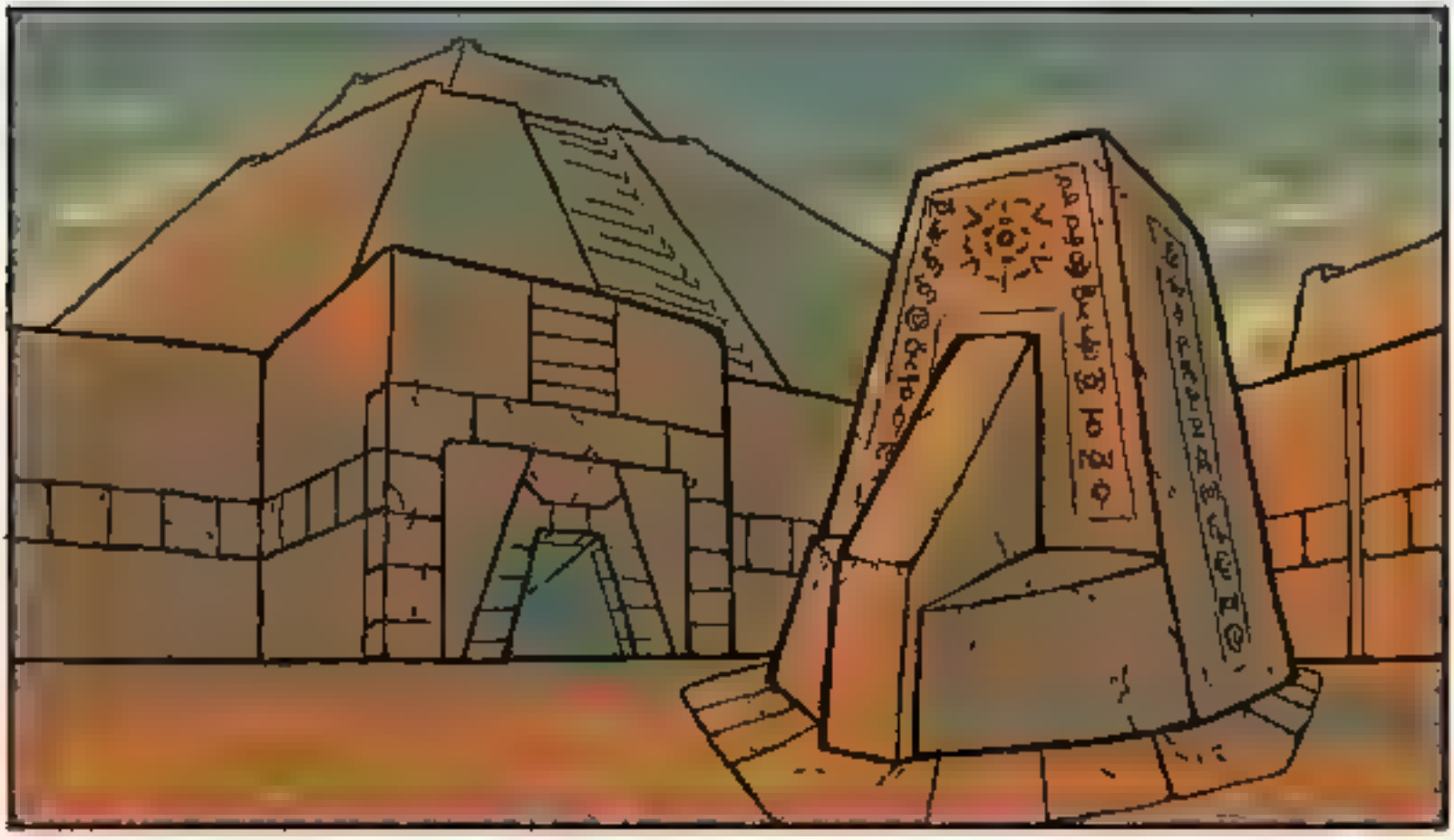
YOU'VE GOT A SISTER AND A BROTHER OUT THERE IN THE WORLD, RIGHT?
SO, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE GOT A MOTHER TOO?
Y-YEAH

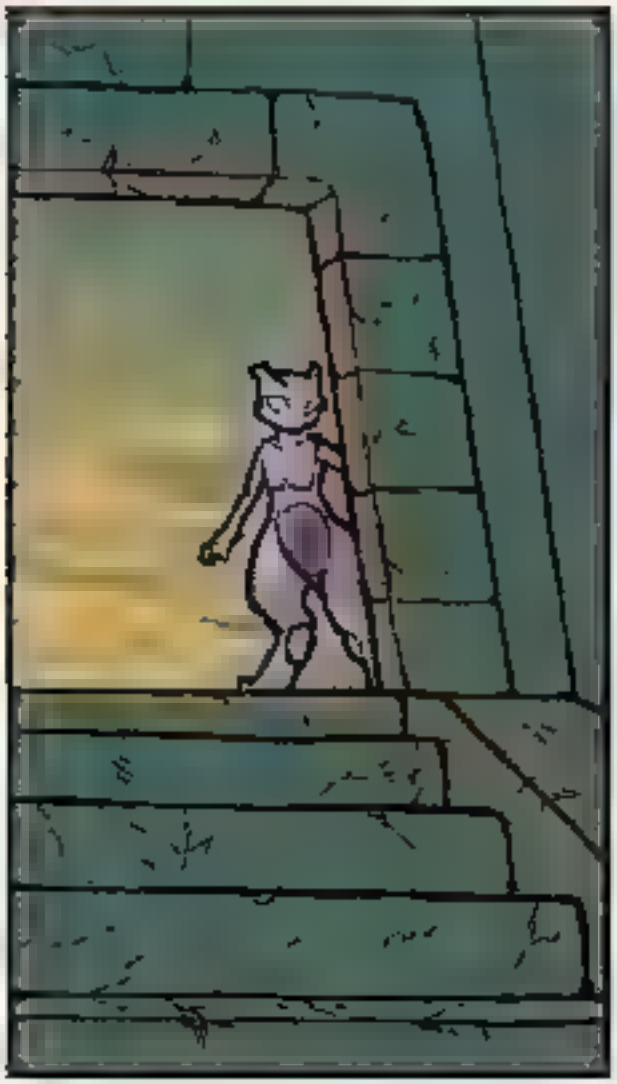
DON'T YOU THINK SHE'D MISS YOU, IF YOU DIDN'T GO HOME?


OUCH

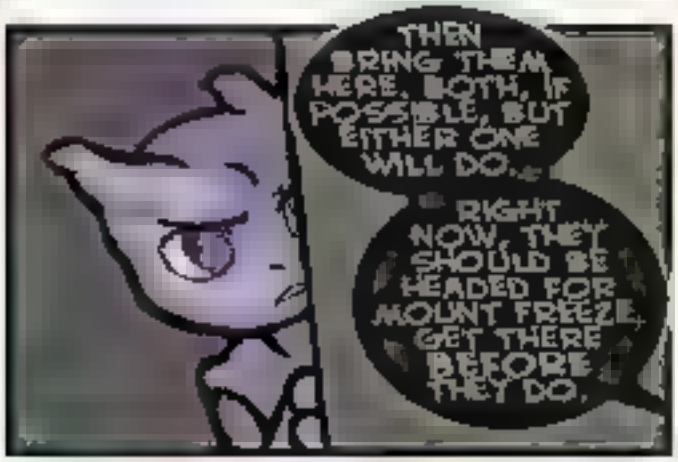
THAT WAS MEAN, GENGAR
NO KIDDING? I THOUGHT YOU KNEW ME BY NOW.

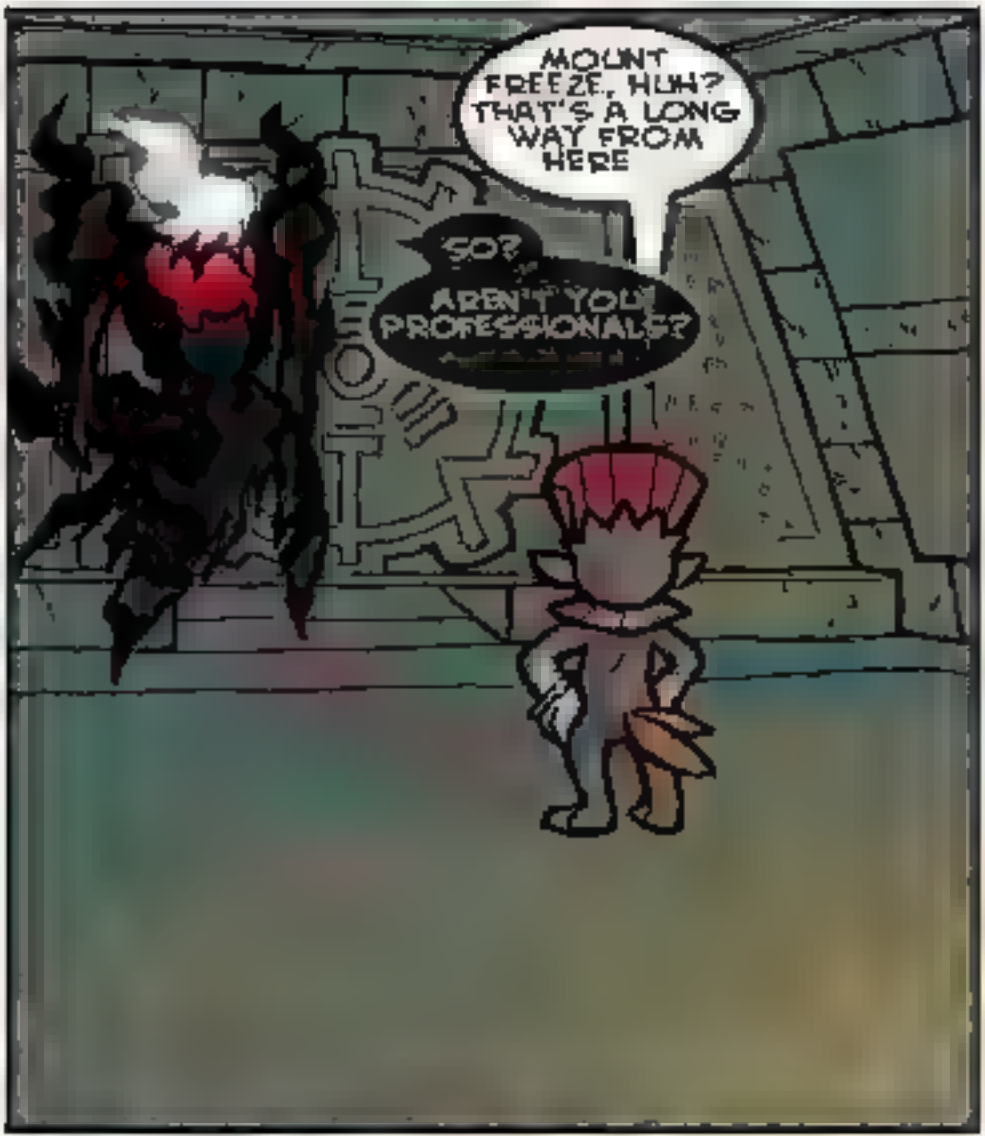

GO HOME, KID IF YOU'VE REALLY GOT THE CHANCE.
AT LEAST YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO GO BACK TO...





...WRITING INTO MY OWN HANDS.
NO NEED FOR THAT, YOUR LORDSHIP
LONG AS YOU'VE GOT THE FEE, WE'LL TAKE THE JOB. GUA-RAN-TEE


THEN BRING THEM HERE, BOTH, IF POSSIBLE, BUT EITHER ONE WILL DO.
RIGHT NOW, THEY SHOULD BE HEADED FOR MOUNT FREEZE. GET THERE BEFORE THEY DO.

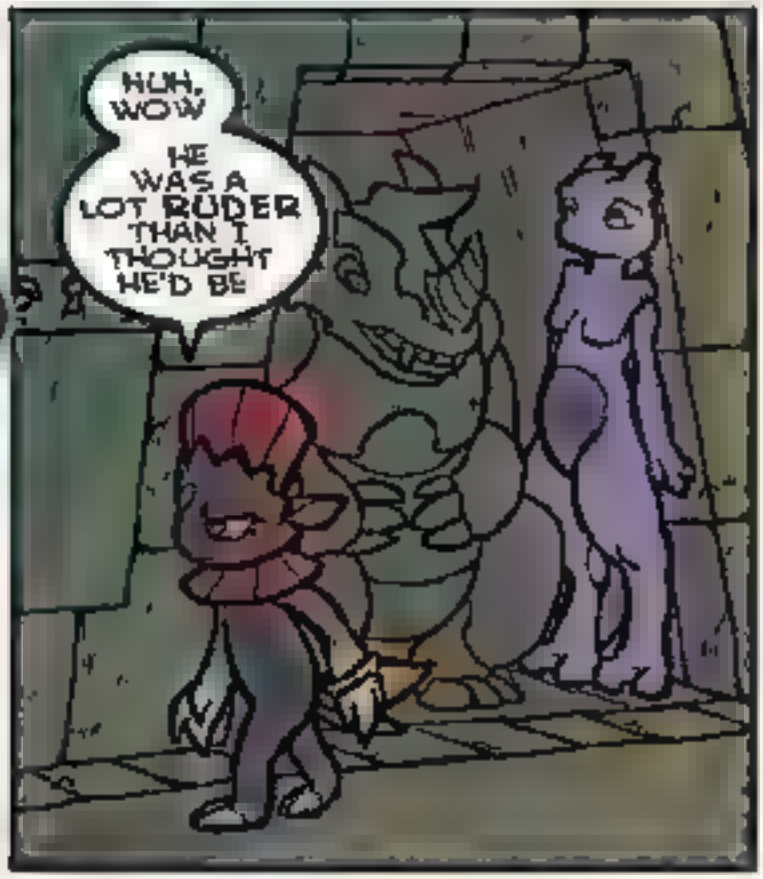

MOUNT FREEZE, HUH? THAT'S A LONG WAY FROM HERE
SO? AREN'T YOU PROFESSIONALS?

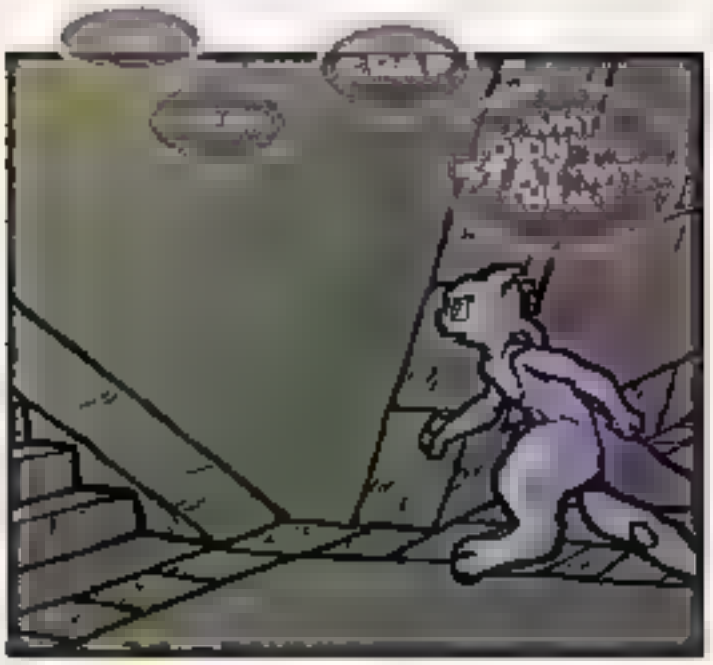
I GUESS I CAN CALL IN A FAVOR BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHARGE EXTRA

ONE MORE THING, I'VE FOUND OUT THAT THE GENGAR MAY BE KNOWN TO ONE OF YOUR ASSOCIATES. WILL THIS BE A PROBLEM?
NO PROBLEM AT ALL, SIR BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

THERE'S NO AURA
EVEN A PURE DARK TYPE WOULD HAVE AN AURA

SOME-THING WRONG?
NO, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. GET GOING.


HUH, WOW
HE WAS A LOT RUDER THAN I THOUGHT HE'D BE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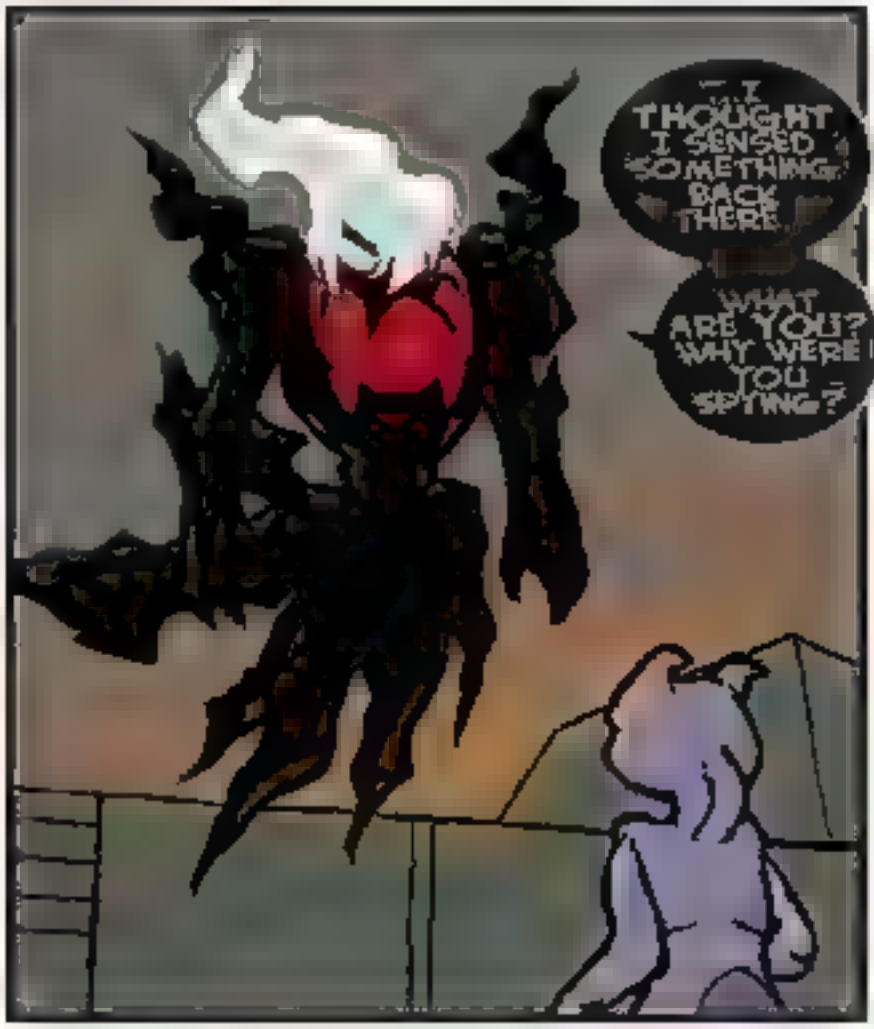
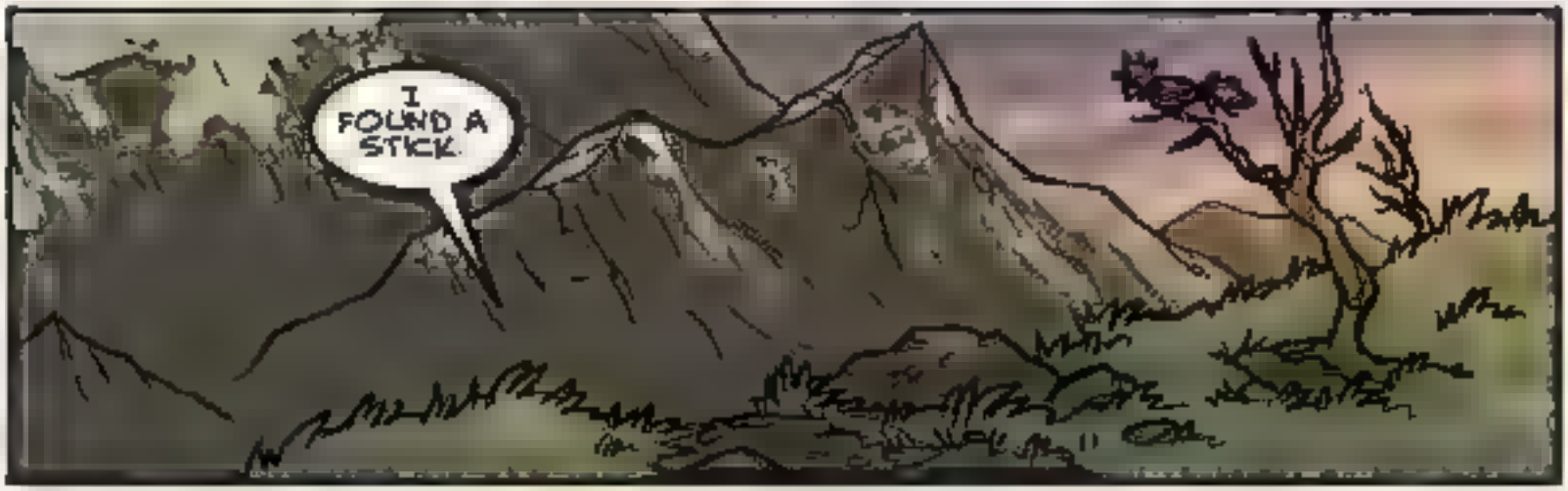
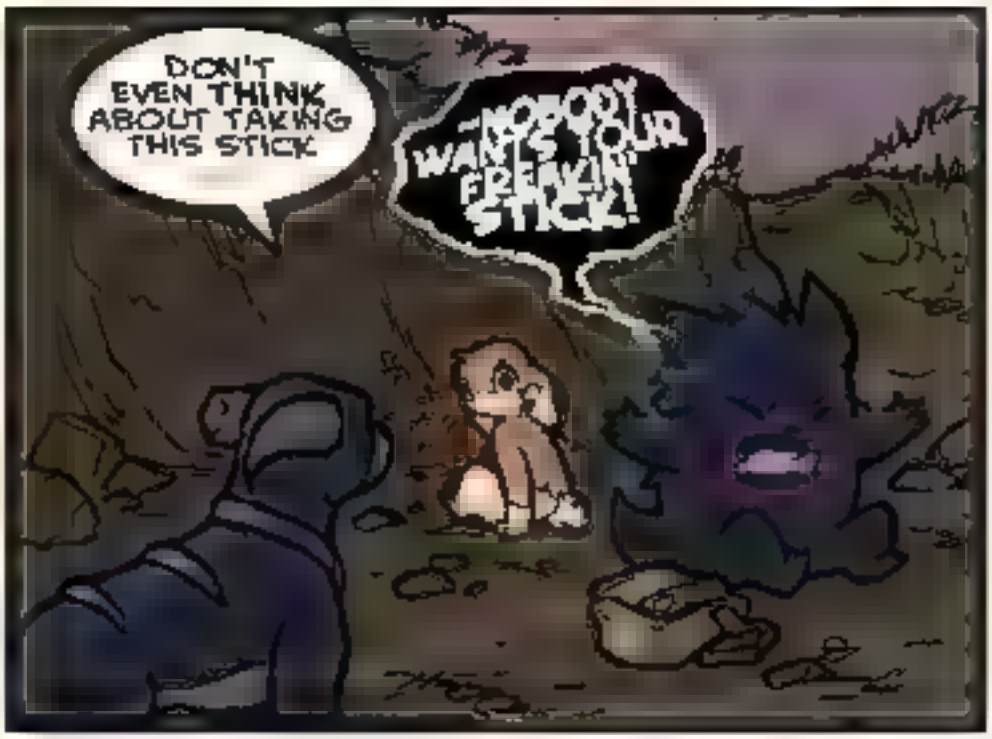

I THOUGHT I SENSED SOMETHING BACK THERE.
WHAT ARE YOU? WHY WERE YOU SPYING?

OOH, ANOTHER PSYCHIC? THAT IS TOO COOL.

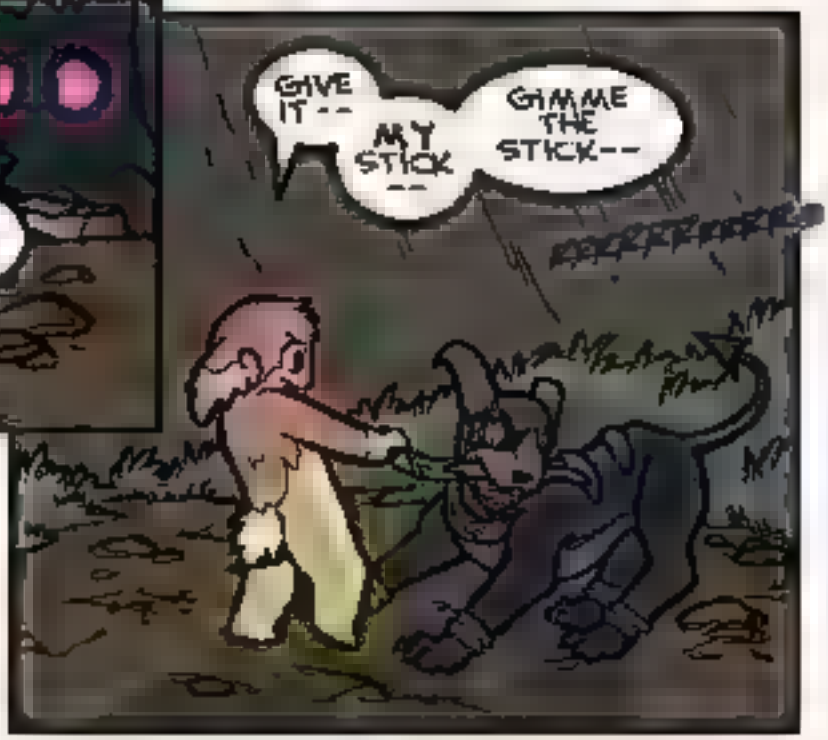
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME MY FUTURE?
LET'S SEE IF WE AGREE


I FOUND A STICK.

IT'S MINE NOW
YOU CAN'T HAVE IT


DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING THIS STICK
NOBODY WANTS YOUR FREAKIN' STICK!

I DO


GIVE IT -- MY STICK --
GIMME THE STICK--

HE'S NOT COMING.

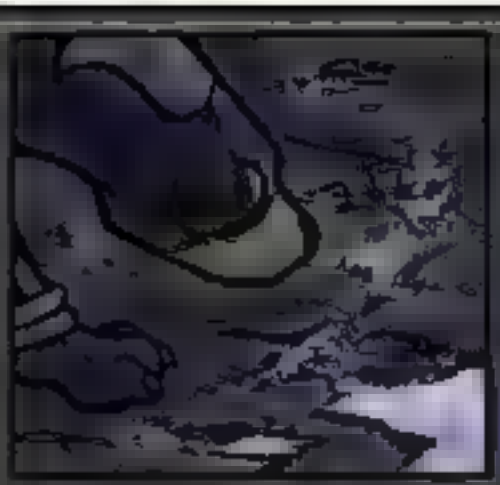
THE SUN'S NOT ALL THE WAY DOWN YET. WE MIGHT STILL SHOW
HE'S NOT THE SORT OF GUY WHO'D BE LATE.
SOME-THING'S GONE WRONG.

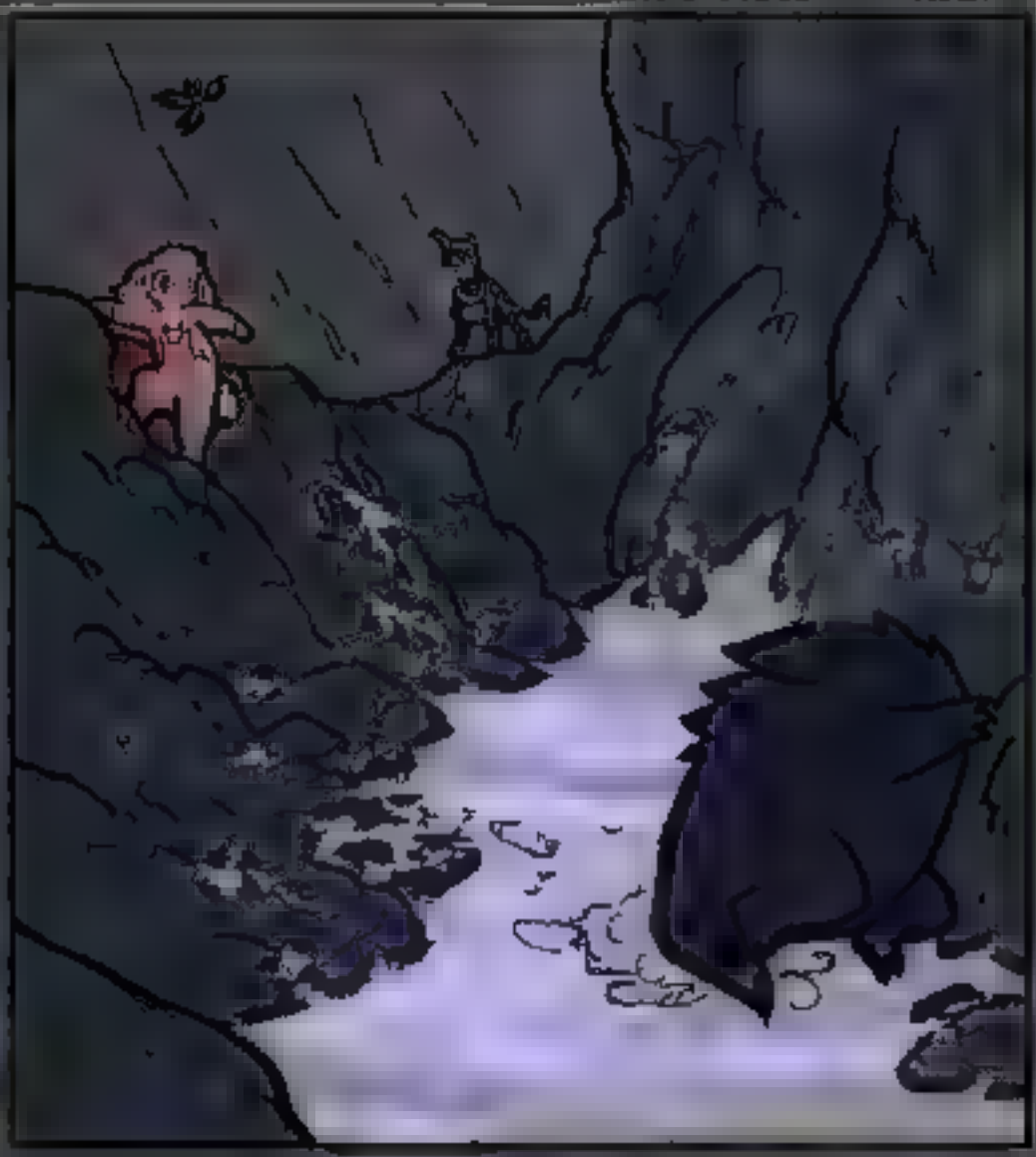
WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

STICK TO THE PLAN.
WE'LL CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN.
ARE YOU SURE?

...YEAH.
COME ON.
BEFORE I LOSE MY NERVE...

LOOKS LIKE THE TRAIL RUNS ALL THE WAY UP
IT'S STEEP, BUT NOT TOO TOUGH
Y-YEAH, I KNOW
HH...
HHUH
HHUH
GENGAR? ARE YOU OKAY?
BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY--
I CAN'T GO THIS WAY!
I
I CAN'T.
I CAN'T GO THIS WAY.





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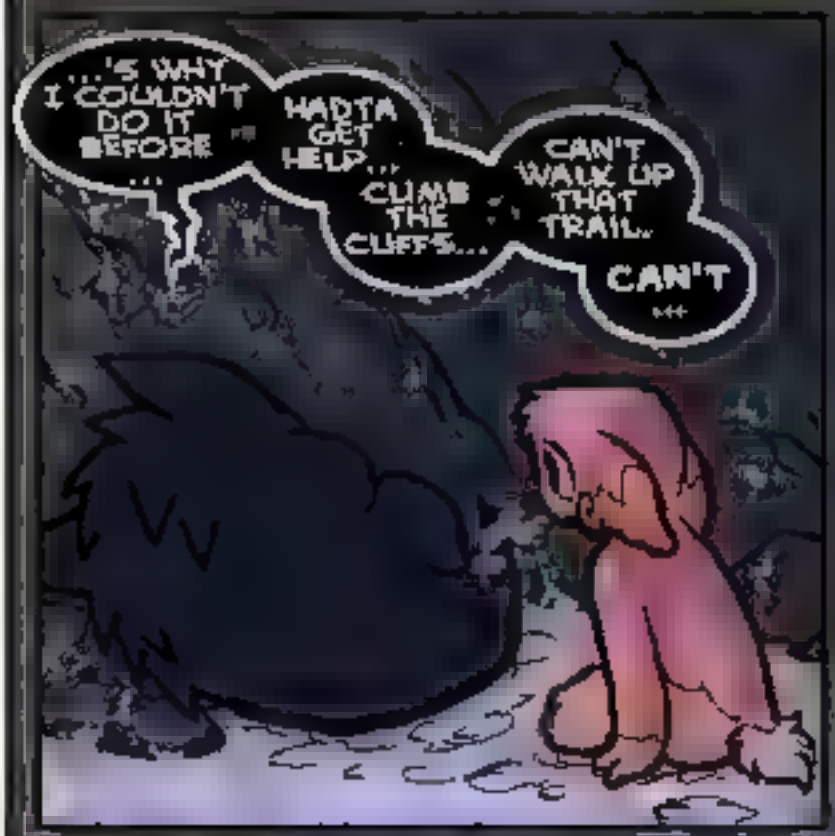
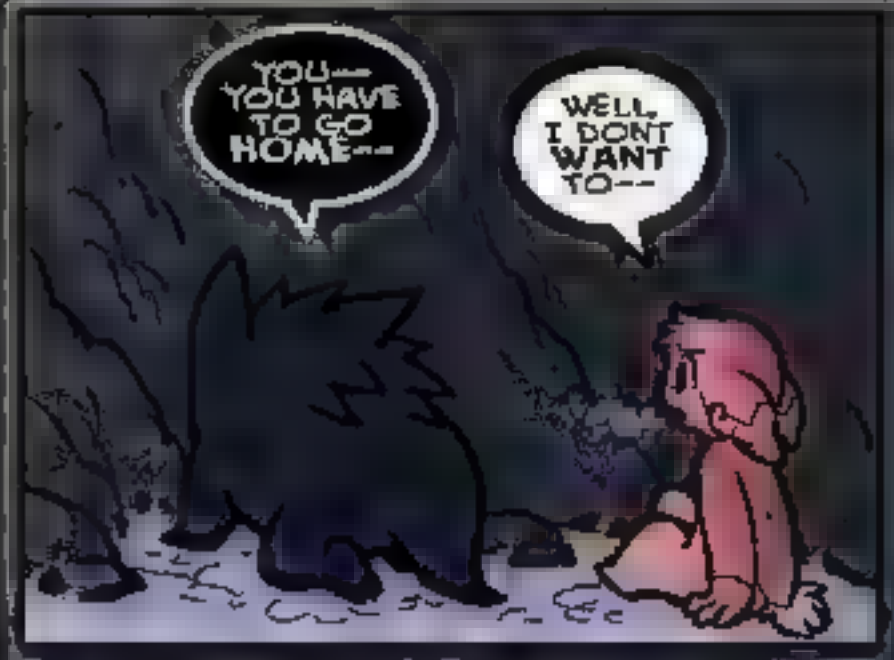

...'S WHY I COULDN'T DO IT BEFORE ...
HADTA GET HELP... CLIMB THE CLIFFS...
CAN'T WALK UP THAT TRAIL...
CAN'T ...

BUT WHY?
I DON'T KNOW. I JUST CAN'T.

THEN WE WON'T


YOU— YOU HAVE TO GO HOME—
WELL, I DONT WANT TO—

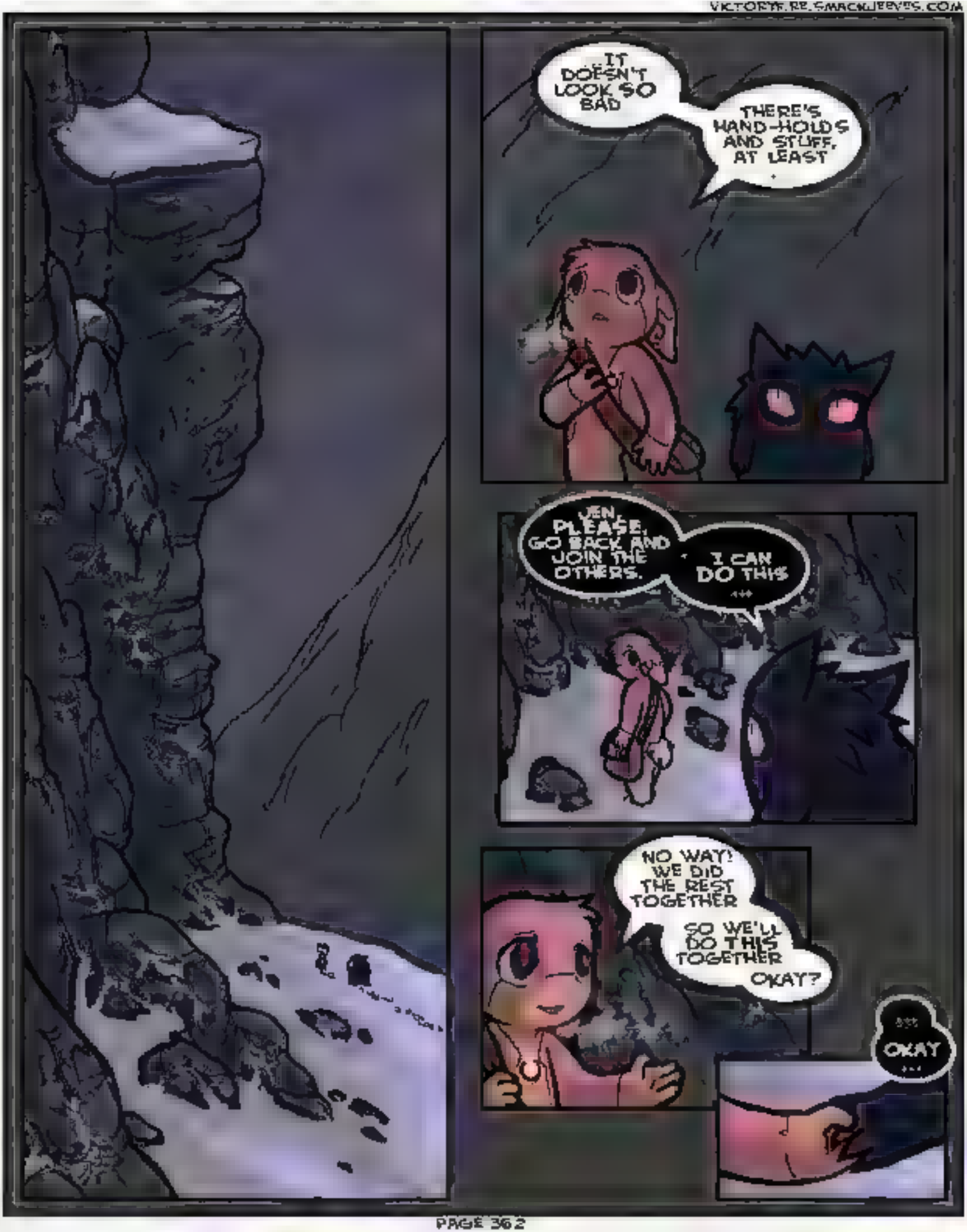
YOU HAVE TO!
GO HOME FOR ME, OKAY?
BECAUSE I CAN'T!
GO HOME FOR ME...

YOU GUYS... TAKE THE TRAIL...
MURKROW, YOU CAN SHOW 'EM.
AND I'LL CLIMB... I DID IT BEFORE...
I CAN DO IT AGAIN ...

I'M GOING WITH YOU.

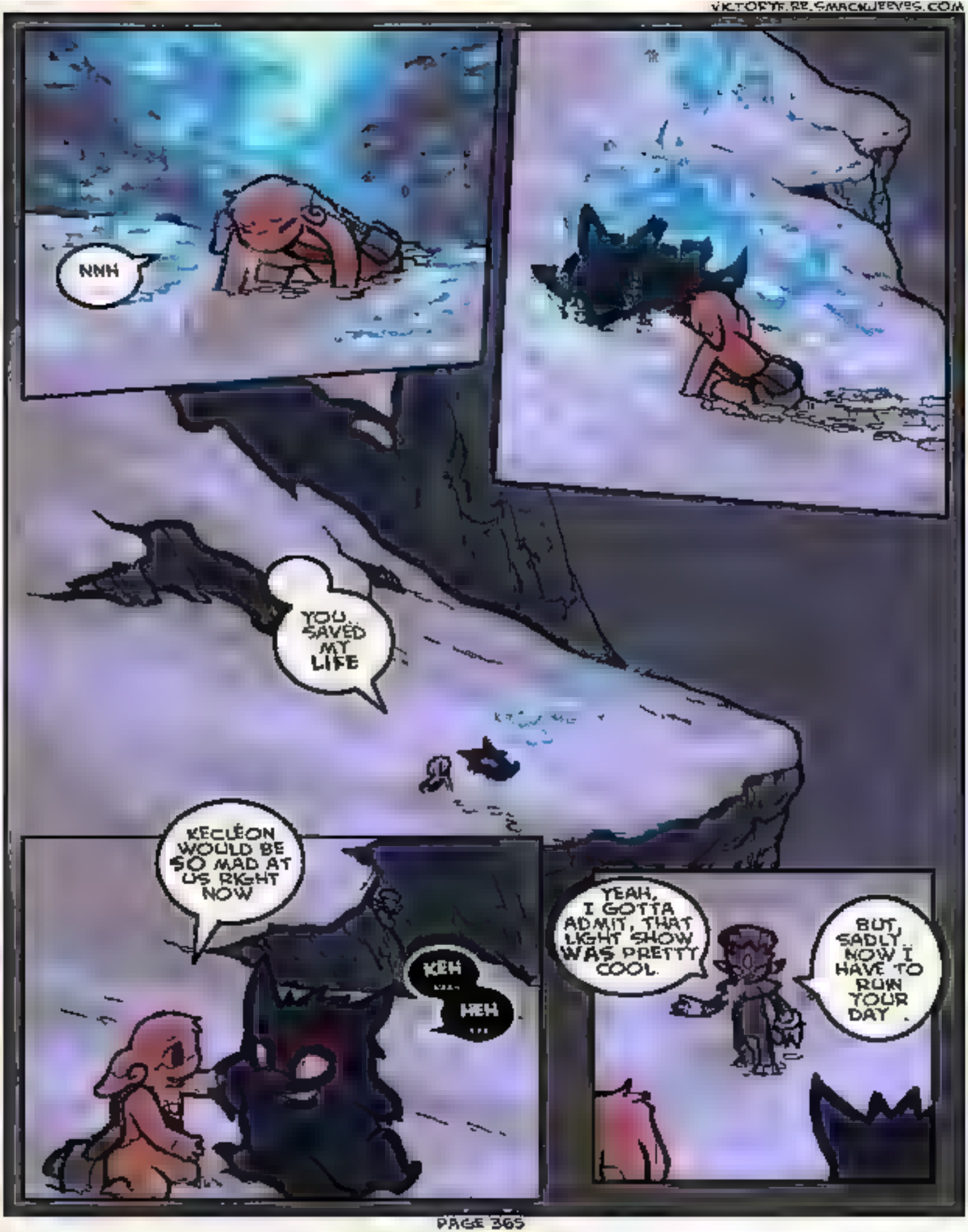
KID, NO.
I'M NOT WORTH THAT.
GO WITH THEM WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE...

NO
I'M GOING WITH YOU


...IT DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD
THERE'S HAND-HOLDS AND STUFF, AT LEAST
JEN, PLEASE, GO BACK AND JOIN THE OTHERS.
I CAN DO THIS
NO WAY! WE DID THE REST TOGETHER
SO WE'LL DO THIS TOGETHER OKAY?
OKAY

YOU DON'T REALLY FEEL THE COLD, DO YOU?
NO MORE THAN USUAL
LUCK-Y WISH I HAD SOME GLOVES
UHH!
NO!

CAN...
CAN YOU... REACH THE TOP?
MN-- OH.
WOW
YEAH I CAN NOW
DO IT QUICK, THEN.
UH
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING ON RIGHT NOW?
DON'T...
MAKE ME THINK ABOUT IT...
OR IT'LL STOP WORKING


NNH
YOU SAVED MY LIFE
KECLEON WOULD BE SO MAD AT US RIGHT NOW
KEH
HEH
YEAH, I GOTTA ADMIT, THAT LIGHT SHOW WAS PRETTY COOL.
BUT, SADLY... NOW I HAVE TO RUIN YOUR DAY.

OKAY, LET'S KEEP THIS CIVIL.
I'M WEAVILE THESE ARE MY ASSOCIATES, DRAPION AND OH, BUT YOU'VE MET, HAVEN'T YOU?
IT'SSS ARBOK NOW
EKAN'S...?
YOU KNOW, ARBOK SAID YOU'D GO UP THIS WAY I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHO'D BE THAT DUMB?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU TWO DID TO ANGER THE NIGHTMARE KING, BUT THAT'S HARDLY MY PROBLEM.
HE'S PAYING WELL, SO THE PAIR OF YOU ARE COMING WITH US.
NO.
WE'RE NOT.

KIAAAA!
KAYBOOM
--HA! YOUR AIM SUCKS!
I WASN'T AIMING AT YOU.

YOU--CRAZY IDIOT!
GO!
UP HERE, QUICK! DRAPION!
MOVE, MOVE!
WHAT IN MEW'S NAME--?
TROUBLE!
YOU HAVE TO GET HER OUT OF HERE!
WHERE'S THE HOUNDOOM?
USE THE BADGE, CALL MEDICHAM
BUT--
DON'T ARGUE THIS TIME, JUST DO IT!
TRY NOT TO BREAK HIM, ARBOK.
I'LL GET THE OTHER ONE
UFF--
GUYS, Y'OKAY?

YOU'RE TOO SLOW, PUP!
GET UP!

AAA!

GO BACK!
GO BACK!

WHEW
DON'T GET KILLED ON MY ACCOUNT, YOU MANIACS.
NOT IF IT'S NOT NECESSARY, ANYWAY
IF YOU FEEL THAT STRONGLY ABOUT IT, I'LL LET YOU GO FOR NOW
AFTER ALL, WE'VE GOT YOUR FRIEND
YOU'LL COME FOR HIM
YOU'LL COME

ARE YOU TOUGH?
I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TOUGH.
HAHA OKAY THEN
LET'S PLAY!

TAAH-!
YOU'RE FAST TOO
THIS IS GONNA BE FUN
I'M NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE!

YEAH? YOU'RE TOUGH ALL RIGHT MAYBE YOU REALLY COULD

I THINK I'D LIKE YOU BETTER IF YOU WERE ON MY SIDE

YOU SURE? 'CAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND..

V CREATE..!

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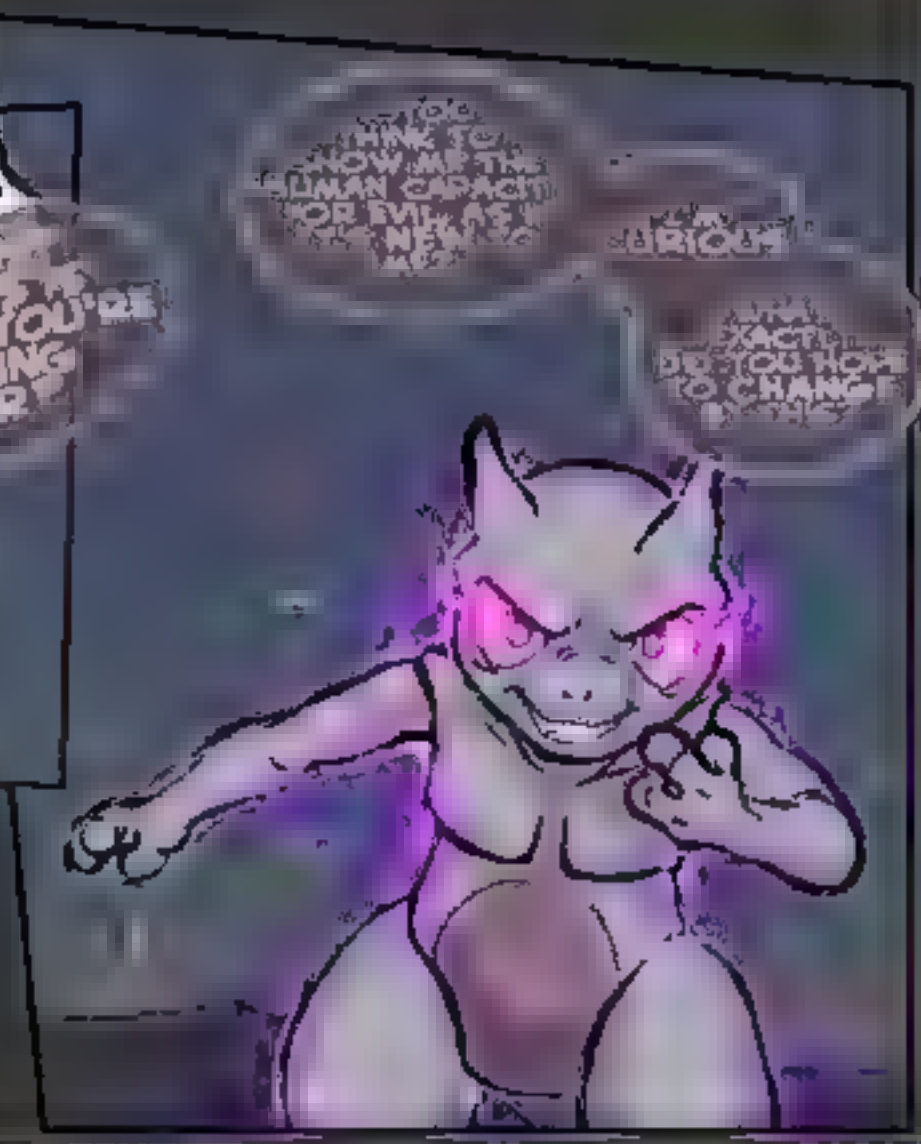
hrrh ...
hhah ...

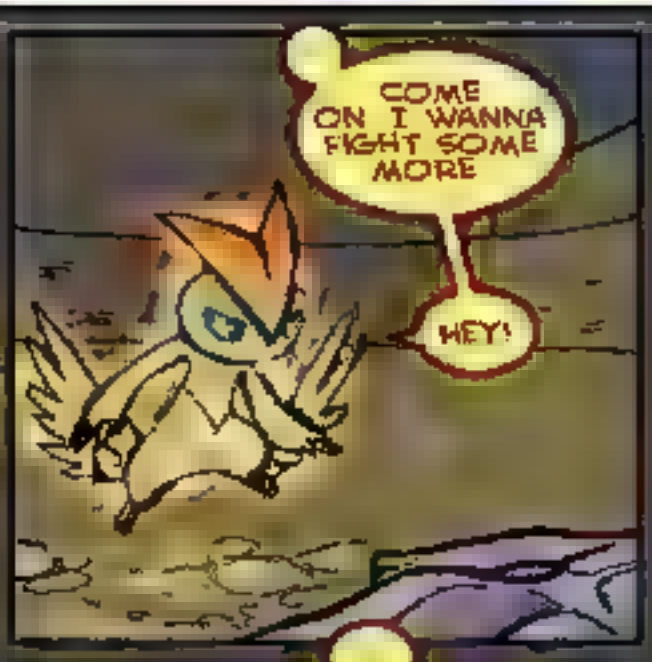
heh ...

hhahaha! hhaha...
WHAT ...?

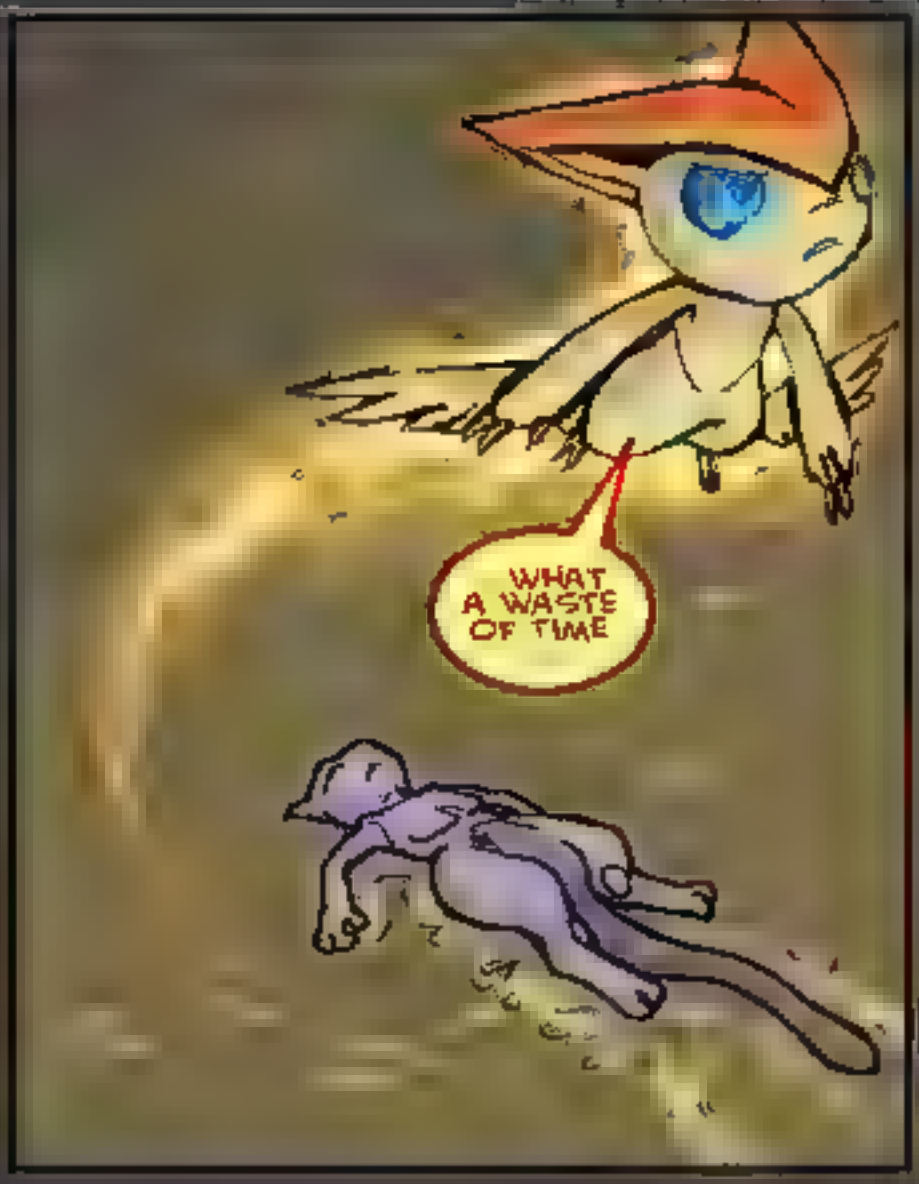

THINK TO KNOW ME THE HUMAN CAPACITY FOR EVIL AS WELL AS
DIRIGUM
EXACTLY DID YOU HOPE TO CHANGE

LISTEN CHILD
ENGINEERED OR A WEAPON DESIGNED TO
THE FIRST
AND HAS
LONG
BEYOND
FOR ME
HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?
DON'T YOU
IS NOT A
MY OWN DARKNESS LONG AGO

hrrh ...
hrrh ...
YOU CAN'T DO THAT
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!


COME ON I WANNA FIGHT SOME MORE
HEY!

ARE YOU DEAD?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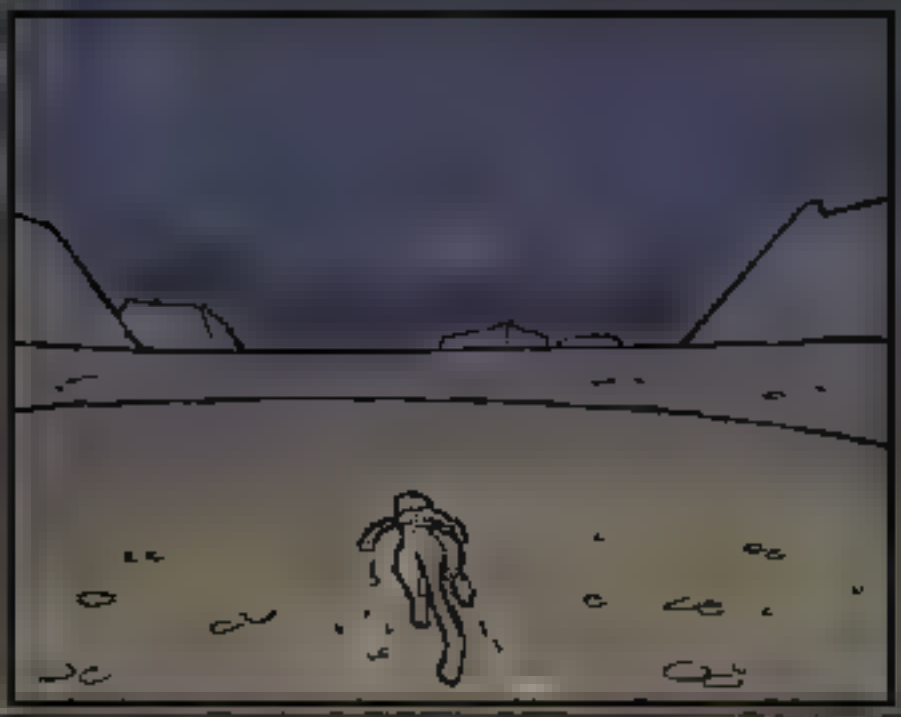
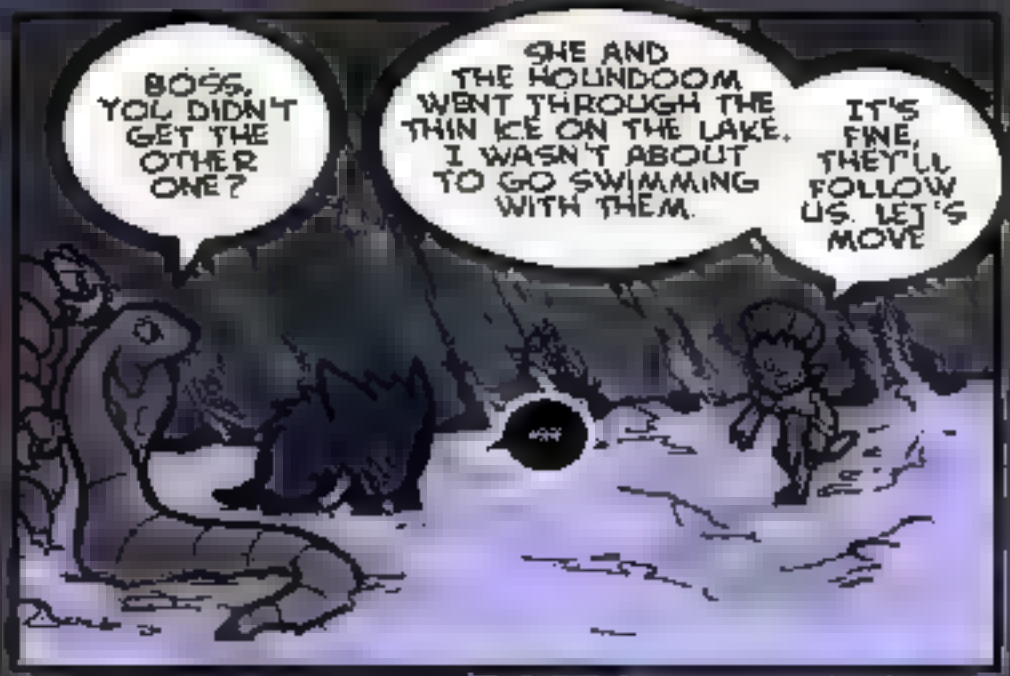


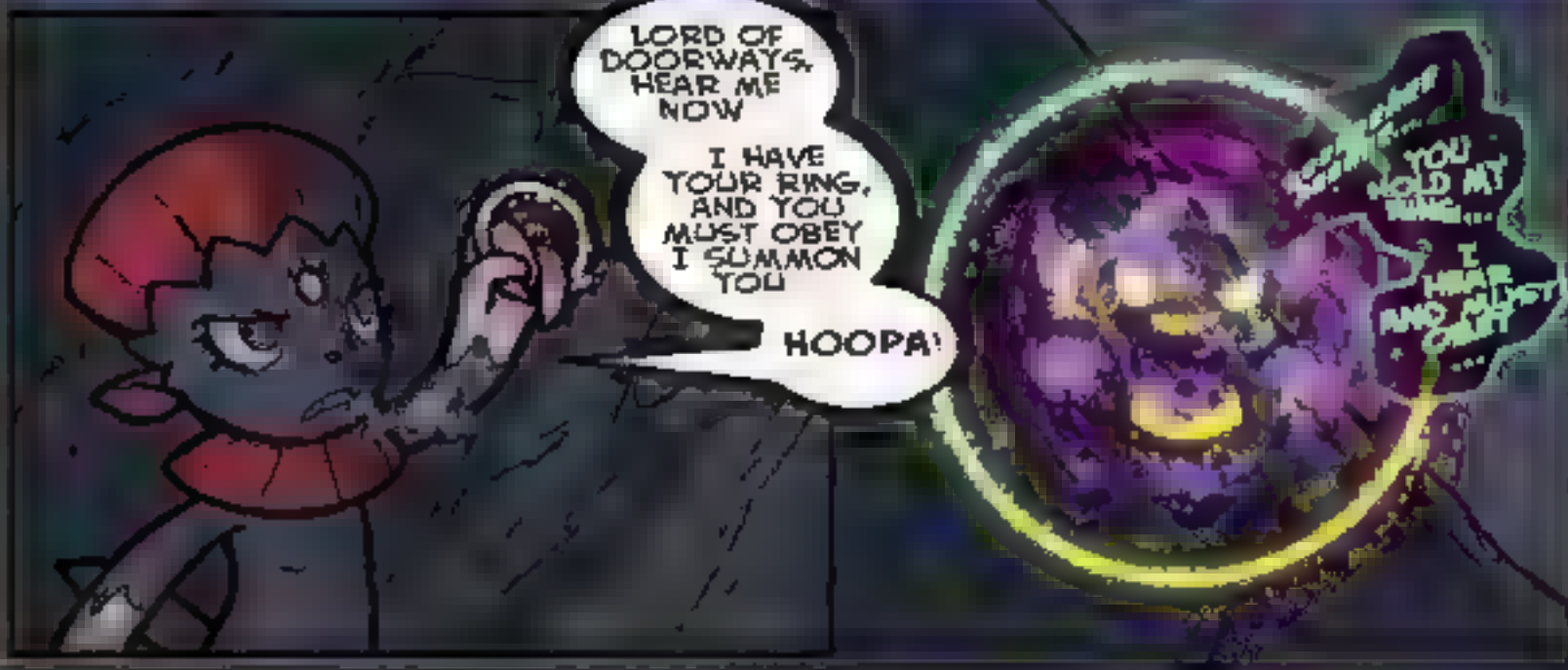
--HE'S PHASING OUT!
TAG HIM OR I'M GONNA LOSE HIM!
GOTCHA
UHH!

THAT'S A "SPIRIT-SEAL".
I KNOW WHAT IT IS.

GOOD, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT IT DOES
DON'T TRY TO RUN FROM US. WE WILL CATCH YOU

TAGGED AND BAGGED, I SEE? NICE WORK, GUYS.


BOSS, YOU DIDN'T GET THE OTHER ONE?
SHE AND THE HOUNDOOM WENT THROUGH THE THIN ICE ON THE LAKE. I WASN'T ABOUT TO GO SWIMMING WITH THEM.
IT'S FINE, THEY'LL FOLLOW US. LET'S MOVE


LORD OF DOORWAYS, HEAR ME NOW
I HAVE YOUR RING, AND YOU MUST OBEY I SUMMON YOU
HOOPA!
YOU HOLD MY RING...
I HEAR AND MUST OBEY...

OKAY, LISTEN

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HAPPY

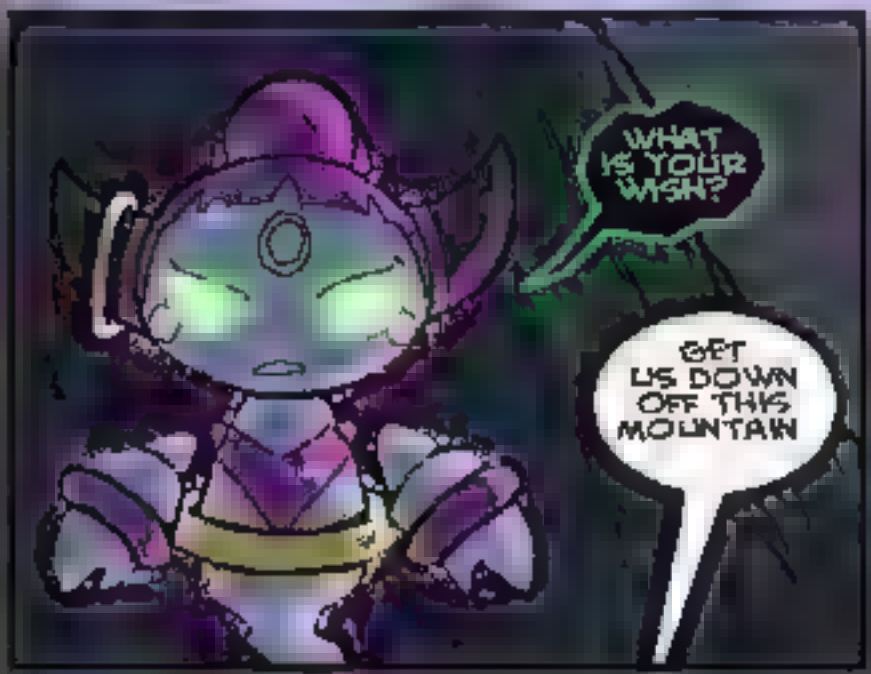
I JUST WANT YOU TO DO ONE MORE THING FOR US.

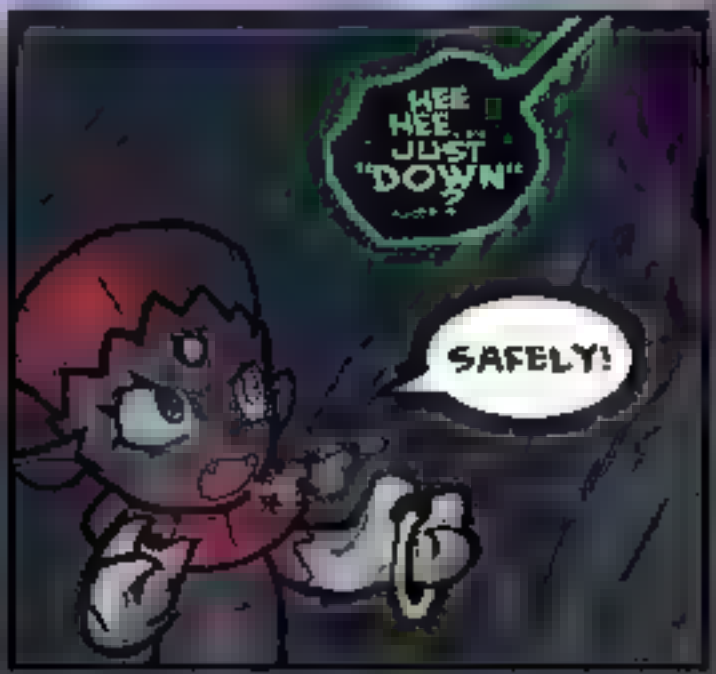
AND THEN I'LL GIVE IT BACK

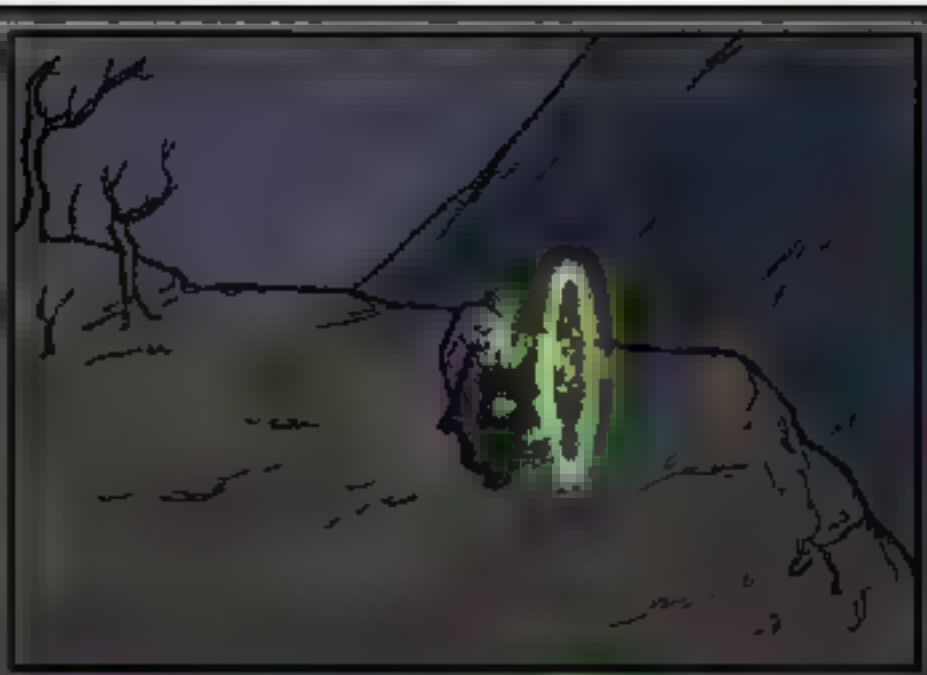
YOU WILL RETURN MY RING? FREELY?

THAT'S RIGHT JUST HELP US OUT ONE MORE TIME AND IT'S ALL YOURS.

WE GOT A DEAL?





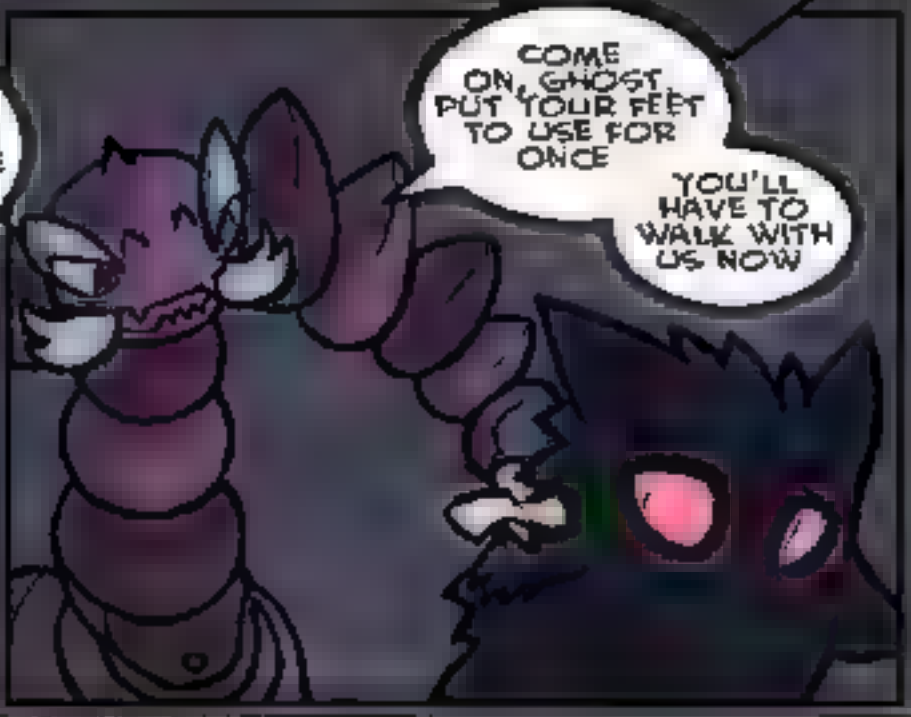


NOW... RETURN MY RING...

THE FRUIT OF YOUR WORK THIS DAY WILL BE SWEET INDEED
THOUGH PERHAPS NOT QUITE TO YOUR TASTE
HEE HEE...
FAREWELL "MASTER"

WHAT WAS THAT THING?
PRAY YOU NEVER FIND OUT

BUT BOSS YOU REALLY SET IT FREE?
WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN THAT RING IN THE FIRST PLACE. AT LEAST THIS WAY WE'VE PARTED WITH IT ON GOOD TERMS.


COME ON, GHOST. PUT YOUR FEET TO USE FOR ONCE
YOU'LL HAVE TO WALK WITH US NOW

WHUHH
WHERE ?
SHE TURNED BACK. THEY HAVE GENGAR
I'M SORRY

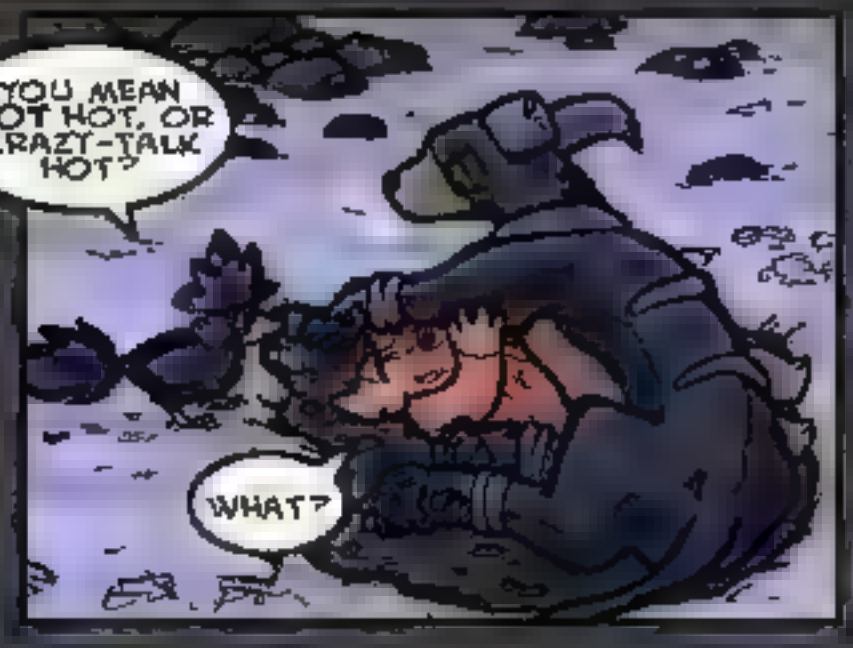
THE BUH-BADGE HE S-SAID TO CALL FOR HELP

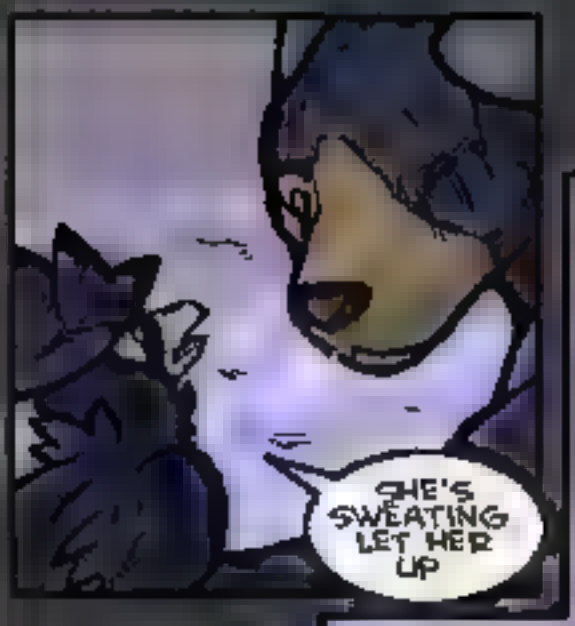
HH
NO
NO, IT CAN'T

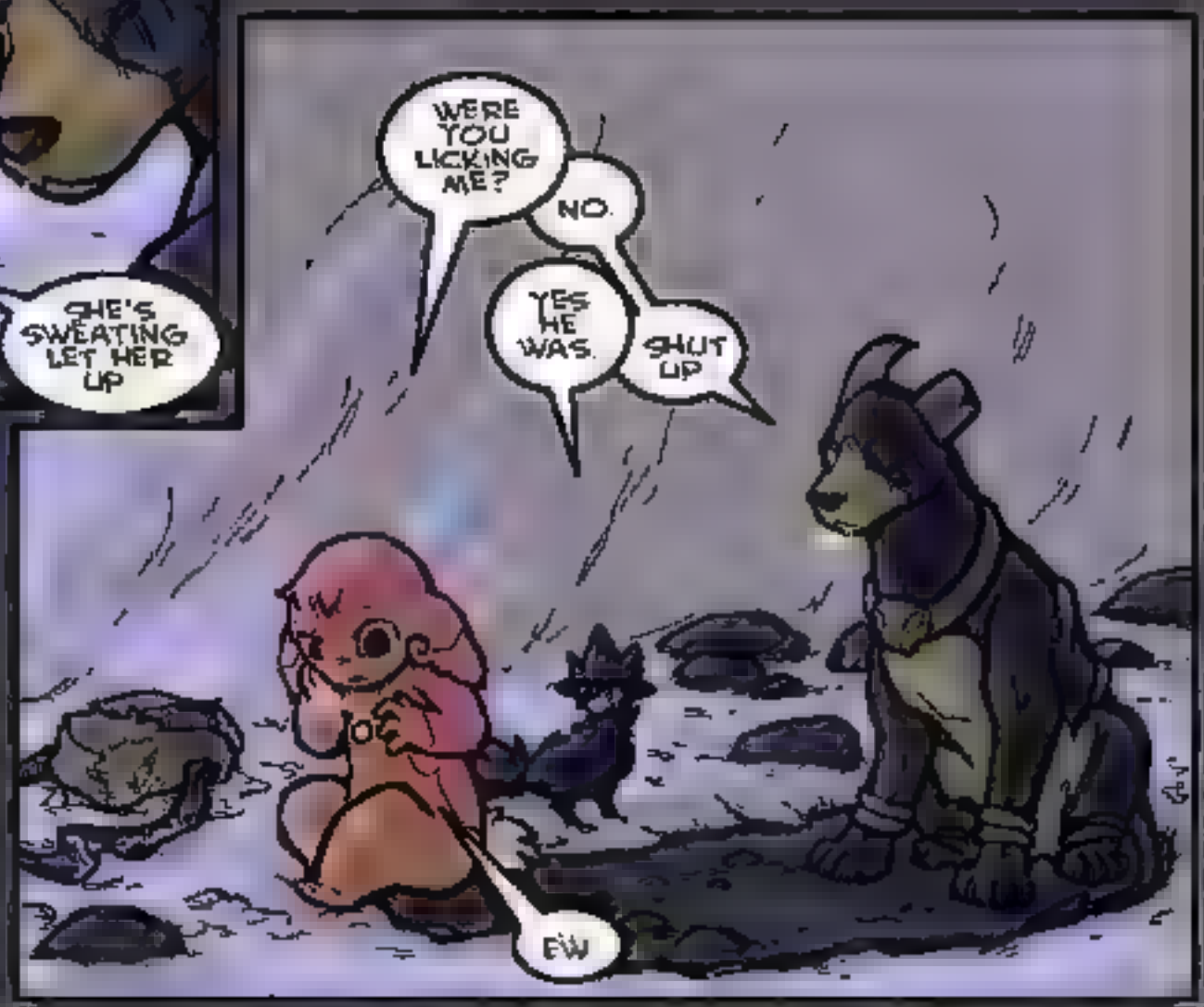
IT'S IT'S IN THE WATER IT MUST BE
I HAFTA FIND IT..
WHAT? NO! YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!
S'FINE TOO HOT anyWAY
YOU WILL NOT GO BACK IN THE WATER
IT'S MY BADGE I GOTTA GET IT BACK
OUTTA the WAY
YOU WILL NOT GO BACK IN THE WATER!
GET off LEMME get it
gt

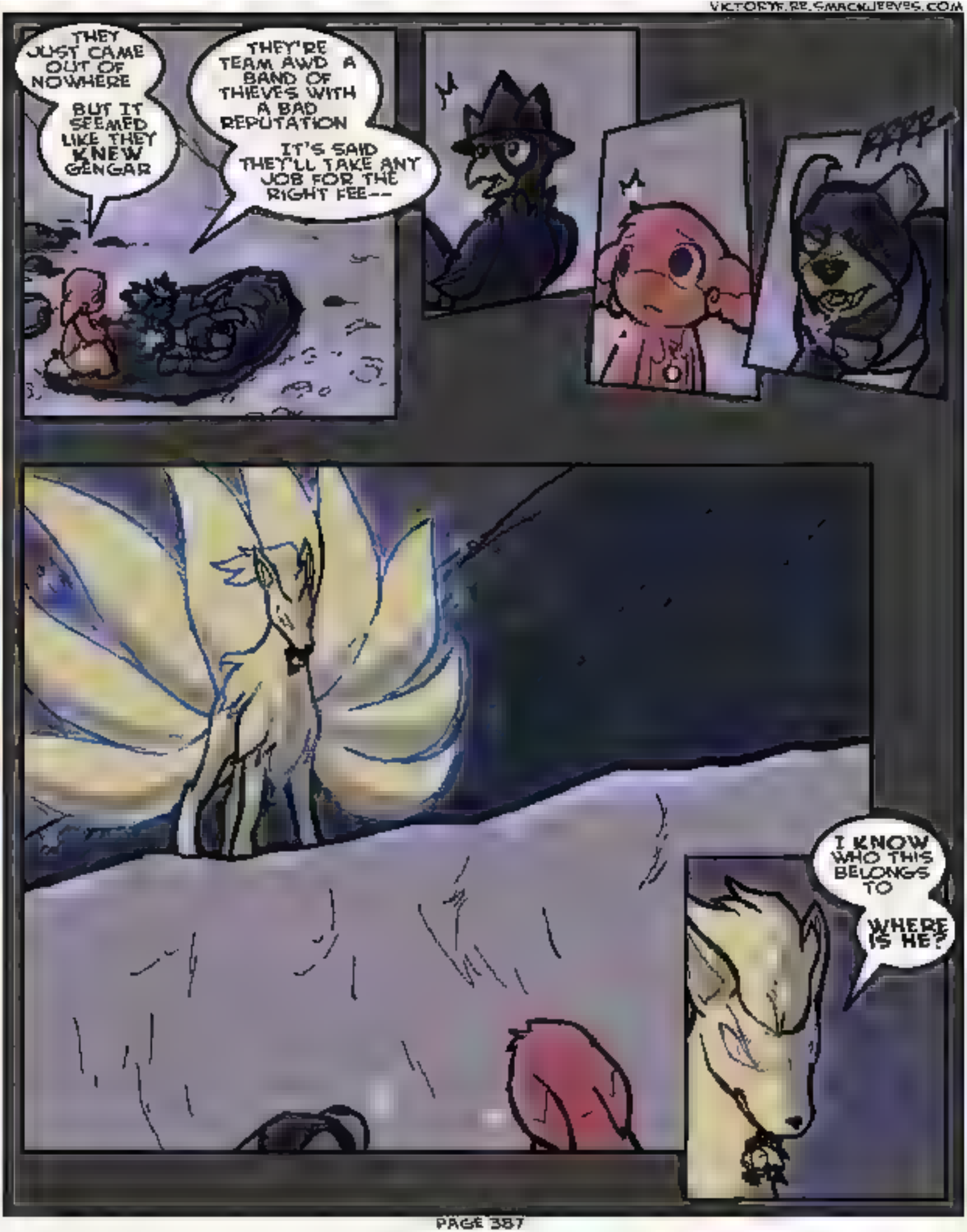
NNN

HUH. HEY! GET OFF! I'M TOO HOT!


YOU MEAN HOT HOT, OR CRAZY-TALK HOT?
WHAT?


SHE'S SWEATING LET HER UP


WERE YOU LICKING ME?
NO.
YES HE WAS.
SHUT UP
EW


THEY JUST CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THEY KNEW GENGAR
THEY'RE TEAM AWD A BAND OF THIEVES WITH A BAD REPUTATION
IT'S SAID THEY'LL TAKE ANY JOB FOR THE RIGHT FEE--
I KNOW WHO THIS BELONGS TO
WHERE IS HE?

YOU'RE WITH HIM, AREN'T YOU?

HE IS NOT WELCOME HERE, AND NEITHER ARE YOU!

LEAVE!

WAIT... YOU'RE NINETALES? BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WE CAME TO SEE!

GENGAR'S GONE... WE GOT JUMPED AND THEY TOOK HIM AWAY

TH-THEY SAID THE NIGHTMARE KING SENT THEM

BUT DOESN'T THAT MEAN DARKRAI? WHY WOULD HE DO THAT, AFTER

I DON'T UNDER-STAND

WHAT-- JUMPED?

DARKRAI?

WHAT IS ALL THIS?

WE'LL TELL YOU, IF YOU'LL GIVE US A CHANCE, BUT IS THERE SOMEWHERE WARMER WE CAN GO?

IT'S BEEN A ROUGH NIGHT

THIS IS ALL VERY ODD

DARKRAI IS ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN, THE CHILDREN OF THE ORIGINAL ONE, YET NOT ORIGINALLY PART OF THE PLAN

HIS STATUS IS THUS... UNCLEAR.

I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT HIM, I CERTAINLY COULDN'T SAY WHY HE SHOULD TARGET YOU

WHAT CONCERNS ME MORE IS, WHO WOULD BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO FORCE HIM? HE WOULD MAKE A DEADLY ENEMY

DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS HAPPENED TO ME?

WHY I'M A POKEMON NOW?

I COULD MAKE A GUESS.

AN ANCIENT POWER GUARDS THIS REGION

IT HAS BEEN **SEPARATED** FROM THE WIDER WORLD, POKEMON MAY FIND IT, SHOULD THEY NEED A REFUGE, BUT HUMANS CANNOT

YET IT WAS FORESEEN THAT A HUMAN'S HELP MIGHT ONE DAY BE NEEDED HERE

TO THAT END, THERE IS A LOOPHOLE.

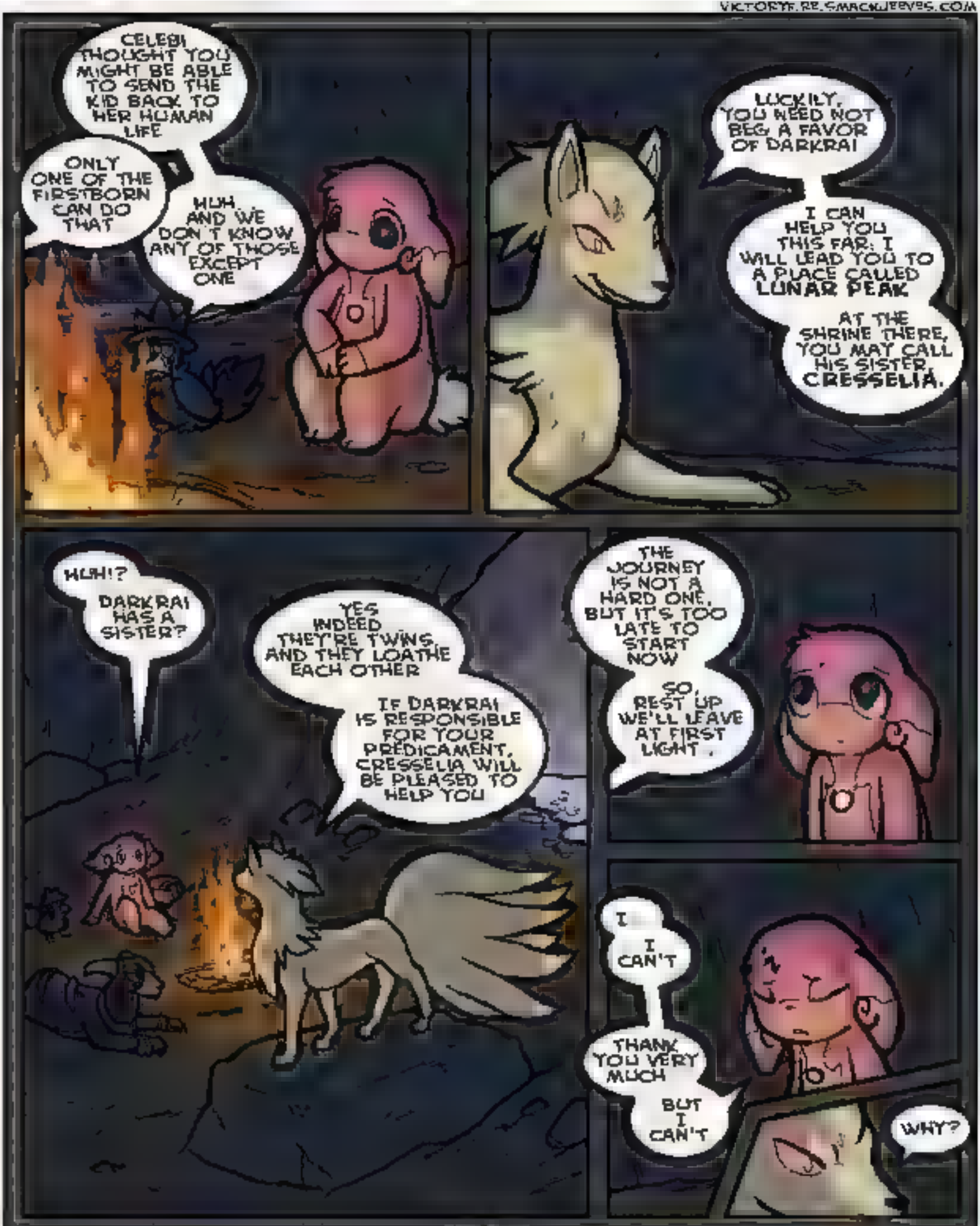
A HUMAN MAY BE BROUGHT HERE IN POKEMON'S FORM, BY THE WILL OF THE ONE, OR BY THE WISH OF ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN

DARKRAI WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE THAT POWER.

SO DID SOMEONE DO THAT TO GENGAR, TOO?

GENGAR'S SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT

BUT THAT IS BETWEEN GENGAR AND MYSELF. IT **DOESN'T** CONCERN YOU.


CELEBI THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEND THE KID BACK TO HER HUMAN LIFE
ONLY ONE OF THE FIRSTBORN CAN DO THAT
HUH. AND WE DON'T KNOW ANY OF THOSE EXCEPT ONE
LUCKILY, YOU NEED NOT BEG A FAVOR OF DARKRAI
I CAN HELP YOU THIS FAR: I WILL LEAD YOU TO A PLACE CALLED LUNAR PEAK
AT THE SHRINE THERE, YOU MAY CALL HIS SISTER, CRESSELIA.
HUH!?
DARKRAI HAS A SISTER?
YES INDEED THEY'RE TWINS, AND THEY LOATHE EACH OTHER
IF DARKRAI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PREDICAMENT, CRESSELIA WILL BE PLEASED TO HELP YOU
THE JOURNEY IS NOT A HARD ONE, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO START NOW
SO, REST UP WE'LL LEAVE AT FIRST LIGHT.
I
I CAN'T
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
BUT I CAN'T
WHY?

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, THEN?

WALK INTO THE TRAP YOUR ENEMY HAS CLEARLY SET FOR YOU?

YOU ARE A HUMAN CHILD, DESPITE THE BODY YOU NOW WEAR

ARE YOU EVEN CAPABLE OF FIGHTING IN THAT FORM? DO YOU HAVE THE INSTINCTS OR THE WILL TO BE ONE OF US?

I DON'T KNOW

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO-- MAYBE NOTHING.

BUT I CAN TRY!

I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY ANY MORE

FIRST I'LL DO WHAT HE SAID, CALL MEDICHAM

AND THEN I'M GOING TO THE BURIED RELIC TO FIND HIM, EVEN IF IT IS A TRAP

FOR HIM?

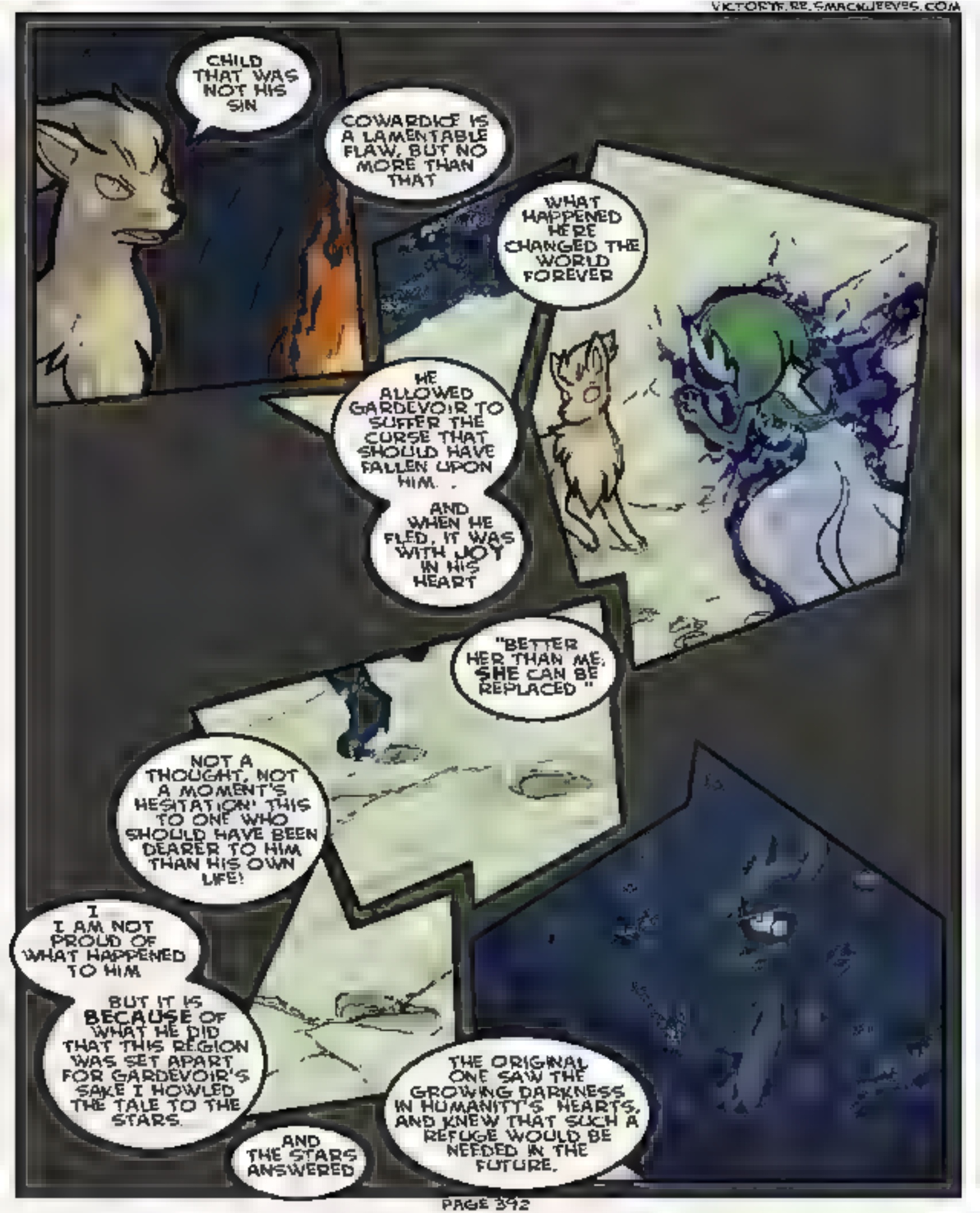
YOU THINK YOU KNOW HIM, BUT YOU HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT HE IS!

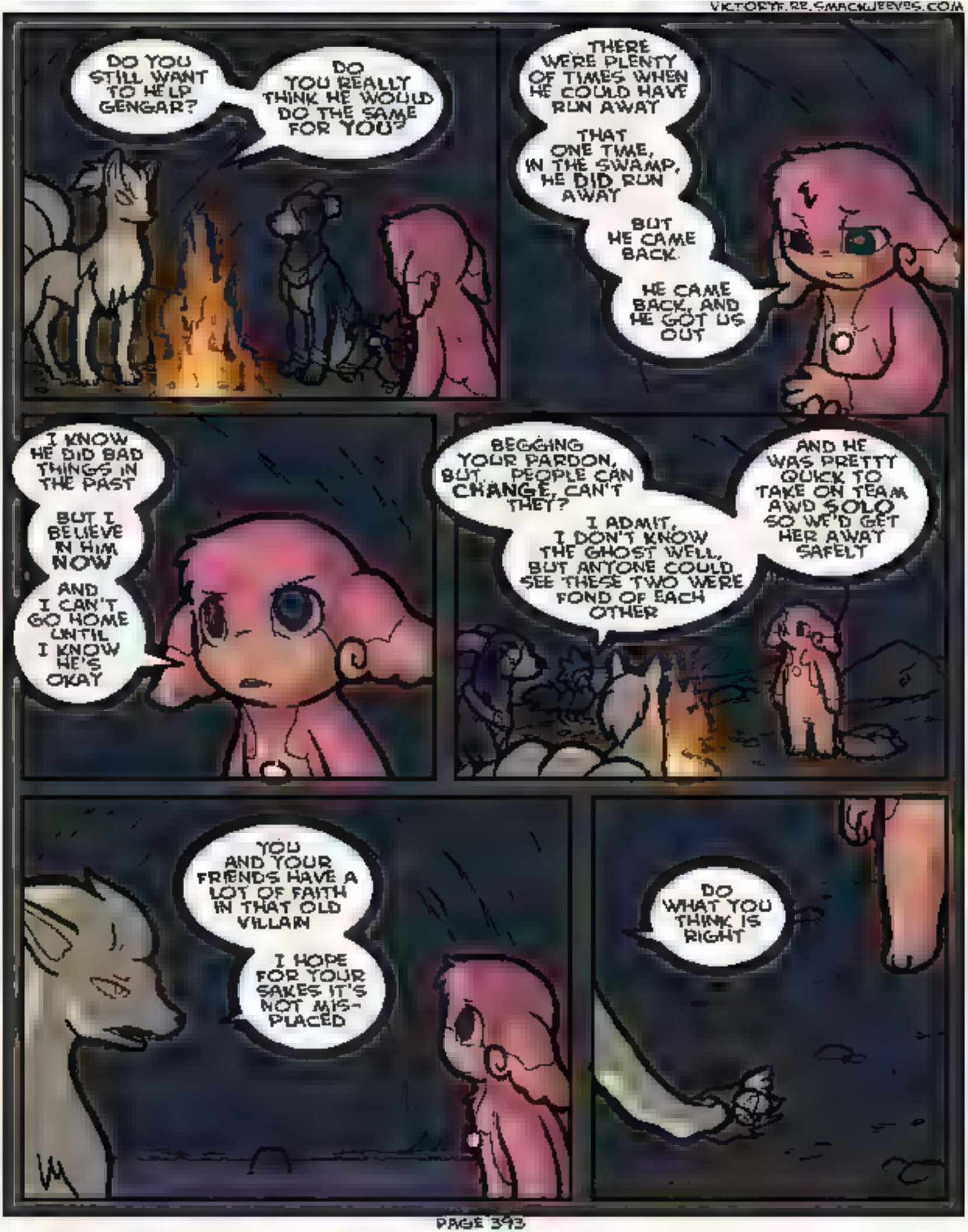
HE ABANDONED HIS PARTNER --

I DO KNOW. HE TOLD US

BUT IF YOU'D SEEN HIM-- HE REGRETS IT SO MUCH!

HE RAN AWAY BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED

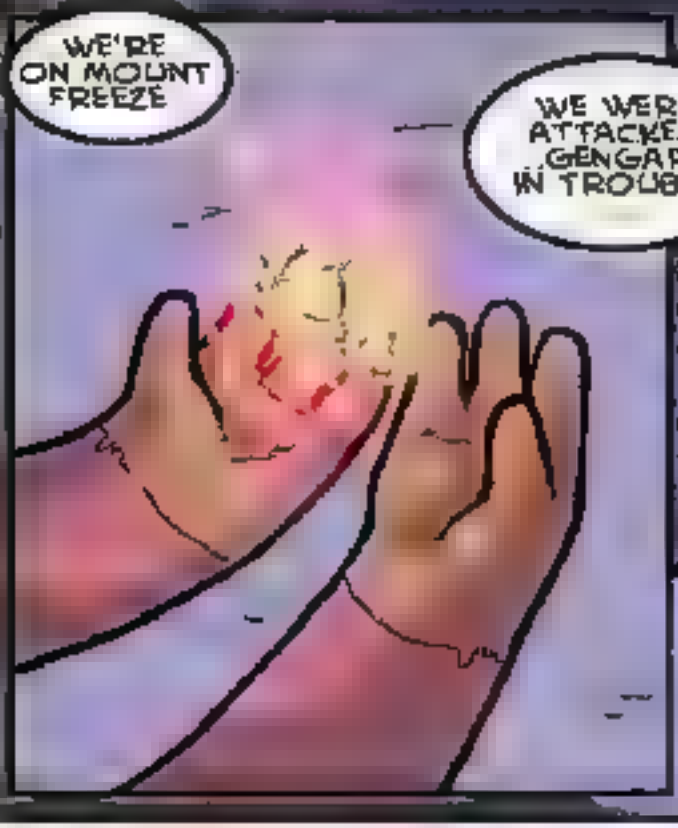

CHILD THAT WAS NOT HIS SIN
COWARDICE IS A LAMENTABLE FLAW, BUT NO MORE THAN THAT
WHAT HAPPENED HERE CHANGED THE WORLD FOREVER
HE ALLOWED GARDEVOIR TO SUFFER THE CURSE THAT SHOULD HAVE FALLEN UPON HIM. .
AND WHEN HE FLED, IT WAS WITH JOY IN HIS HEART
"BETTER HER THAN ME. SHE CAN BE REPLACED"
NOT A THOUGHT, NOT A MOMENT'S HESITATION' THIS TO ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEARER TO HIM THAN HIS OWN LIFE!
I I AM NOT PROUD OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM
BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID THAT THIS REGION WAS SET APART. FOR GARDEVOIR'S SAKE I HOWLED THE TALE TO THE STARS.
AND THE STARS ANSWERED
THE ORIGINAL ONE SAW THE GROWING DARKNESS IN HUMANITY'S HEARTS, AND KNEW THAT SUCH A REFUGE WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE.


DO YOU STILL WANT TO HELP GENGAR?
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE WOULD DO THE SAME FOR YOU?
THERE WERE PLENTY OF TIMES WHEN HE COULD HAVE RUN AWAY
THAT ONE TIME, IN THE SWAMP, HE DID RUN AWAY
BUT HE CAME BACK.
HE CAME BACK, AND HE GOT US OUT
I KNOW HE DID BAD THINGS IN THE PAST
BUT I BELIEVE IN HIM NOW
AND I CAN'T GO HOME UNTIL I KNOW HE'S OKAY
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, BUT... PEOPLE CAN CHANGE, CAN'T THEY?
I ADMIT, I DON'T KNOW THE GHOST WELL, BUT ANYONE COULD SEE THESE TWO WERE FOND OF EACH OTHER
AND HE WAS PRETTY QUICK TO TAKE ON TEAM AWD SOLO SO WE'D GET HER AWAY SAFELY
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN THAT OLD VILLAIN
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKES IT'S NOT MIS-PLACED
DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT

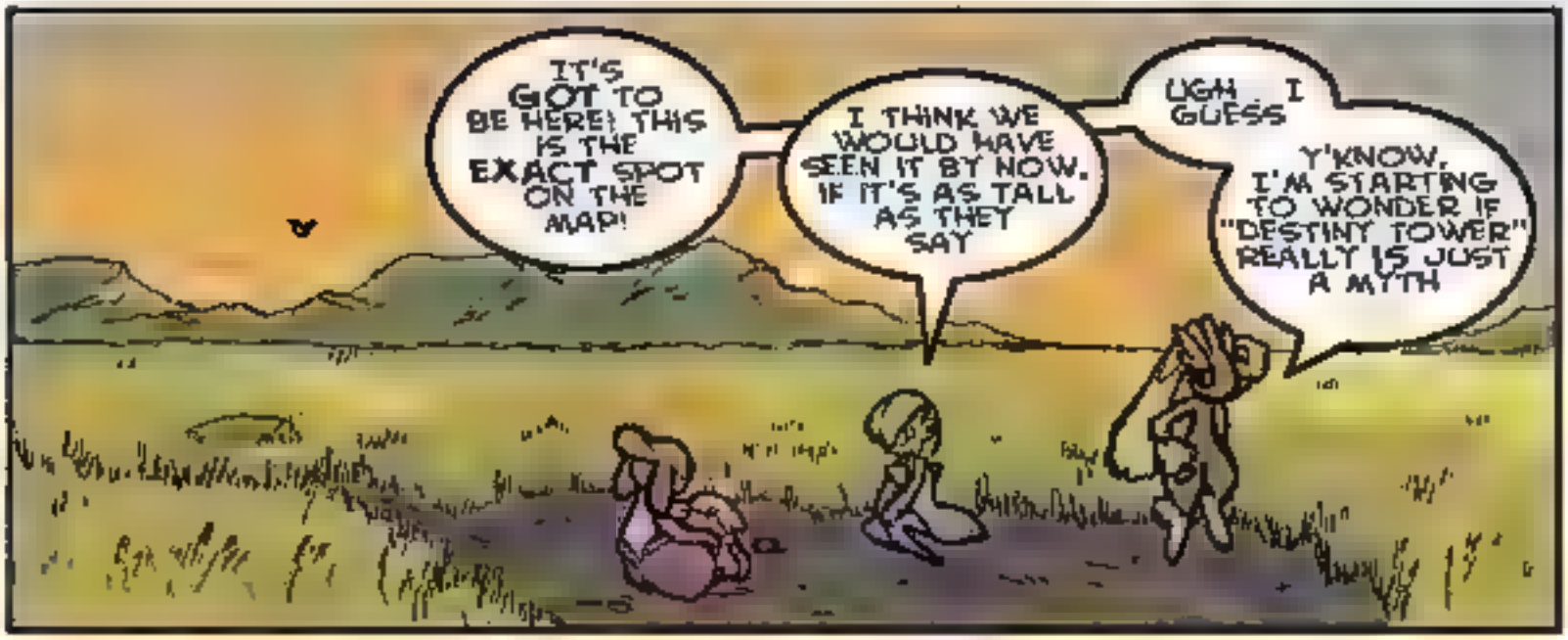
HEY
WE'RE IN THE DOG AND ME
WE'LL COME WITH YOU TO THE BURIED RELIC.
THANK YOU.

WILL THIS EVEN WORK FOR ME?
WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?
JUST PICTURE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO SEND TO, AND THE EXPLORER'S FEDERATION WILL DO THE REST

MEDICHAM. I REMEMBER I SAW HER IN TREASURE TOWN


WE'RE ON MOUNT FREEZE
WE WERE ATTACKED. GENGAR'S IN TROUBLE

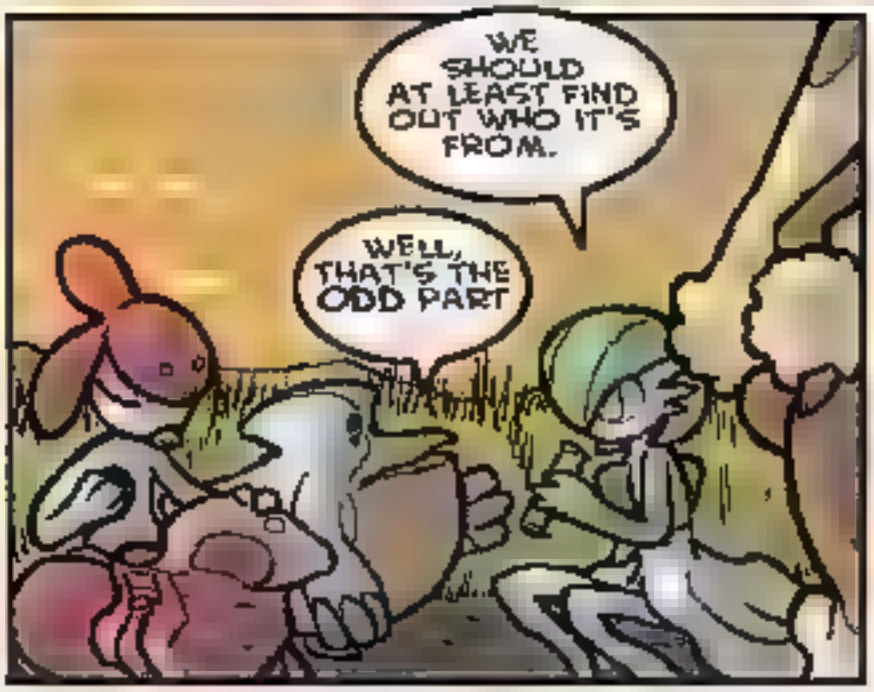
PLEASE WE NEED HELP.

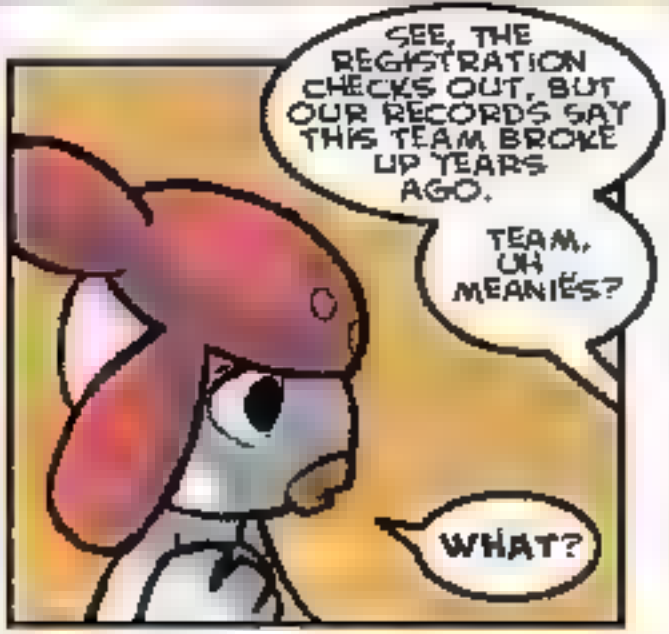

IT'S GOT TO BE HERE! THIS IS THE EXACT SPOT ON THE MAP!
I THINK WE WOULD HAVE SEEN IT BY NOW. IF IT'S AS TALL AS THEY SAY
UGH... I GUESS
Y'KNOW, I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF "DESTINY TOWER" REALLY IS JUST A MYTH

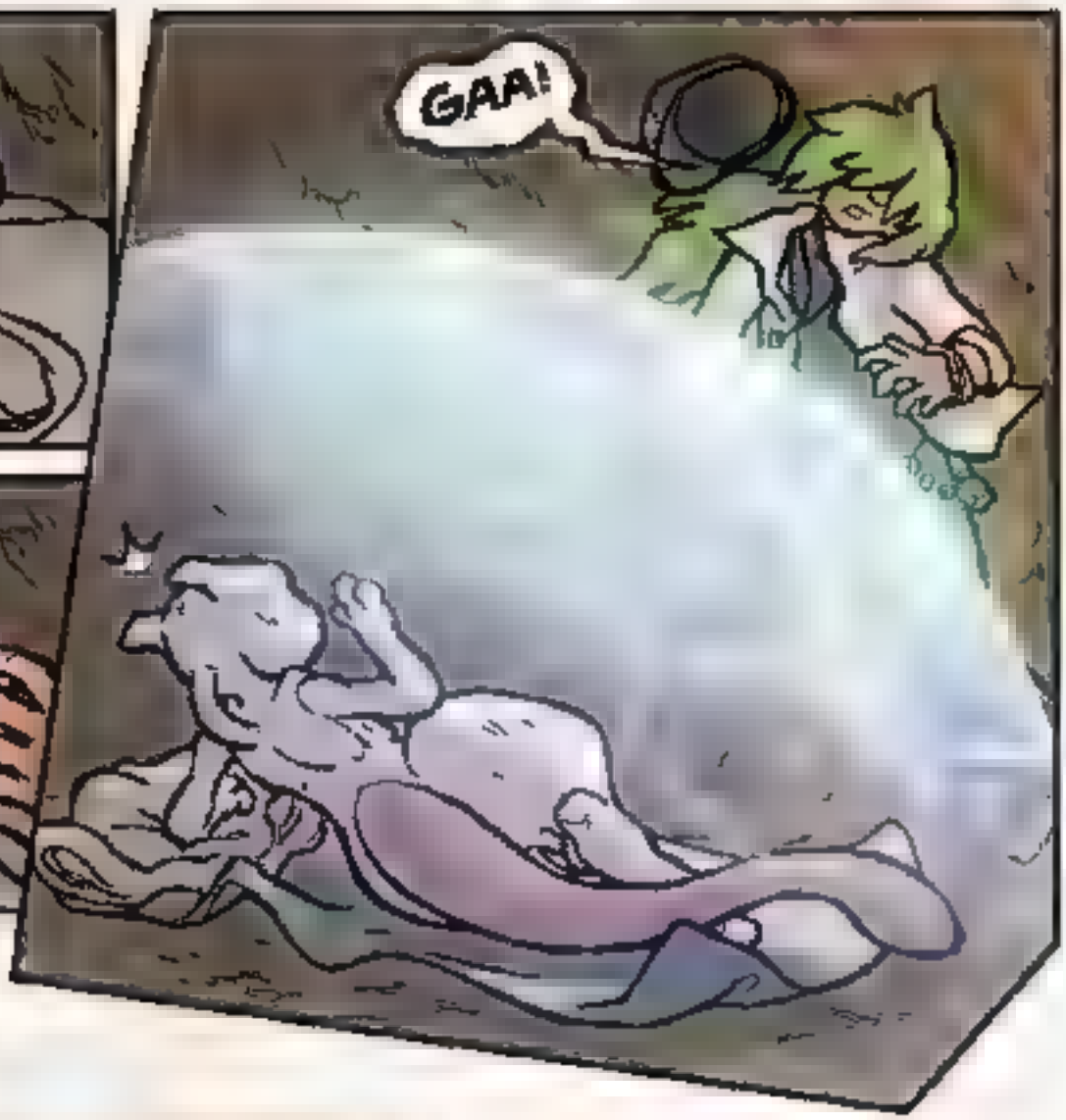
SHALL WE CHECK THAT OTHER VALLEY?

OH?

IS THAT A RESCUE REQUEST?
YES, MISS
UGH! WE DON'T DO THOSE PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC BOARD


WE SHOULD AT LEAST FIND OUT WHO IT'S FROM.
WELL, THAT'S THE ODD PART


SEE, THE REGISTRATION CHECKS OUT, BUT OUR RECORDS SAY THIS TEAM BROKE UP YEARS AGO.
TEAM, UH MEANIES?
WHAT?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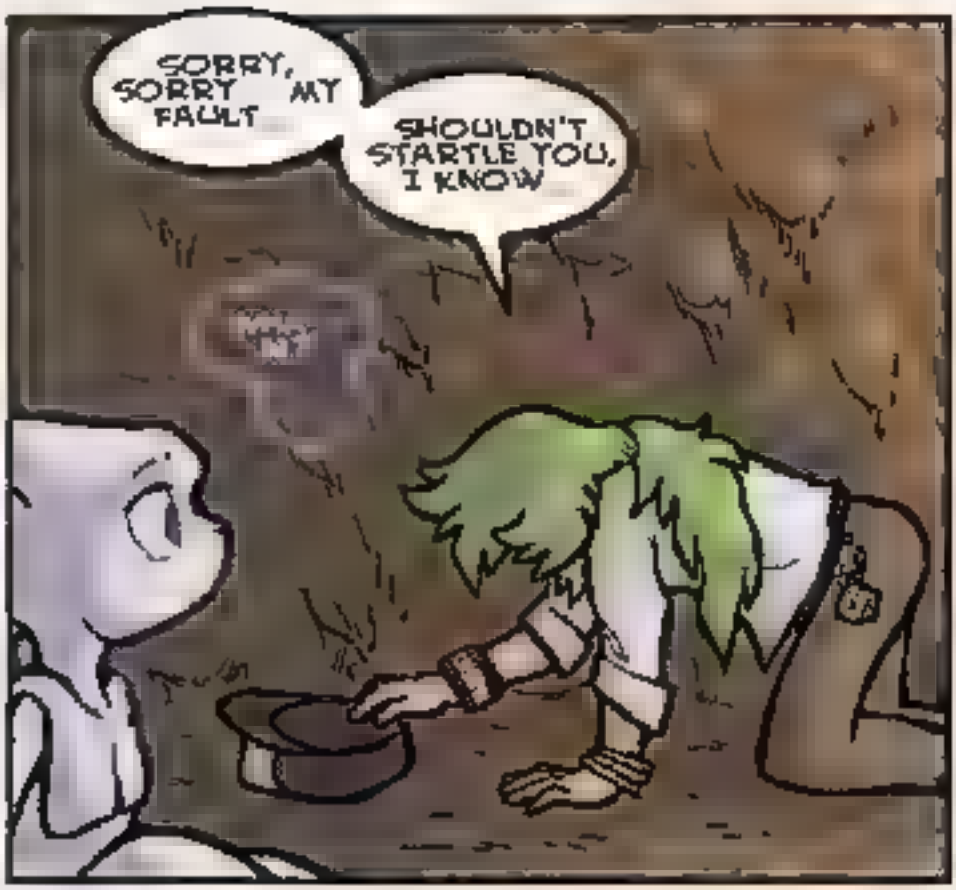
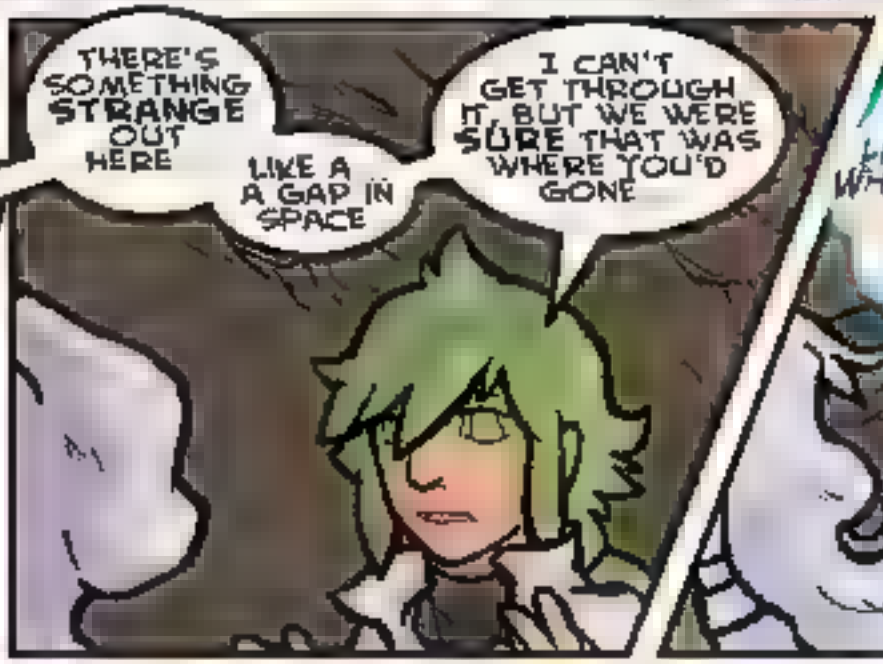
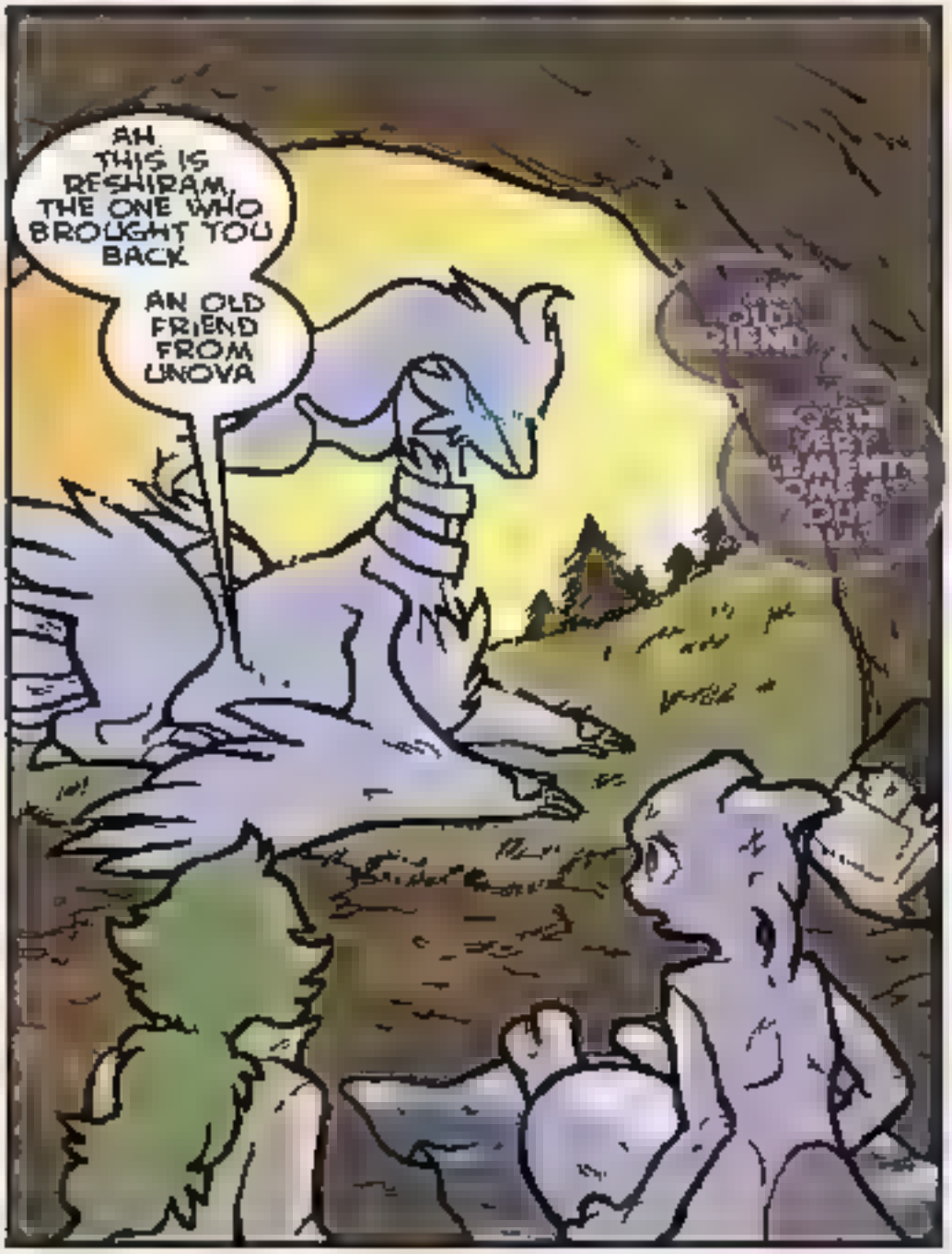

SORRY, SORRY MY FAULT
SHOULDN'T STARTLE YOU, I KNOW

-aagk!
STEADY!

STILL ALMIA A CAVE IN THE HILLS ABOVE VIENTOWN

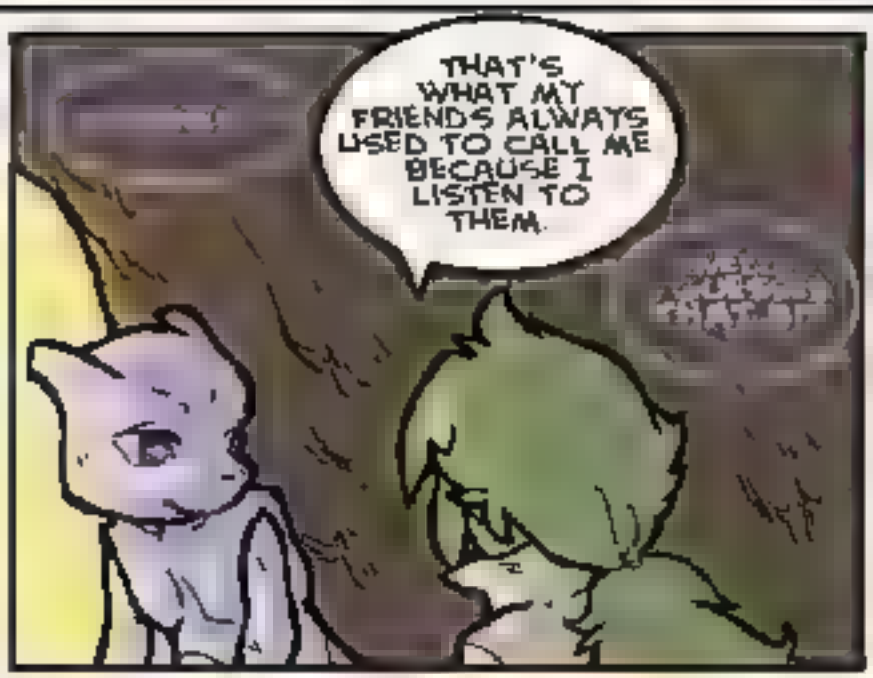

THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE OUT HERE
LIKE A A GAP IN SPACE
I CAN'T GET THROUGH IT, BUT WE WERE SURE THAT WAS WHERE YOU'D GONE

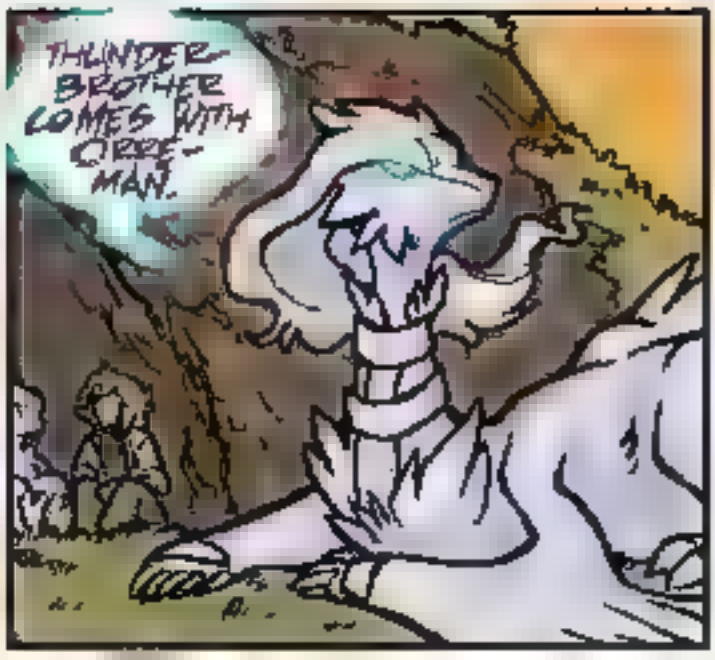
IS IT AWAKE, LISTENER? WHY DOESN'T IT TALK WITH ITS MOUTH?

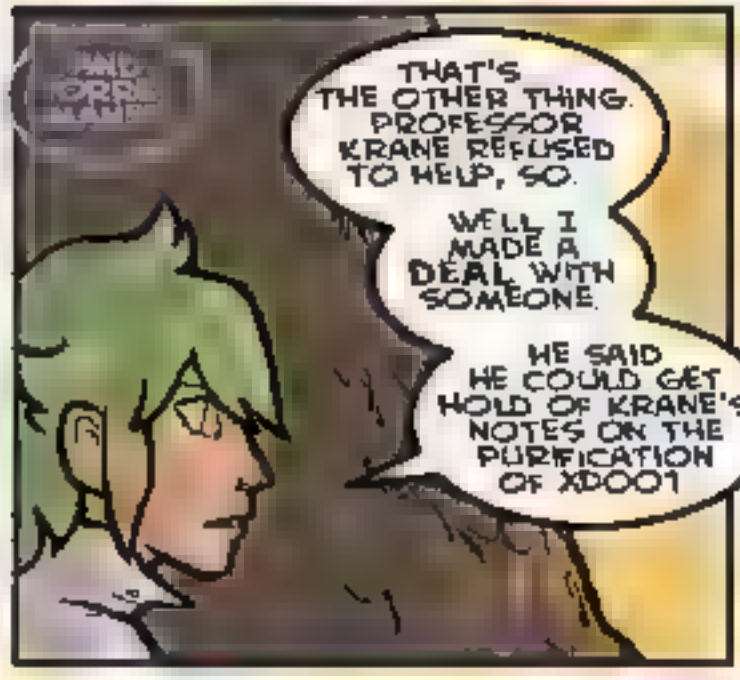

AH THIS IS RESHIRAM, THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU BACK
AN OLD FRIEND FROM UNOVA

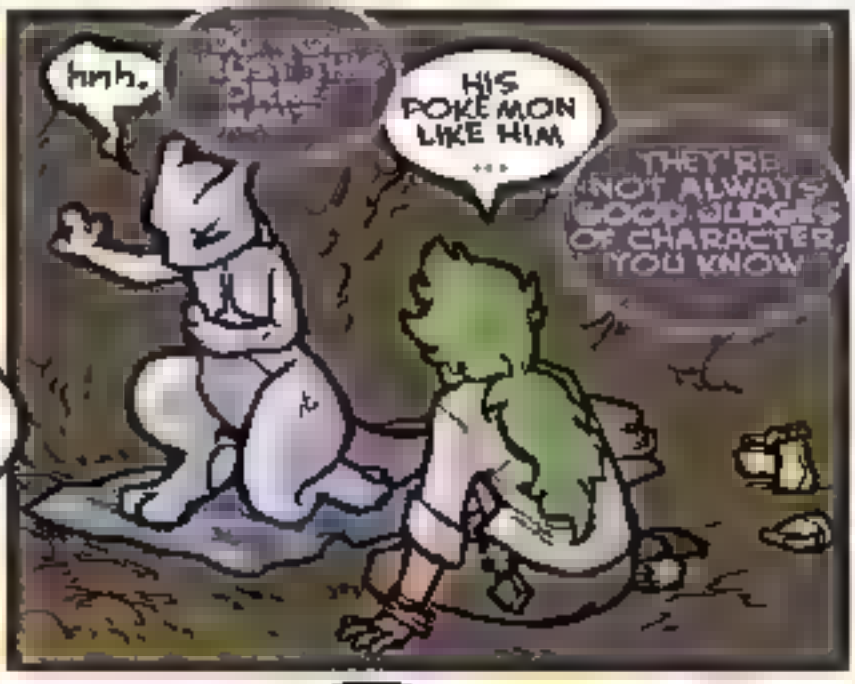
THEY'RE PART OF THIS TOO, NOW, YOU SEE, WE FOUND ANOTHER CIPHER LAB

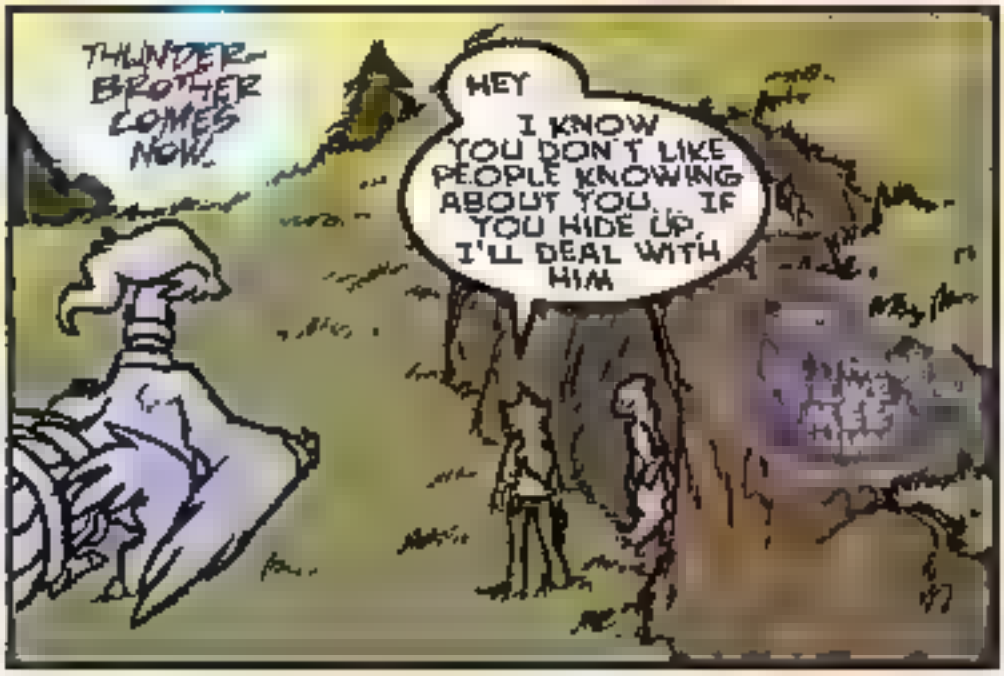
CIPHER-MEN STOLE THE SMALL SISTER FROM THE SELL PLACE.
WE WOULD BRING THE FIRE AND LIGHTNING UPON THEM, BUT LISTENER PLEADS MERCY.


THAT'S WHAT MY FRIENDS ALWAYS USED TO CALL ME BECAUSE I LISTEN TO THEM.


THUNDER-BROTHER COMES WITH ORRE-MAN.


THAT'S THE OTHER THING. PROFESSOR KRANE REFUSED TO HELP, SO.
WELL I MADE A DEAL WITH SOMEONE.
HE SAID HE COULD GET HOLD OF KRANE'S NOTES ON THE PURIFICATION OF XD001


hmh.
HIS POKEMON LIKE HIM ...
THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS GOOD JUDGES OF CHARACTER, YOU KNOW


THUNDER-BROTHER COMES NOW.
HEY
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE PEOPLE KNOWING ABOUT YOU... IF YOU HIDE UP, I'LL DEAL WITH HIM

ARE YOU SURE?
YOU STILL LOOK PRETTY ROUGH...

WWW.DEWLEE.CRAZYJREVES.COM

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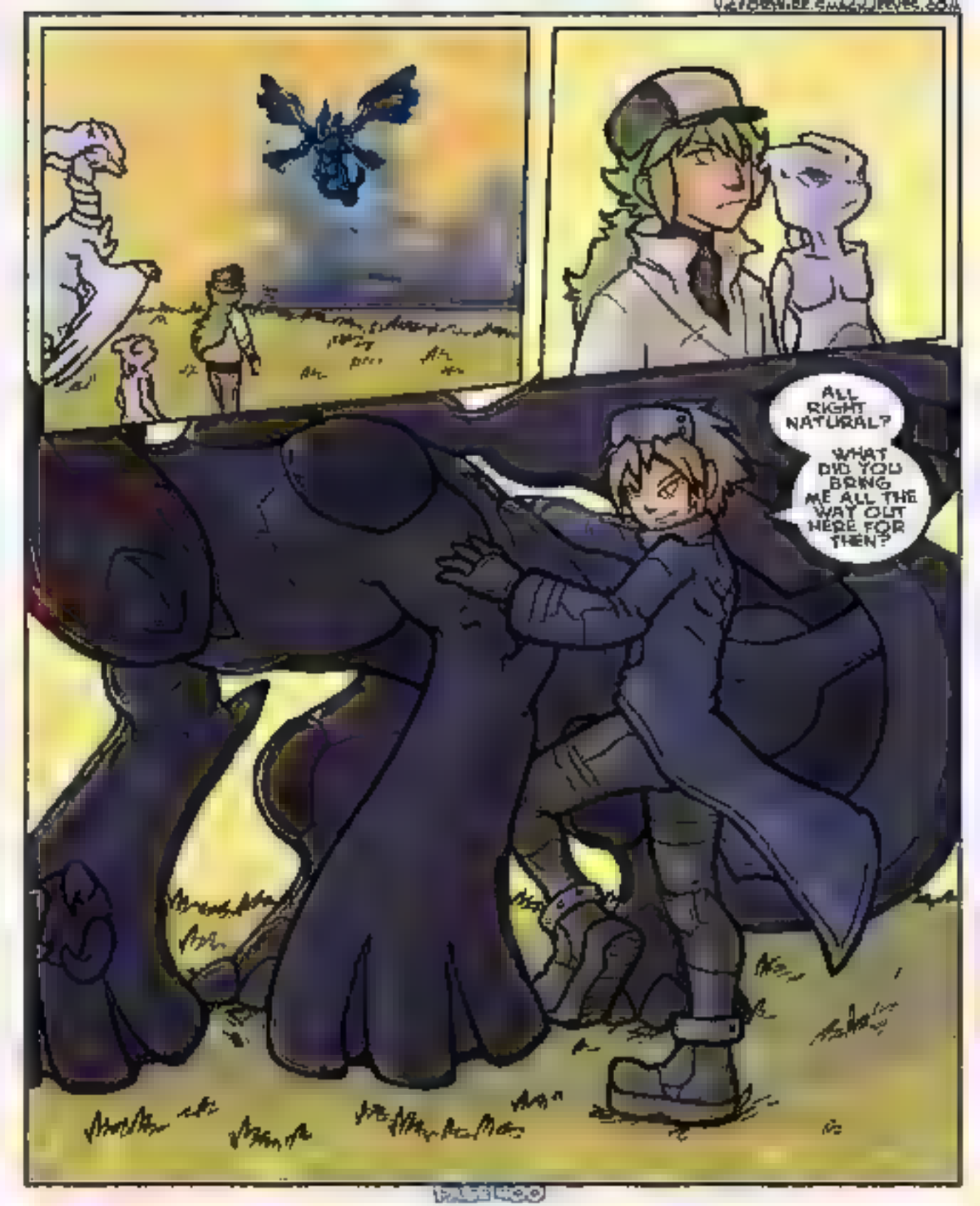
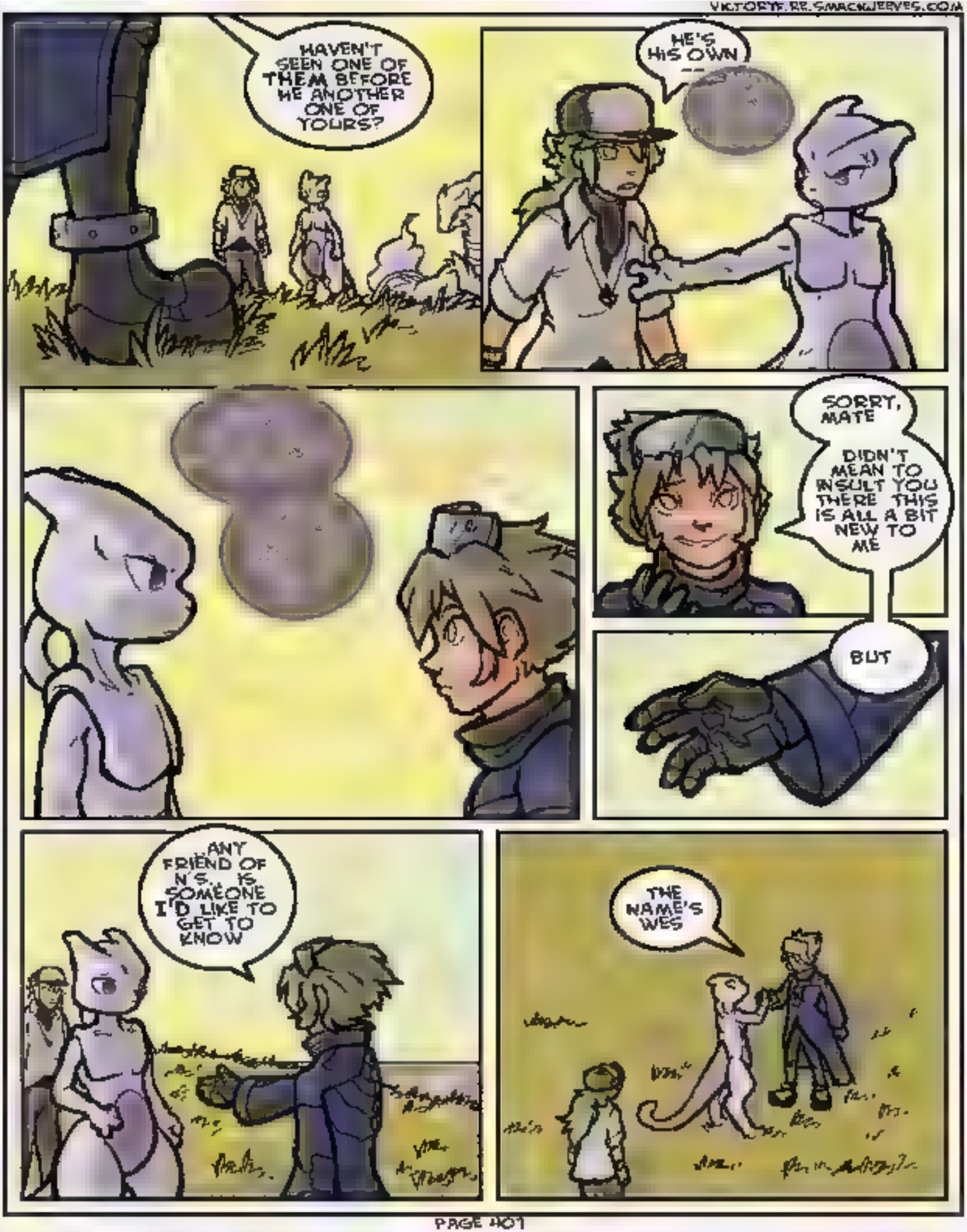
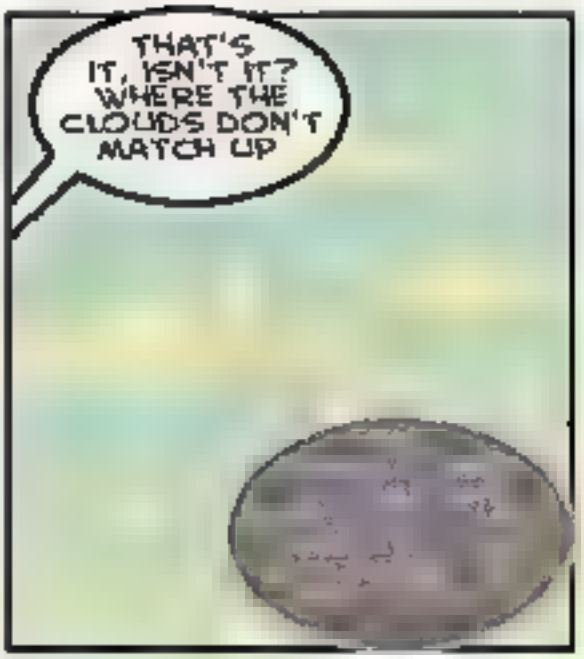
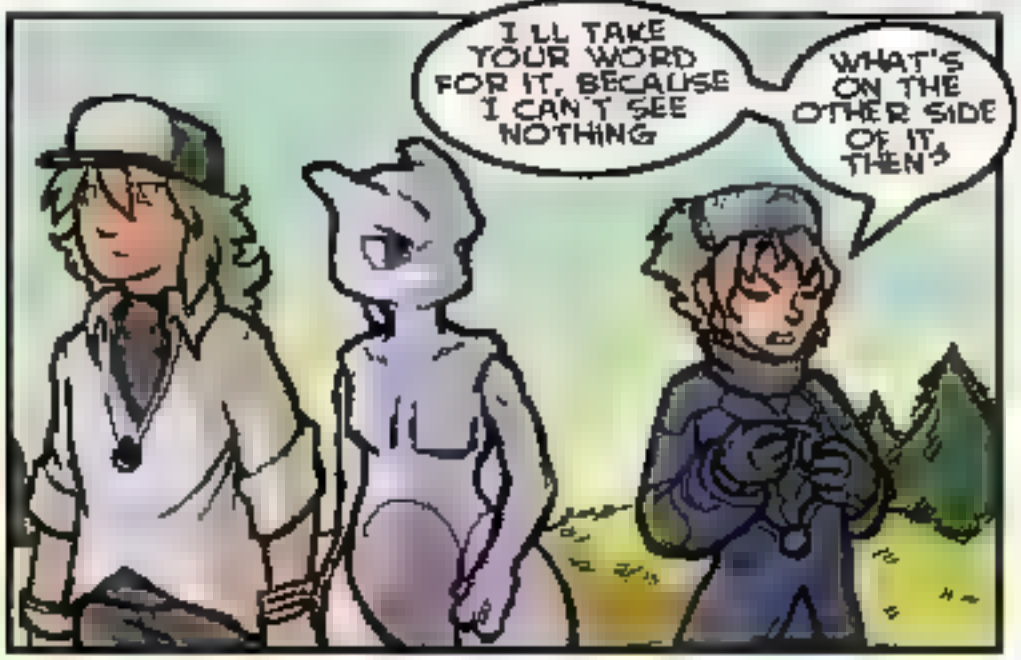
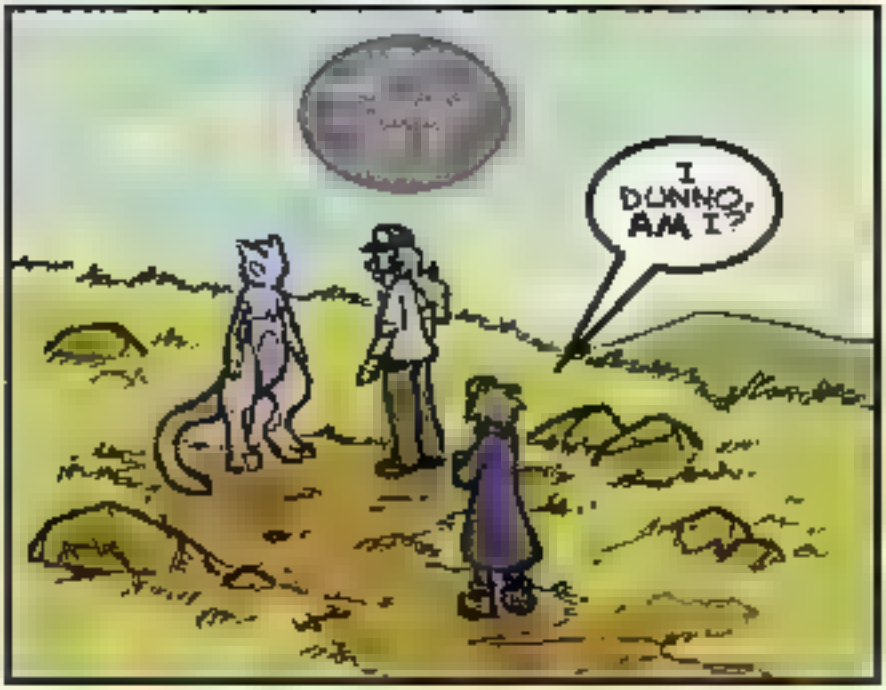
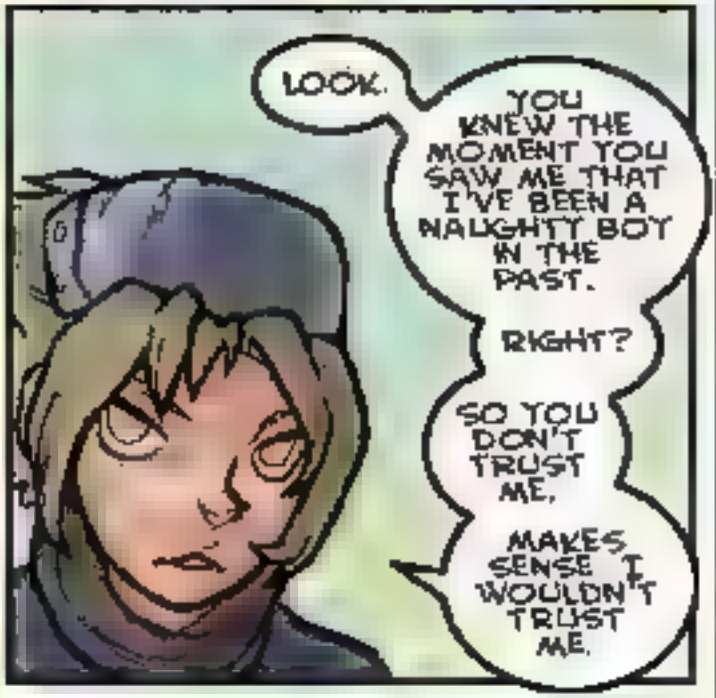



HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THEM BEFORE HE ANOTHER ONE OF YOURS?
HE'S HIS OWN --
SORRY, MATE
DIDN'T MEAN TO INSULT YOU THERE THIS IS ALL A BIT NEW TO ME
BUT
ANY FRIEND OF N'S... IS SOMEONE I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW
THE NAME'S WES

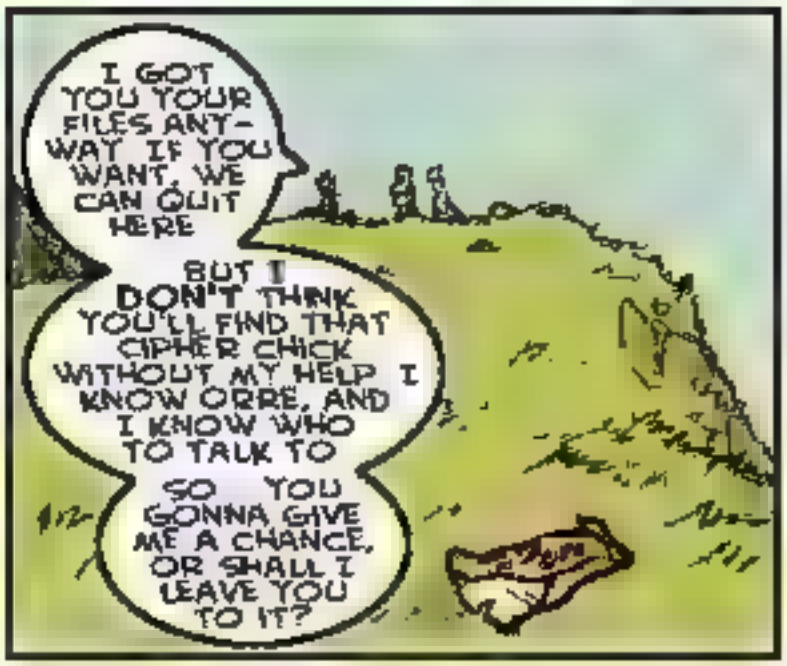

THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT? WHERE THE CLOUDS DON'T MATCH UP

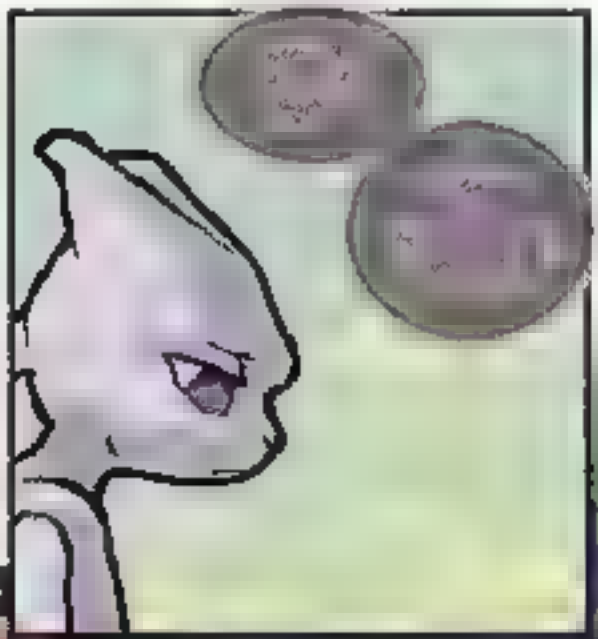

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT, BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE NOTHING
WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, THEN?


I DUNNO, AM I?

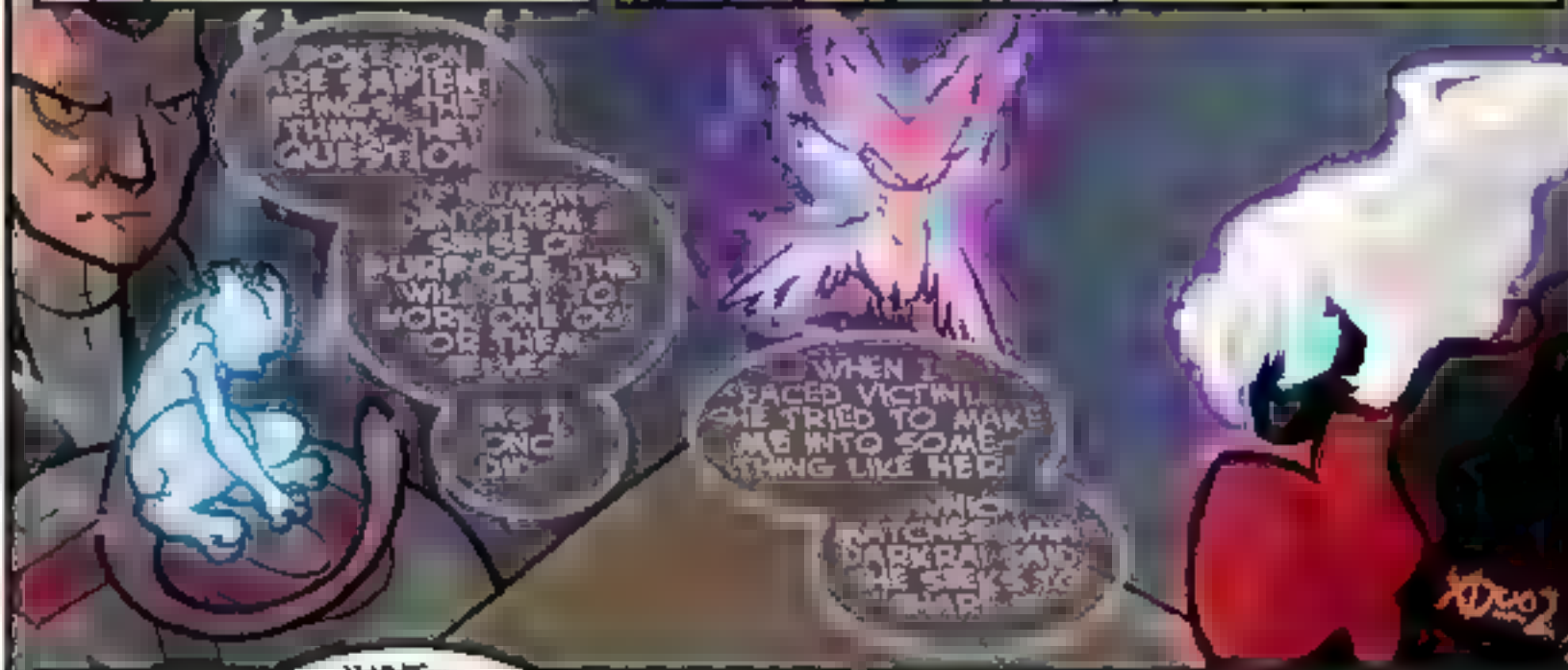

LOOK.
YOU KNEW THE MOMENT YOU SAW ME THAT I'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY IN THE PAST.
RIGHT?
SO YOU DON'T TRUST ME.
MAKES SENSE. I WOULDN'T TRUST ME.

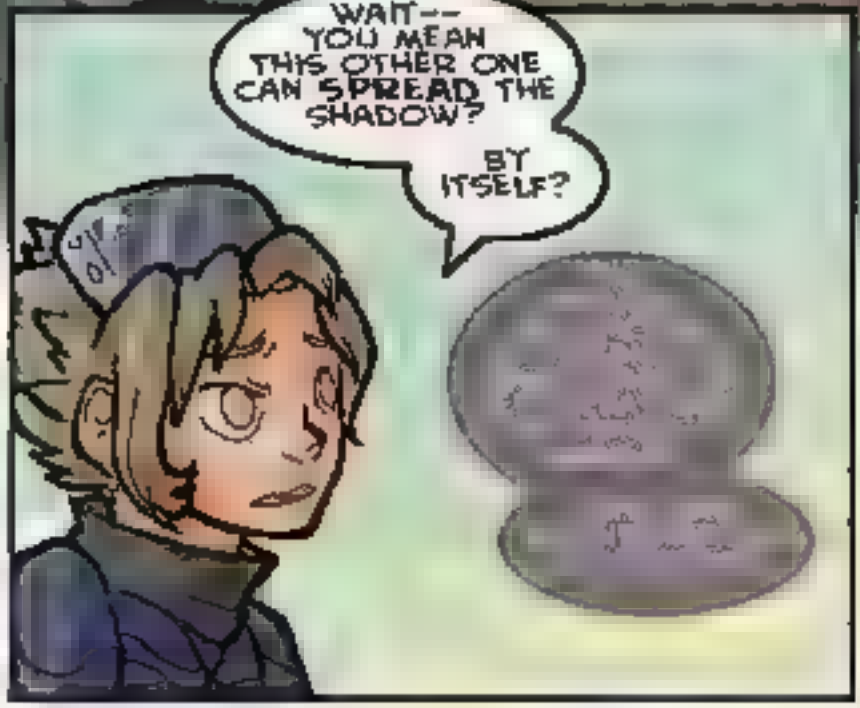
BUT THIS CIPHER STUFF IT'S NOT JUST BAD, IT'S EVIL.
IF THEY'VE KEPT AT IT, THEN YES I'M IN, BECAUSE I WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO GIVE THEM THE KICKING THEY DESERVE

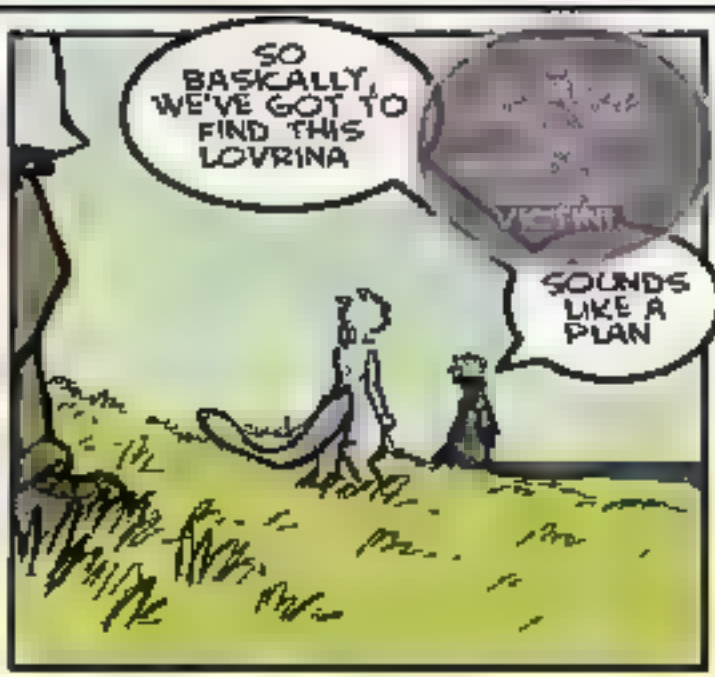

I GOT YOU YOUR FILES ANYWAY. IF YOU WANT, WE CAN QUIT HERE
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT CIPHER CHICK WITHOUT MY HELP. I KNOW ORRE, AND I KNOW WHO TO TALK TO
SO YOU GONNA GIVE ME A CHANCE, OR SHALL I LEAVE YOU TO IT?

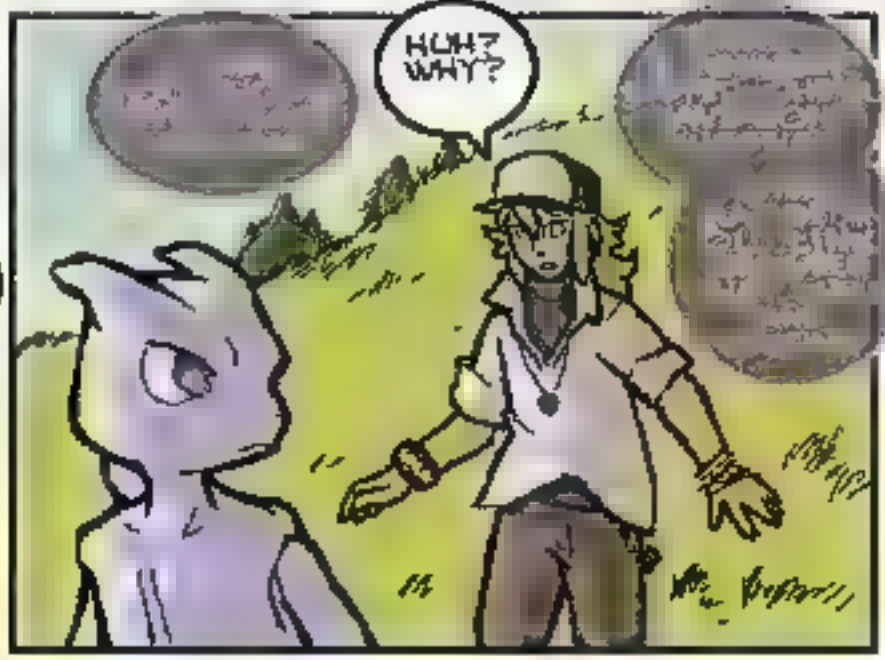


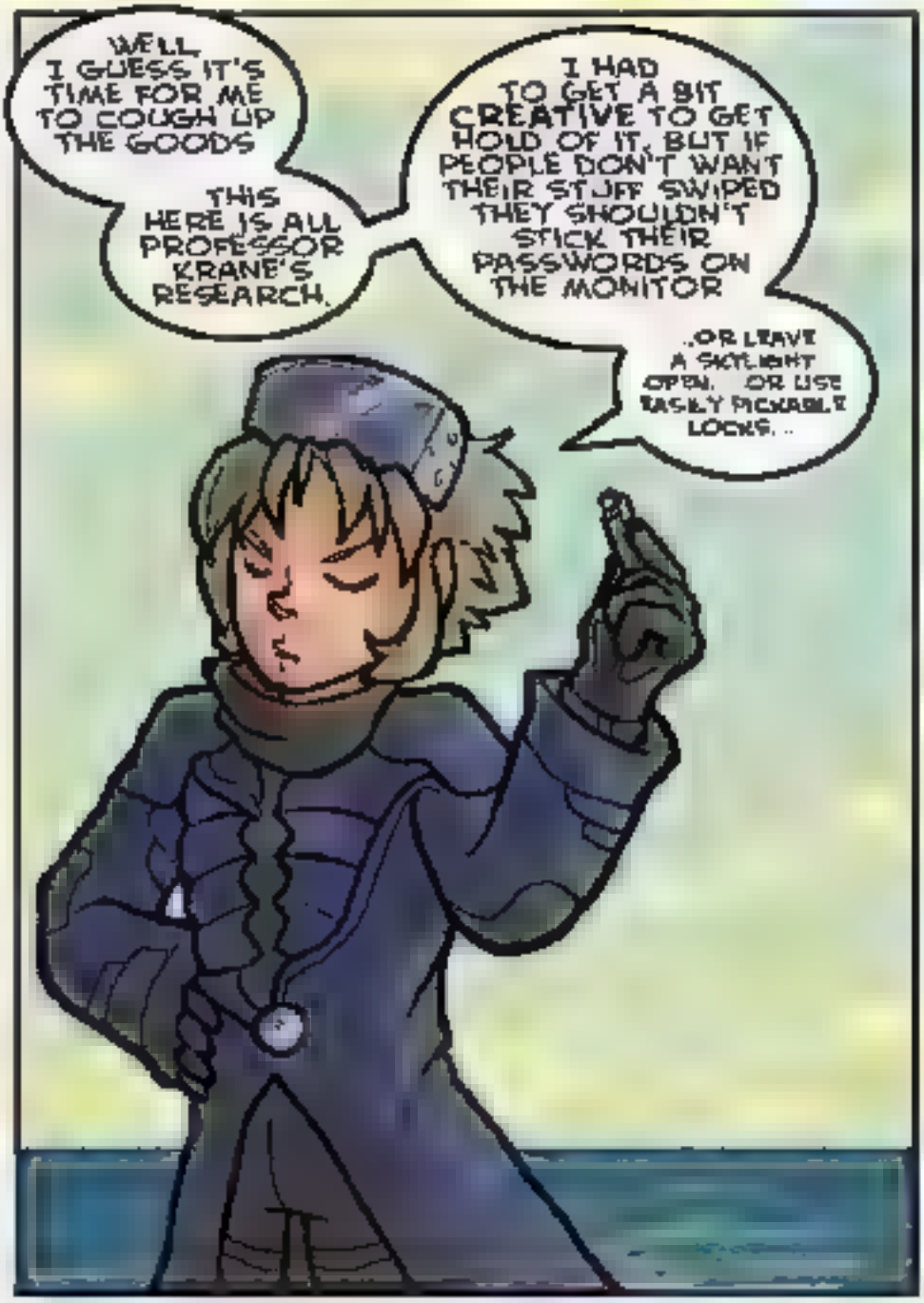
AND
HIM


WHEN I FACED VICTIN
SHE TRIED TO MAKE ME INTO SOME-THING LIKE HER!


WAIT-- YOU MEAN THIS OTHER ONE CAN SPREAD THE SHADOW?
BY ITSELF?

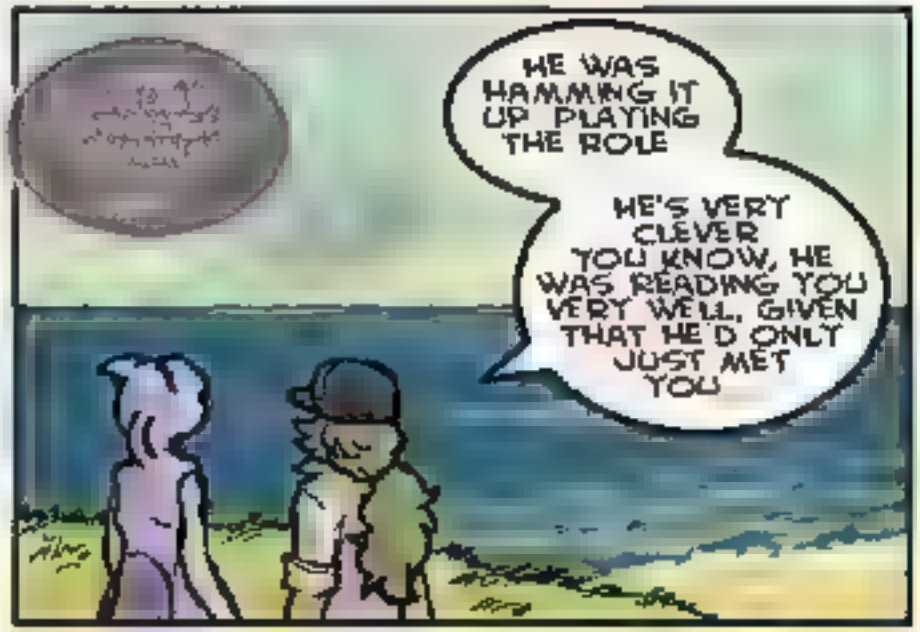

SO BASICALLY, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THIS LOVRINA
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN


HUH? WHY?

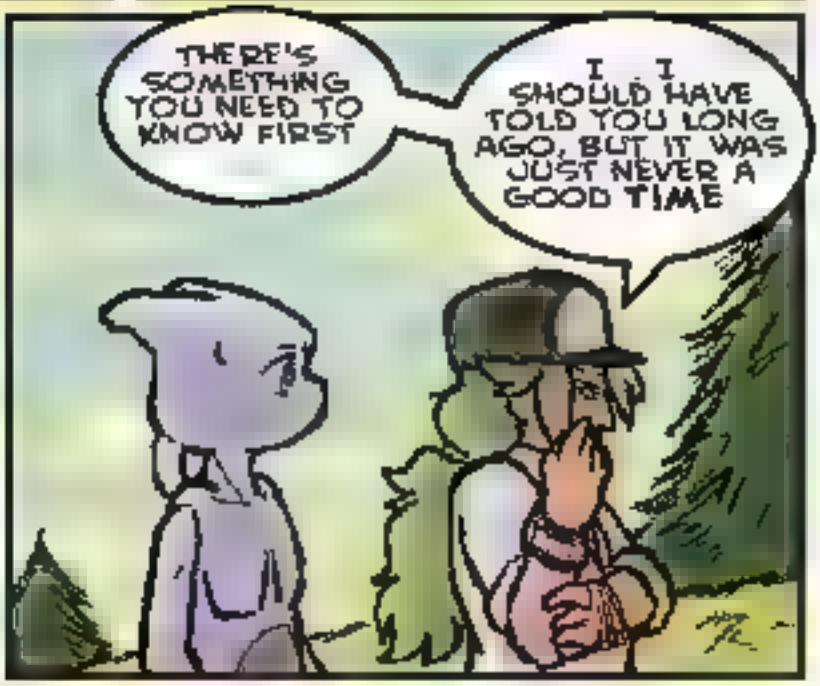

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO COUGH UP THE GOODS
THIS HERE IS ALL PROFESSOR KRANE'S RESEARCH.
I HAD TO GET A BIT CREATIVE TO GET HOLD OF IT, BUT IF PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEIR STUFF SWIPED THEY SHOULDN'T STICK THEIR PASSWORDS ON THE MONITOR
..OR LEAVE A SKYLIGHT OPEN. OR USE EASILY PICKABLE LOCKS...

WES-!
WHAT?
LOOK, I WAS VERY DISCREET. HE NEVER KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS POKENAV NUMBER IS MINE. YEAH?
I DUNNO IF MEW-TWO HERE CAN USE A PHONE, BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ONE, GET ONE


HE WAS HAMMING IT UP PLAYING THE ROLE
HE'S VERY CLEVER YOU KNOW, HE WAS READING YOU VERY WELL, GIVEN THAT HE'D ONLY JUST MET YOU

DID YOU LIKE HIM?


THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FIRST
I I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU LONG AGO, BUT IT WAS JUST NEVER A GOOD TIME

OKAY JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T FREAK OUT

A FEW YEARS AGO, TEAM PLASMA

WELL

RECENTLY I FOUND OUT THERE WERE SECRET TALKS WITH SOME EX-ROCKETS

SOME MATERIAL CHANGED HANDS

THEY

WE

BOUGHT YOUR GENETIC CODE.

WAIT, PLEASE

PLEASE

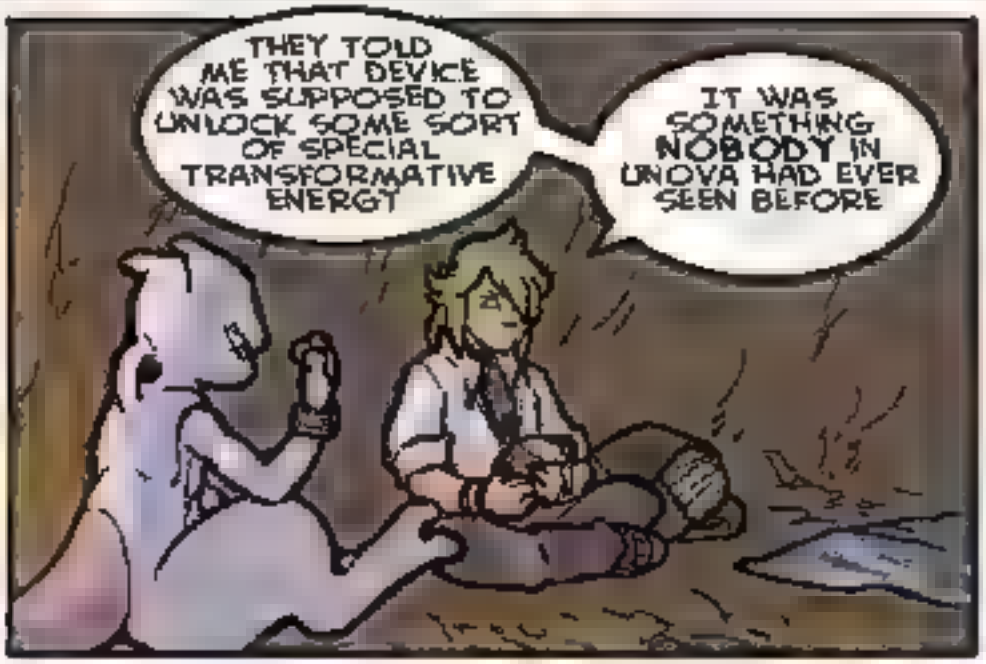
YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY WITH ME, BUT JUST

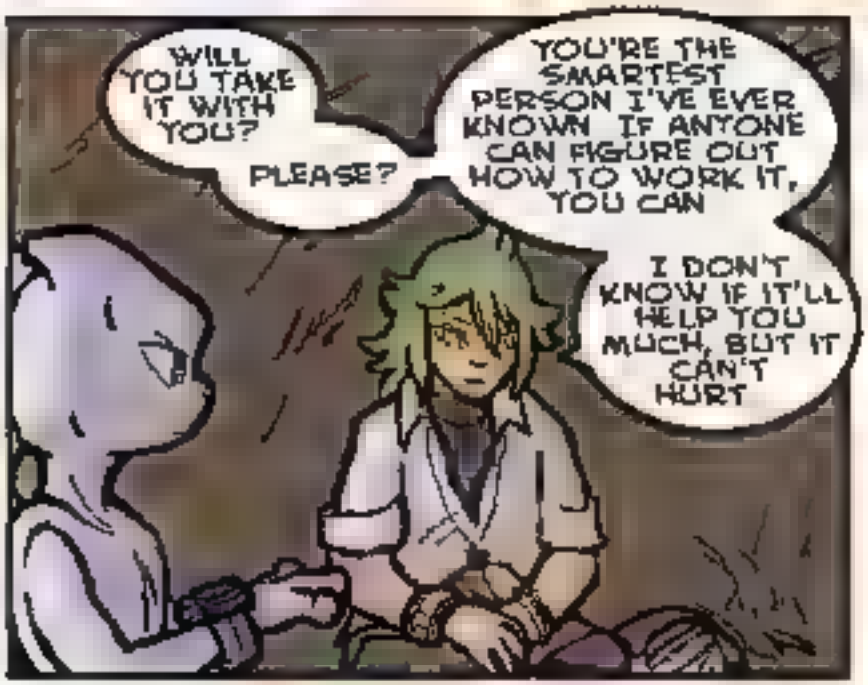
JUST LOOK AT THIS FIRST

I DON'T KNOW

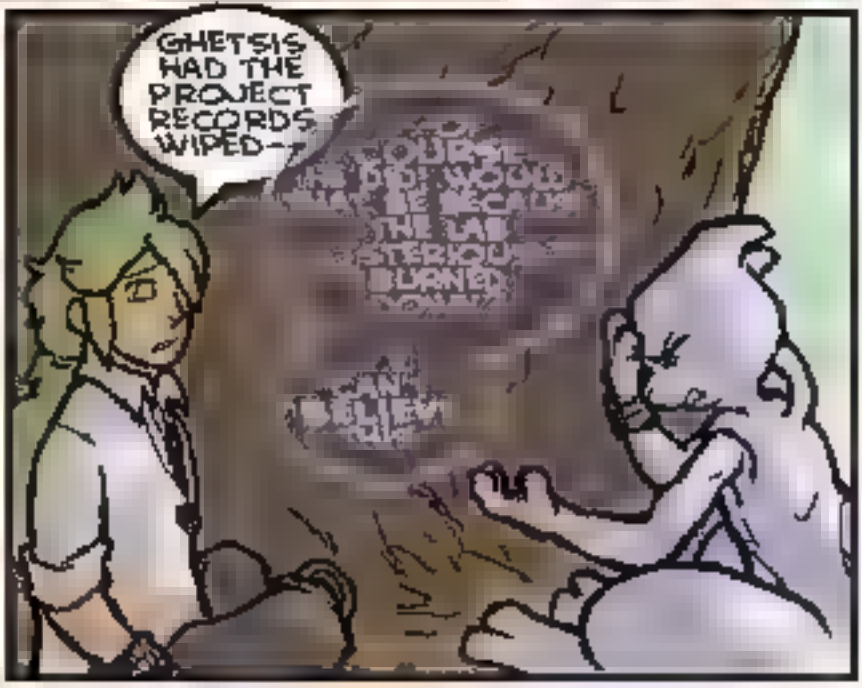
I DON'T KNOW

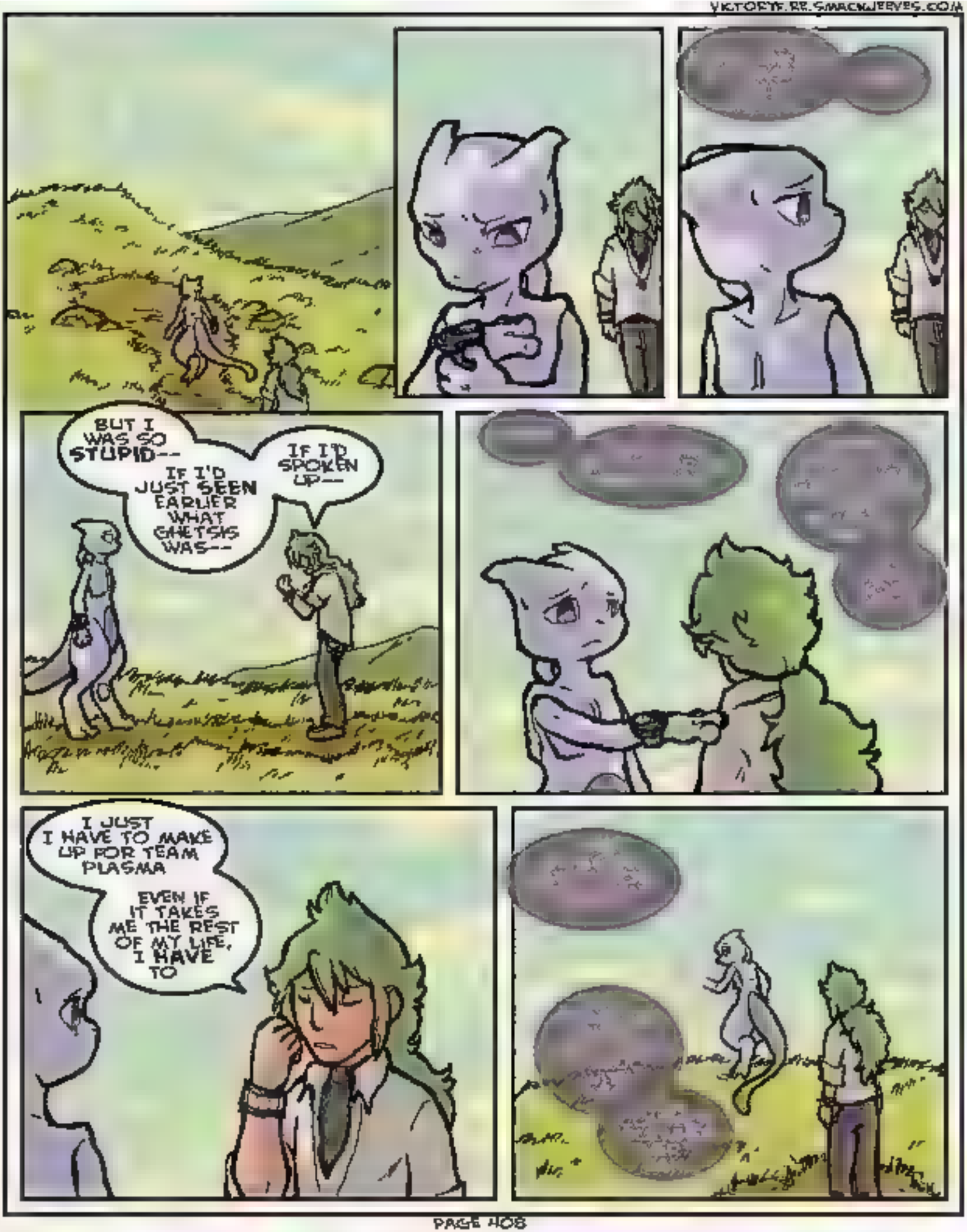
I DO KNOW THAT IT WAS BUILT FOR YOU.


THEY TOLD ME THAT DEVICE WAS SUPPOSED TO UNLOCK SOME SORT OF SPECIAL TRANSFORMATIVE ENERGY
IT WAS SOMETHING NOBODY IN UNOVA HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE

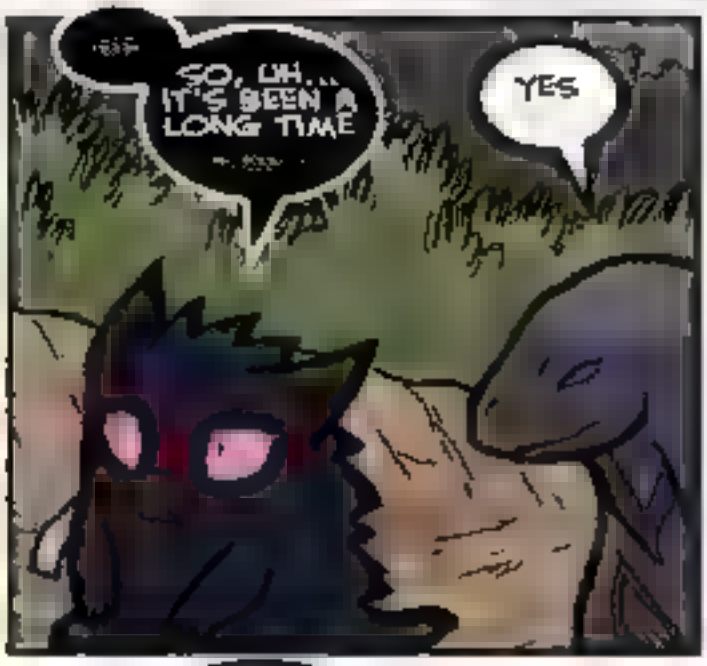

WILL YOU TAKE IT WITH YOU?
PLEASE?
YOU'RE THE SMARTEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN IF ANYONE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK IT, YOU CAN
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL HELP YOU MUCH, BUT IT CAN'T HURT

I-- I'M NOT SURE WH--


GHETSIS HAD THE PROJECT RECORDS WIPED--


BUT I WAS SO STUPID--
IF I'D JUST SEEN EARLIER WHAT GHETSIS WAS--
IF I'D SPOKEN UP--
I JUST I HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR TEAM PLASMA
EVEN IF IT TAKES ME THE REST OF MY LIFE, I HAVE TO

ALL RIGHT, TAKE TEN I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE TRAIL.
WATCH HIM, YOU TWO I DON'T WANT HIM MAKING A BREAK FOR IT.


SO, UH... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
YES

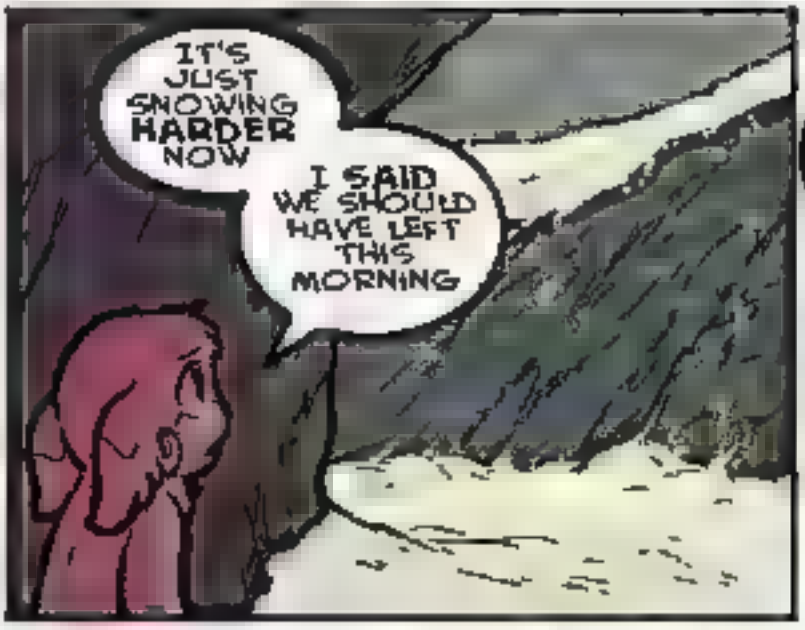
I REMEMBER TEAM MEANIES FONDLY...
WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, DIDN'T WE?
Y-YEAH

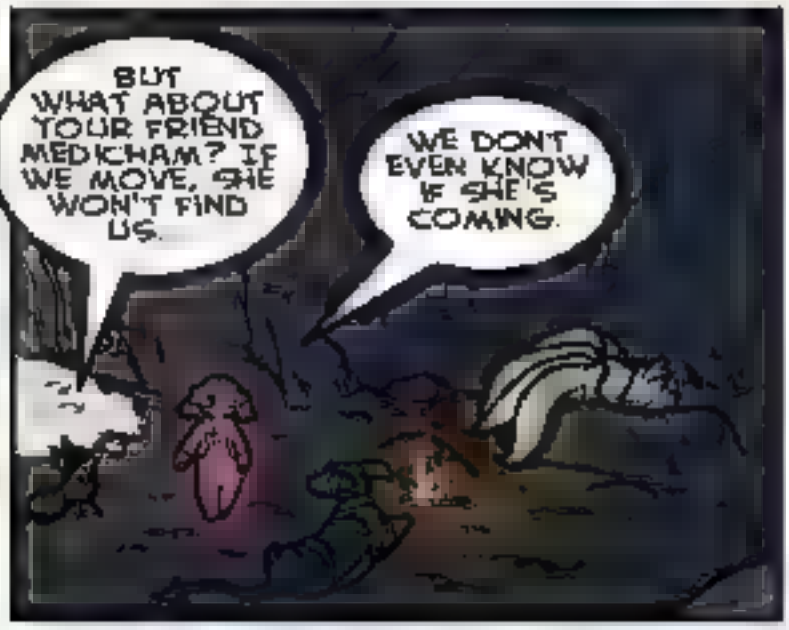
YOU LIKED YOUR LITTLE JOKES. I REMEMBER THAT
'LET'S TIE A KNOT IN EKANS' TAIL.'
'LET'S TELL EKANS THIS ROCK'S AN EGG AND SEE IF HE BITES IT.'
HOW WE ALL LAUGHED

AND YET IT'S ODD BECAUSE WHEN I BECAME ARBOK, AND LOOKED BACK...
YOUR LITTLE JOKES DIDN'T SEEM SO FUNNY ANY MORE

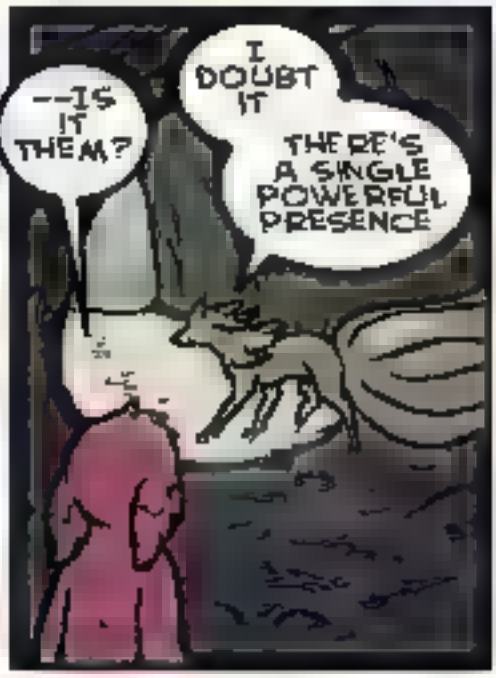
DON'T TRY TO APPEAL TO MY BETTER NATURE, GENGAR WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED, I HAVEN'T GOT ONE
AND IF YOU TALK TO ME AGAIN, I'LL BITE YOU.

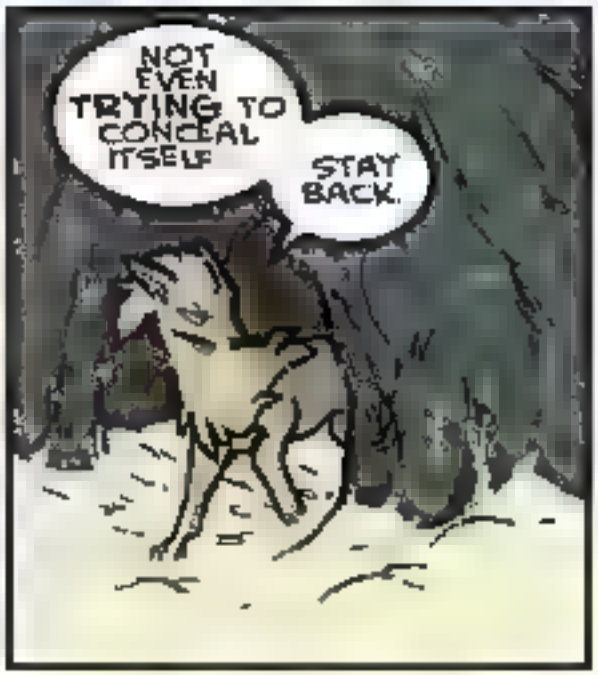
HHH


IT'S JUST SNOWING HARDER NOW
I SAID WE SHOULD HAVE LEFT THIS MORNING

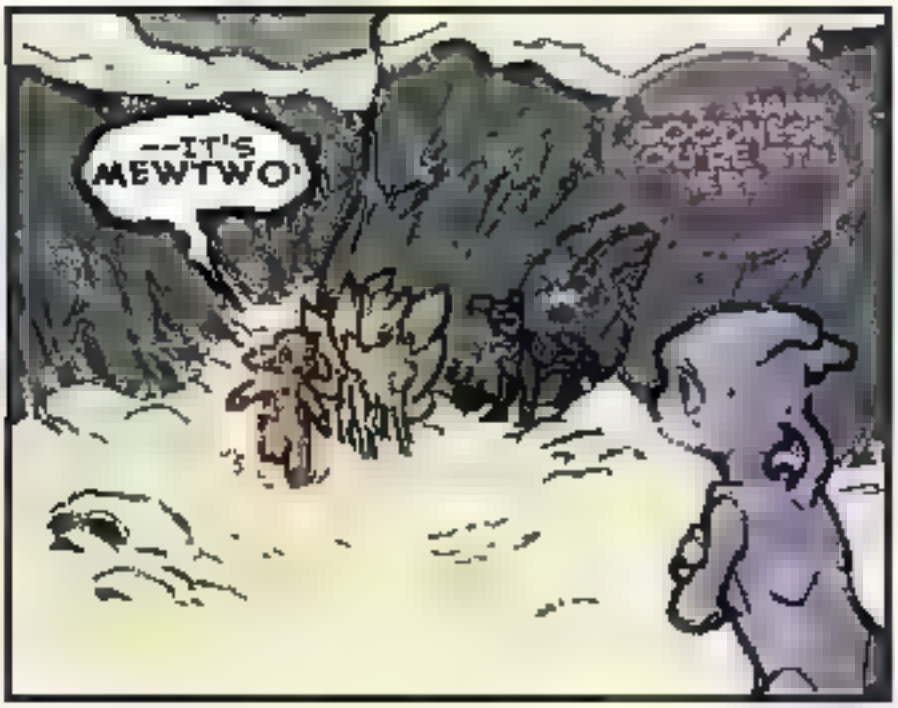

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND MEDICHAM? IF WE MOVE, SHE WON'T FIND US.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S COMING.

HNH?
SOME-THING IS COMING


--IS IT THEM?
I DOUBT IT
THERE'S A SINGLE POWERFUL PRESENCE


NOT EVEN TRYING TO CONCEAL ITSELF
STAY BACK.

COME NO FURTHER!
WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?


--IT'S MEWTWO!

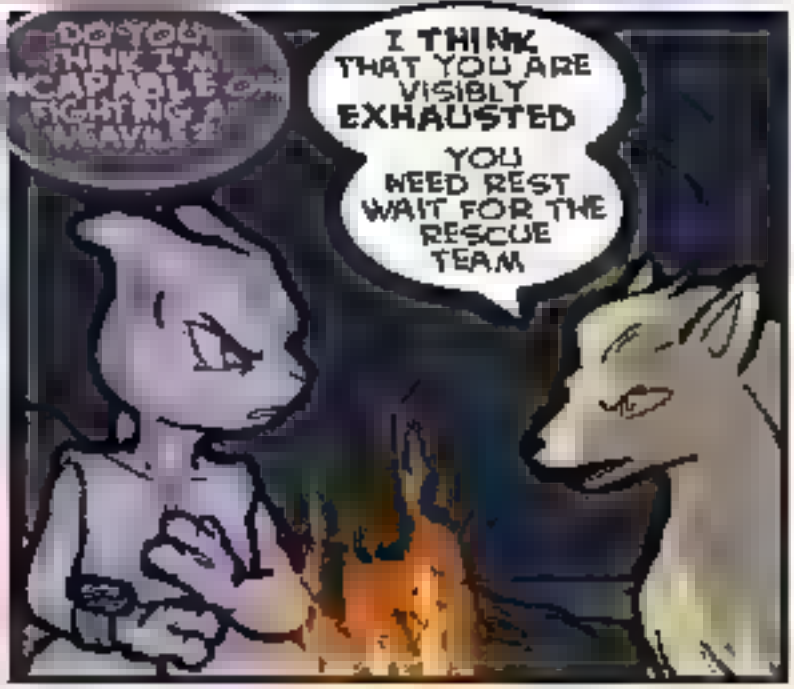
YOU'VE GOT ONE HECK OF A BRUISE BACK THERE. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
IT'S MY HEAD
ON THE GROUND

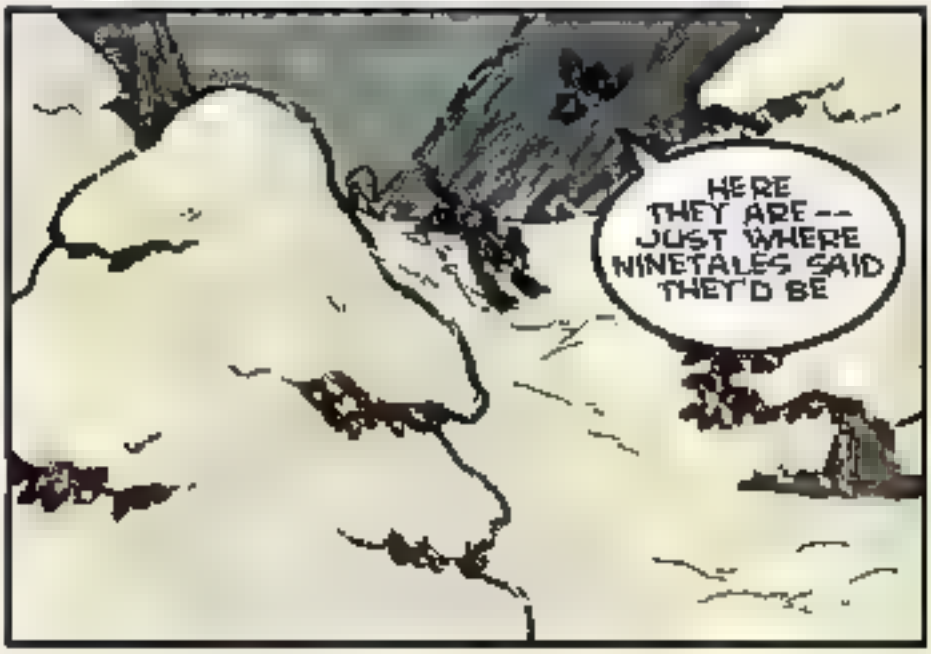
WHO WON? THE GROUND, OR YOUR HEAD?
pffk!

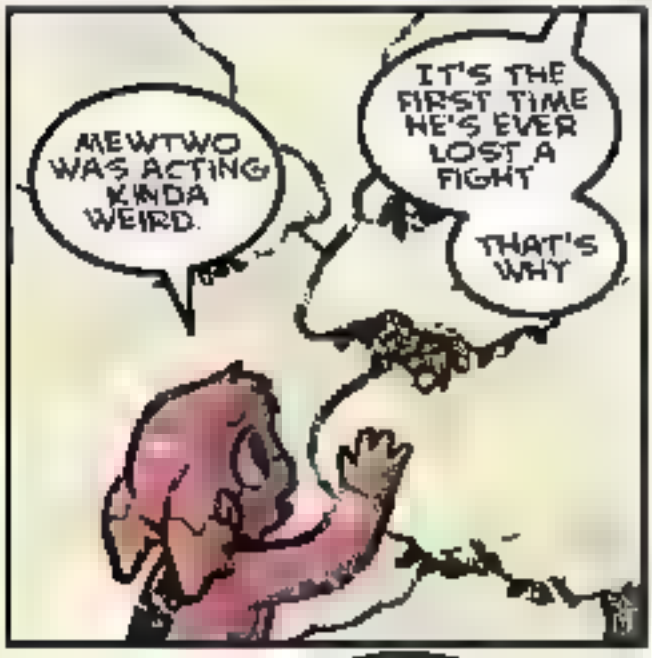
DON'T TEASE ME
I'VE HAD A HORRIBLE DAY

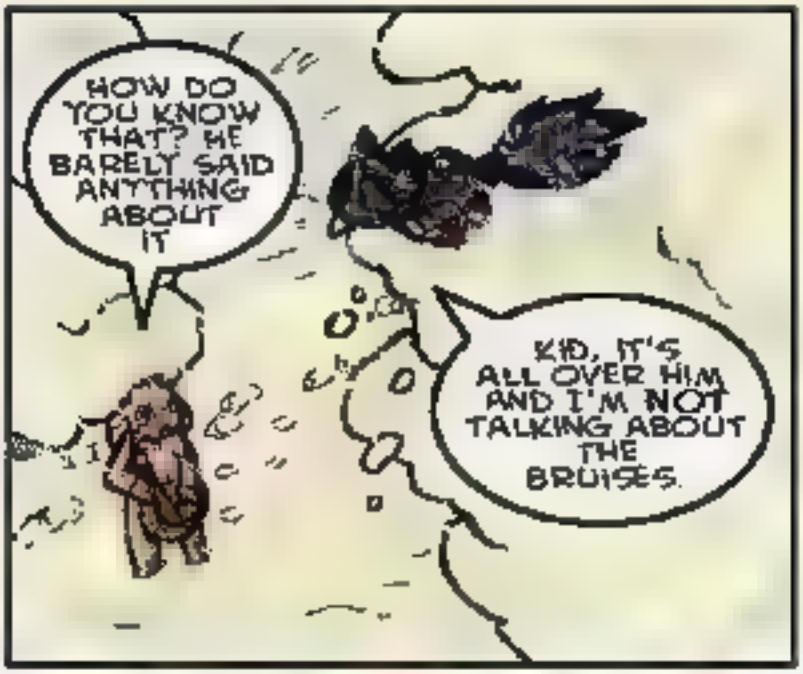
WHAT A MESS I'M MADE OF THINGS
I CAN JUST DEFROST A LITTLE, I'LL GO ON AFTER THEM
MAYBE I CAN STILL CATCH UP

THAT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE


DO YOU THINK I'M INCAPABLE OF FIGHTING A WEAVILE?
I THINK THAT YOU ARE VISIBLY EXHAUSTED
YOU NEED REST WAIT FOR THE RESCUE TEAM


HERE THEY ARE -- JUST WHERE NINETALES SAID THEY'D BE


MEWTWO WAS ACTING KINDA WEIRD.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S EVER LOST A FIGHT
THAT'S WHY


HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? HE BARELY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT
KID, IT'S ALL OVER HIM AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BRUISES.

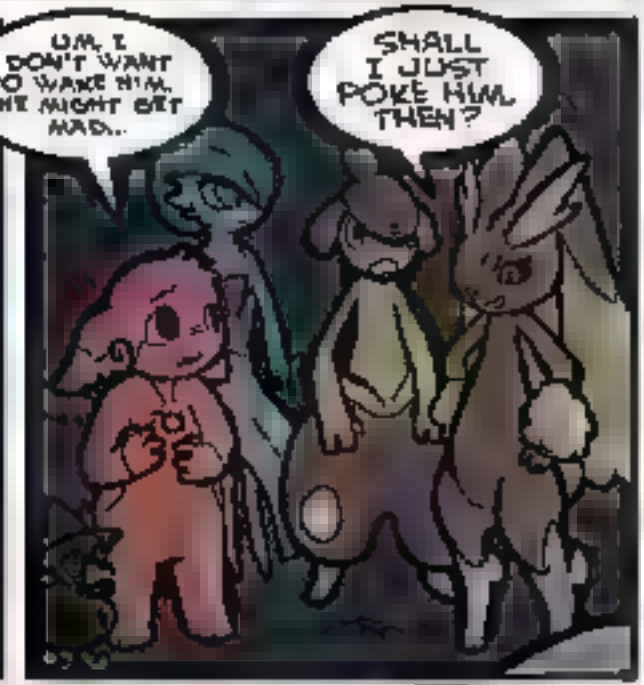
I GUESS THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY
I'M NOT ALL THAT HUNGRY ANYWAY

BRR-H-H

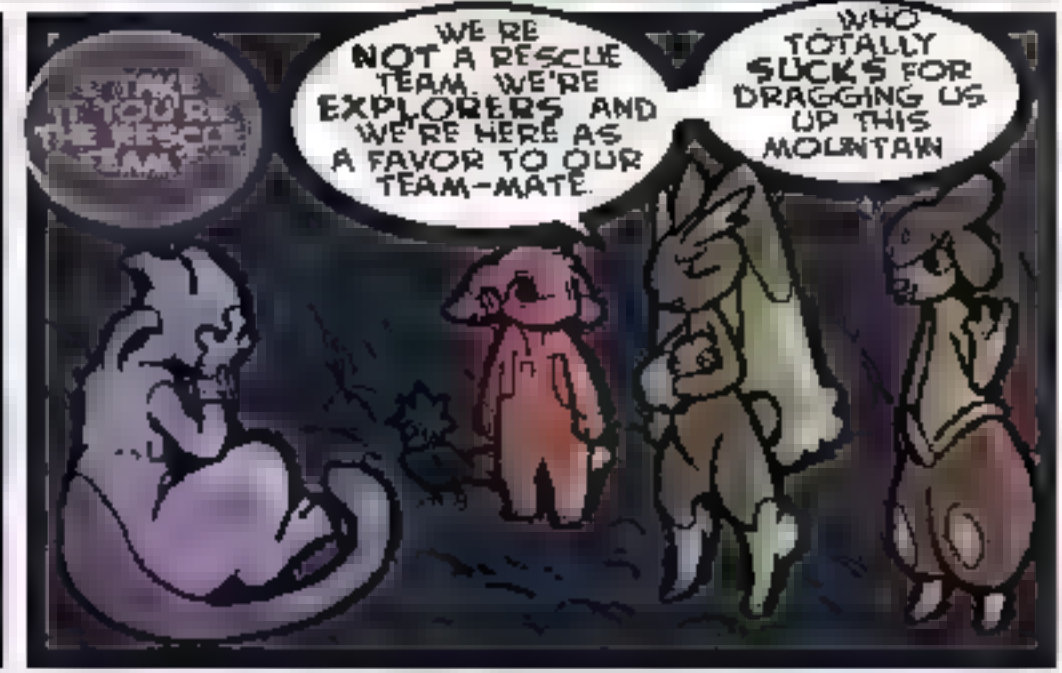
--HEY!

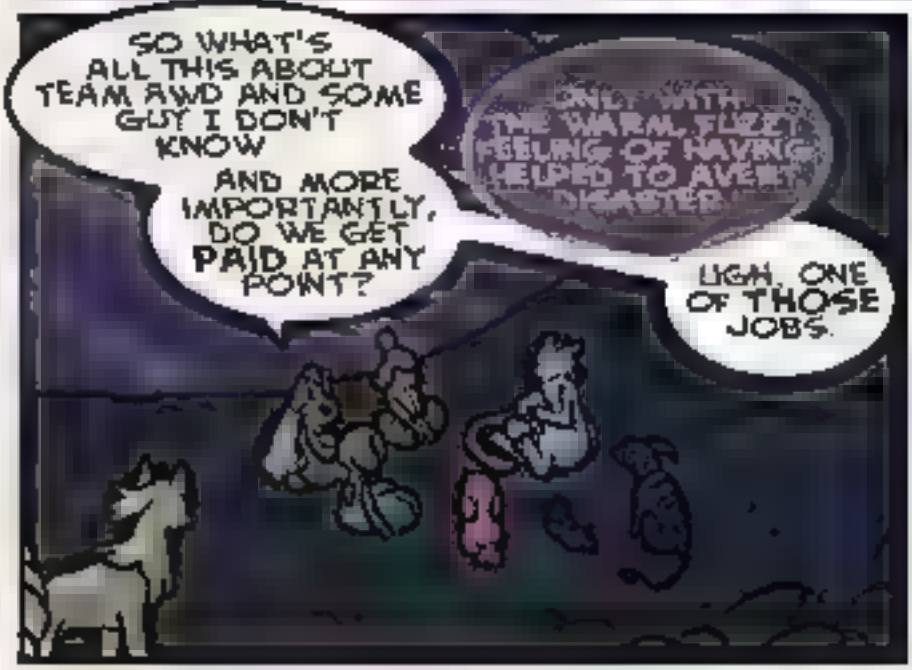
IS THAT THEM?

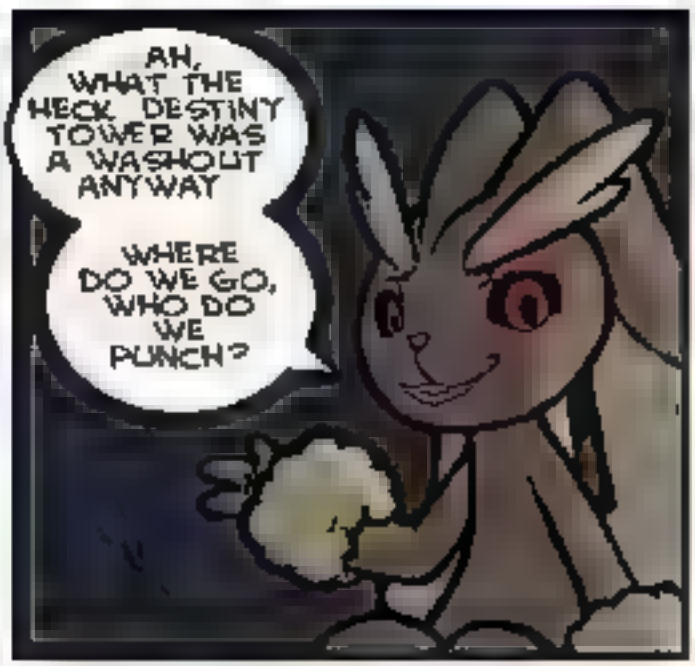
LOOKS QUITE SWEET LIKE THAT, DOESN'T HE?
ALMOST HARMLESS

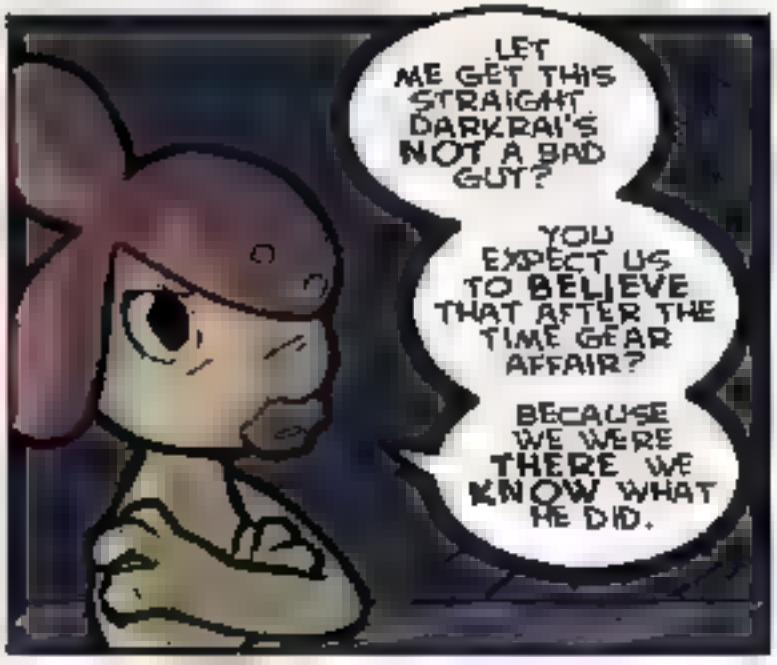

UM, I DON'T WANT TO WAKE HIM. HE MIGHT GET MAD..
SHALL I JUST POKE HIM THEN?

WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT.

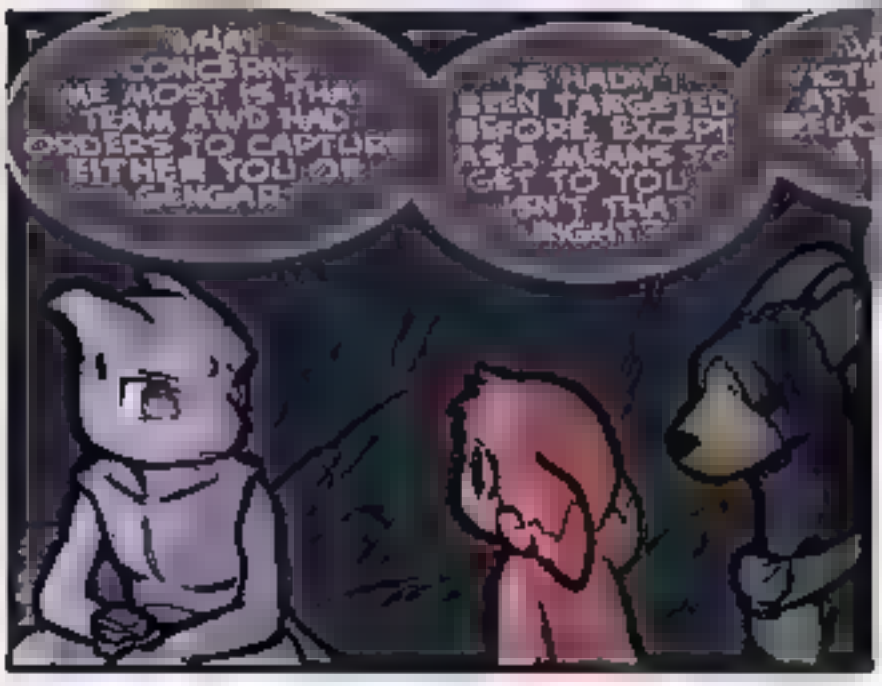

TAKE IT YOU'RE THE RESCUE TEAM.
WE'RE NOT A RESCUE TEAM. WE'RE EXPLORERS AND WE'RE HERE AS A FAVOR TO OUR TEAM-MATE.
WHO TOTALLY SUCKS FOR DRAGGING US UP THIS MOUNTAIN


SO WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT TEAM AWD AND SOME GUY I DON'T KNOW
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, DO WE GET PAID AT ANY POINT?
ONLY WITH THE WARM, FUZZY FEELING OF HAVING HELPED TO AVERT DISASTER.
UGH, ONE OF THOSE JOBS.

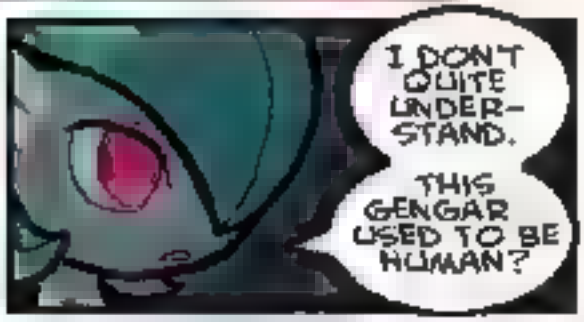

AH, WHAT THE HECK. DESTINY TOWER WAS A WASHOUT ANYWAY
WHERE DO WE GO, WHO DO WE PUNCH?


LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. DARKRAI'S NOT A BAD GUY?
YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE TIME GEAR AFFAIR?
BECAUSE WE WERE THERE. WE KNOW WHAT HE DID.

IN THIS CASE, HE IS NOT AT FAULT.
THE REAL PERPETRATOR HAS KEPT HER IDENTITY HIDDEN AND USED HIM AS A SHIELD.
WHATEVER HIS PAST CRIMES, I FEEL THAT IS UNFAIR TO YOU.

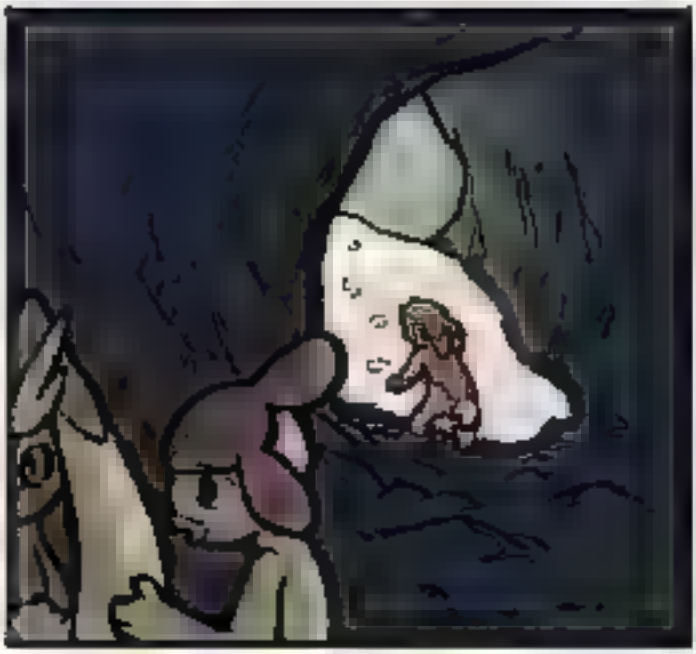

WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS THAT TEAM AWD HAD ORDERS TO CAPTURE EITHER YOU OR GENGAR.
HE HADN'T BE[illegible] TARGETED BEFORE, EXCEPT AS A MEANS TO GET TO YOU. ISN'T THAT INSIGHTFUL?

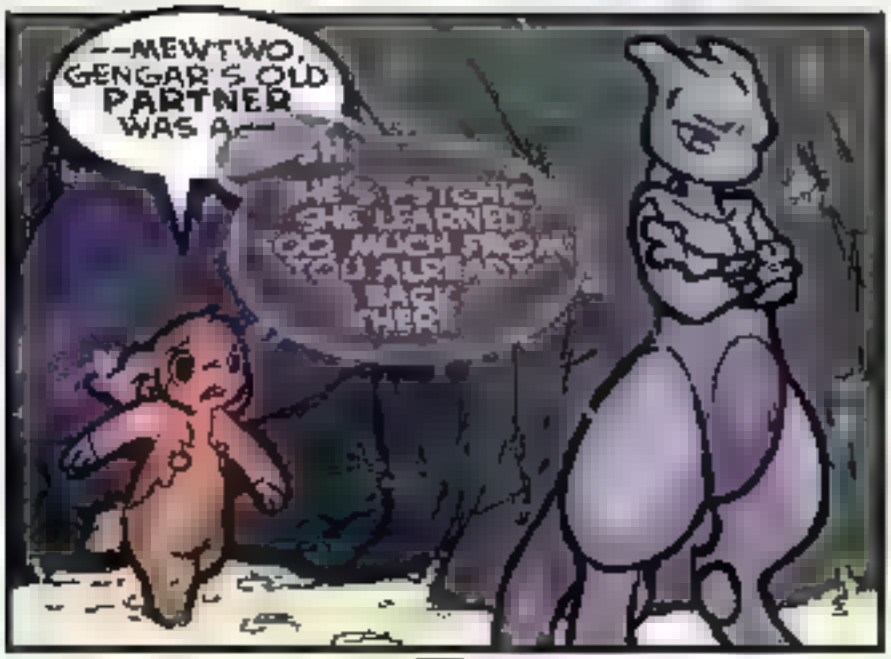
SO WHATEVER VICTINI IS DOING AT THE BURIED RELIC, SHE NEEDS A HUMAN.
AND SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM.

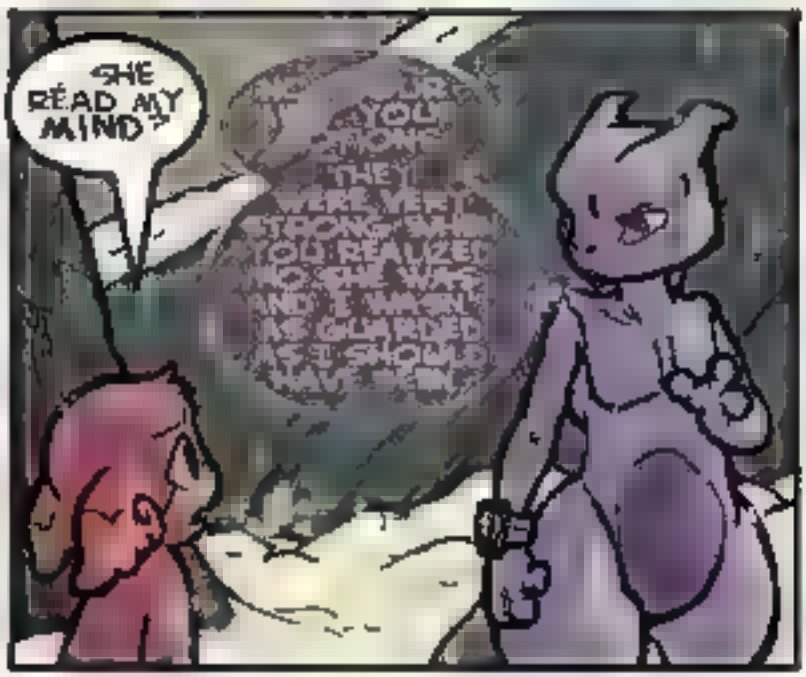

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.
THIS GENGAR USED TO BE HUMAN?

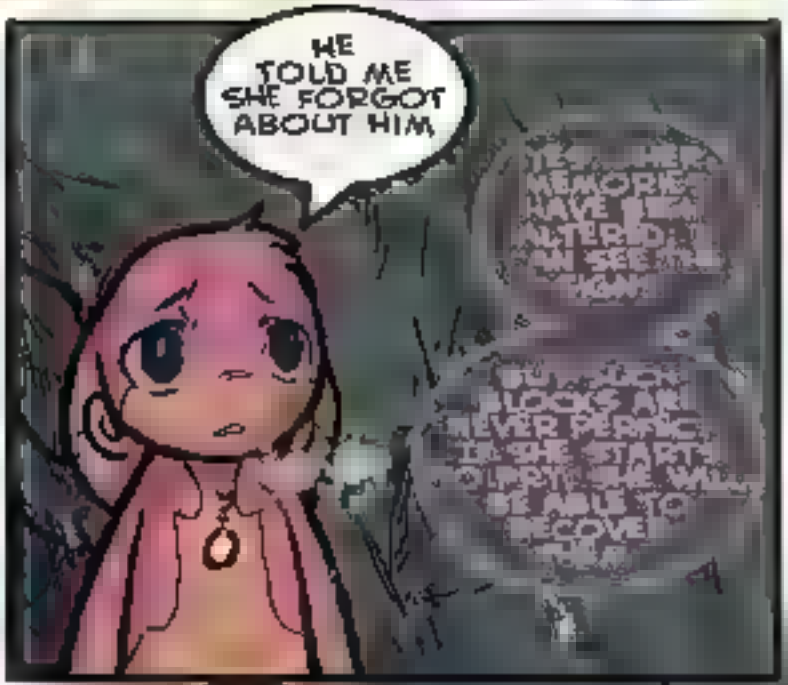
MMUH-- MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT THAT JUST YET--
OK.

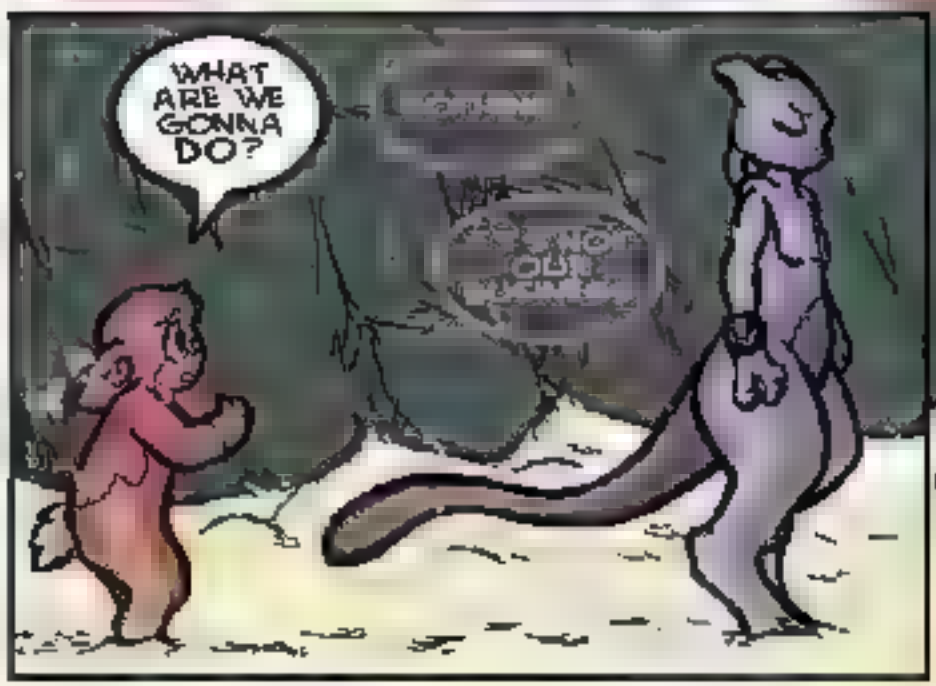
SHE'S RIGHT.
THAT MATTER HAS NO BEARING ON THE SITUATION SAVE TO EXPLAIN VICTINI'S INTEREST IN OUR FRIEND.
ANYWAY, THIS IS A RESCUE MISSION. I MEAN TO LEAVE FOR THE BURIED RELIC AT DAWN. IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO HELP.




--MEWTWO, GENGAR'S OLD PARTNER WAS A--
SHE LEARNED TOO MUCH FROM YOU ALREADY BACK THERE!


SHE READ MY MIND?

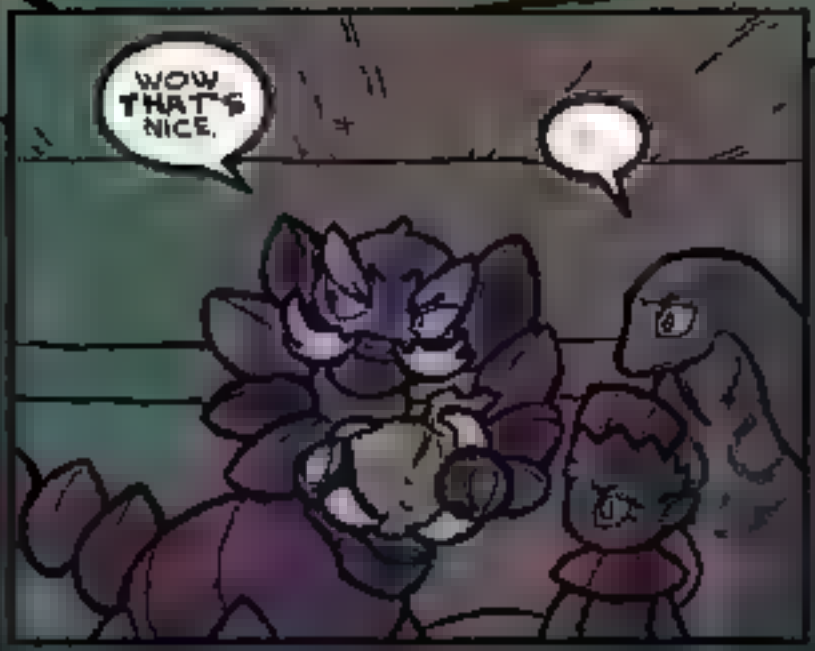

HE TOLD ME SHE FORGOT ABOUT HIM

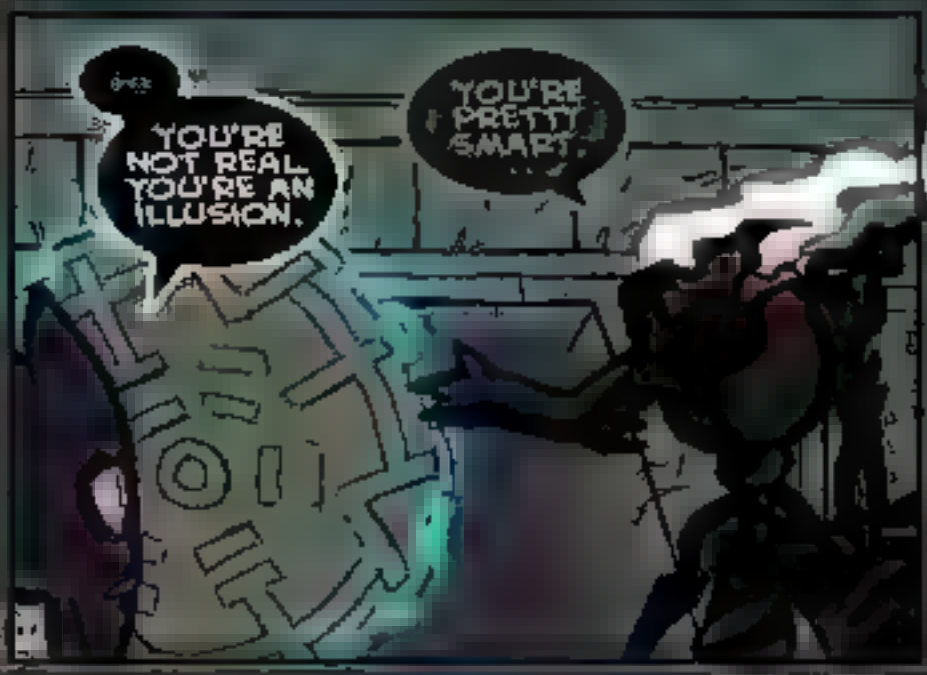

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

BUT WHEN SHE--

AH... THE GENGAR... NOW... BEEN A THORN IN MY...

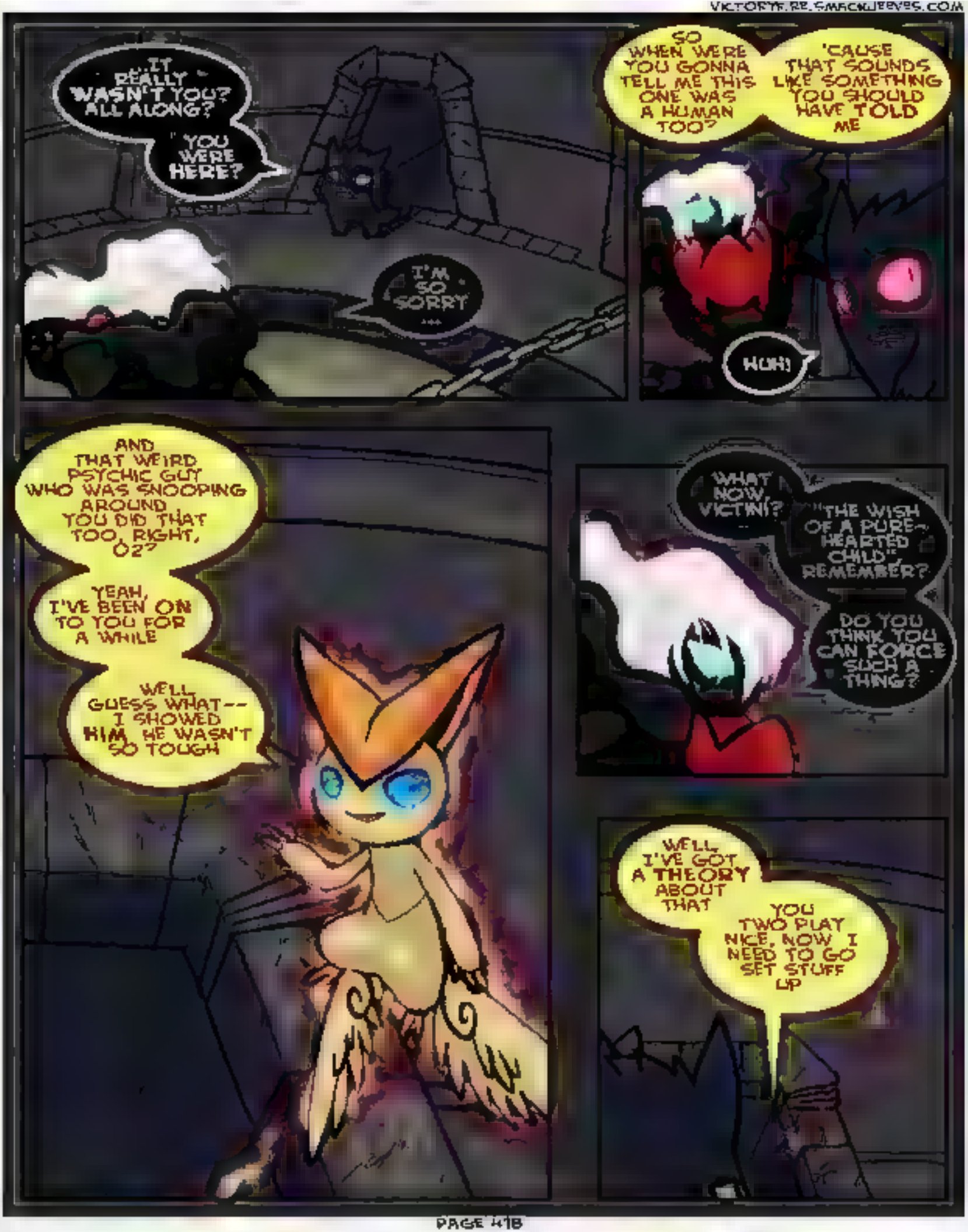
UH, HEY, BOSS--WE COULDN'T GET THE OTHER ONE, BUT SHE'LL...
DON'T CARE. TAKE YOUR MONEY AND GET OUT.


WOW THAT'S NICE.

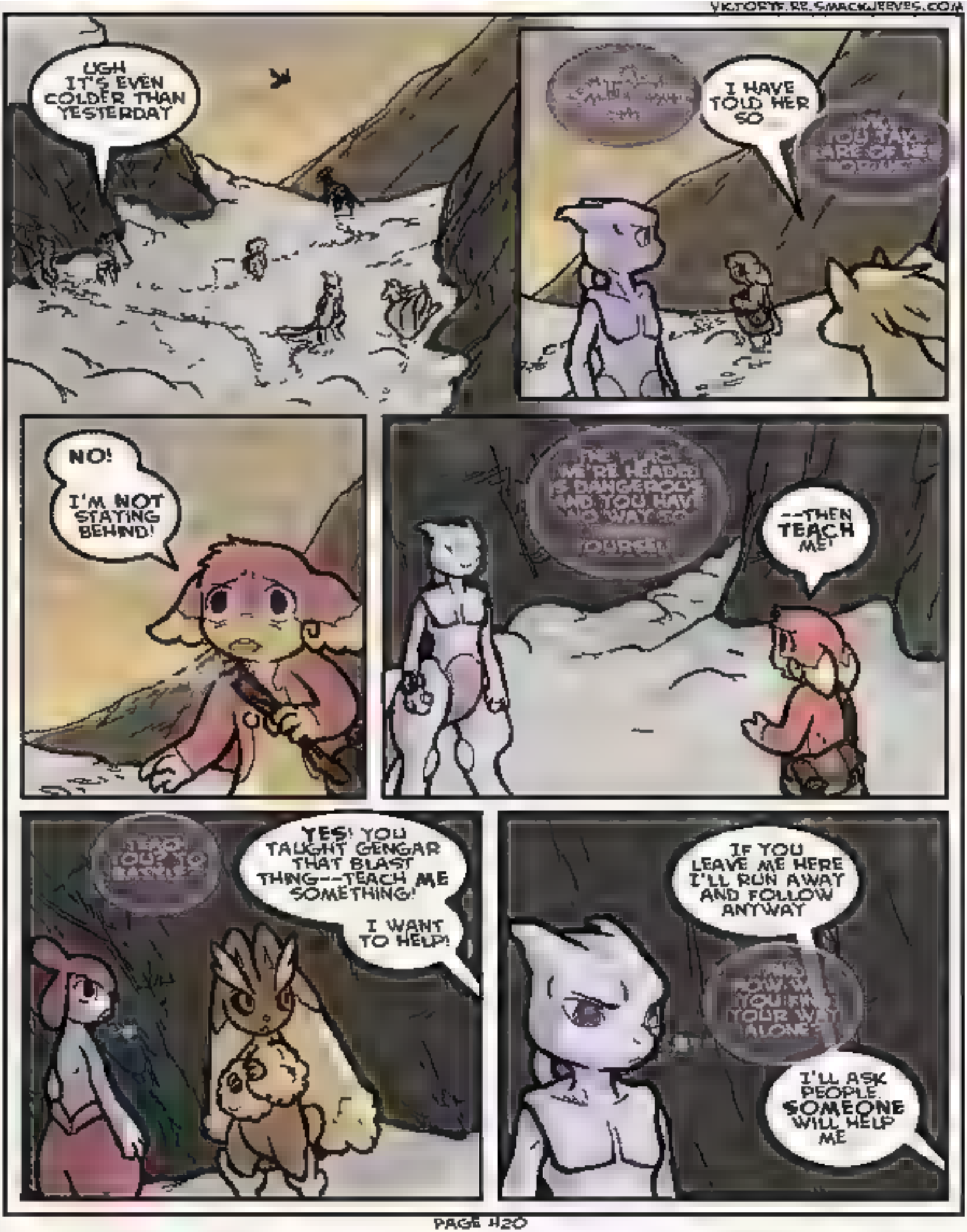

YOU'RE NOT REAL. YOU'RE AN ILLUSION.
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART...

SO WHAT'S TO STOP ME JUST MAKING A BREAK FOR IT?
OH, PLEASE, TRY.
I'D LOVE THAT.

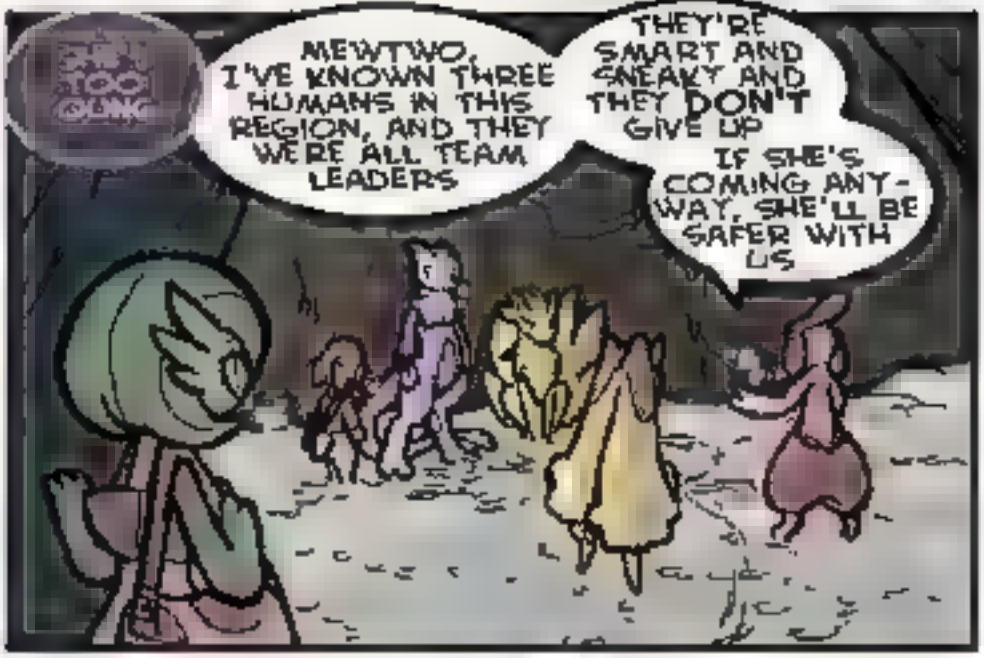
MOVE.
I'M NOT WALKING THIS THING ALL THE WAY DOWN
HET-
OW...
I DON'T GET IT. IT'S JUST PAPER... BUT IT'S STUCK LIKE STEEL...
DOWN THERE, I GUESS?


IT REALLY WASN'T YOU? ALL ALONG?
YOU WERE HERE?
I'M SO SORRY
SO WHEN WERE YOU GONNA TELL ME THIS ONE WAS A HUMAN TOO?
'CAUSE THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
HUH!
AND THAT WEIRD PSYCHIC GUY WHO WAS SNOOPING AROUND YOU DID THAT TOO, RIGHT, O2?
YEAH, I'VE BEEN ON TO YOU FOR A WHILE
WELL, GUESS WHAT-- I SHOWED HIM. HE WASN'T SO TOUGH
WHAT NOW, VICTIN?
"THE WISH OF A PURE-HEARTED CHILD" REMEMBER?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FORCE SUCH A THING?
WELL, I'VE GOT A THEORY ABOUT THAT
YOU TWO PLAY NICE. NOW I NEED TO GO SET STUFF UP

THAT GLOW-- AURA-- IT WAS SICK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
IT--
IT WAS ON YOU, TOO...
...AW, NO...
PLEASE
DON'T DO THAT...
...DARKRAI. LISTEN TO ME.
SHE WON'T HAVE IT ALL HER OWN WAY FOR MUCH LONGER.
THE TRUTH IS GETTING OUT, OKAY?
MY FRIENDS KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE, AND THEY'LL COME.
THEY'LL HELP US.
THERE'S NO HOPE...
THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE.

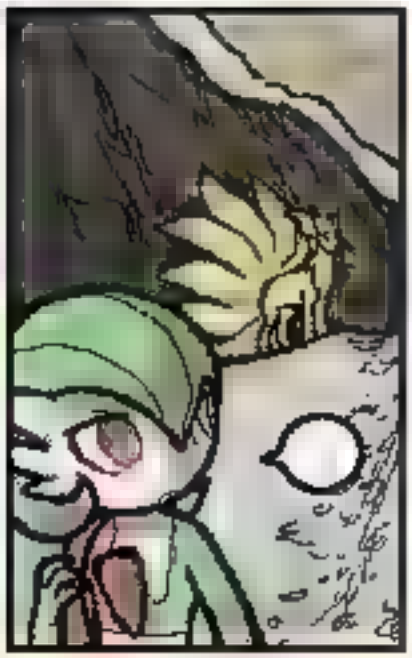

UGH IT'S EVEN COLDER THAN YESTERDAY
I HAVE TOLD HER SO
NO!
I'M NOT STAYING BEHIND!
--THEN TEACH ME!
YES! YOU TAUGHT GENGAR THAT BLAST THING--TEACH ME SOMETHING!
I WANT TO HELP!
IF YOU LEAVE ME HERE I'LL RUN AWAY AND FOLLOW ANYWAY
I'LL ASK PEOPLE. SOMEONE WILL HELP ME

AW, WHY NOT? BRING HER ALONG.


BUT TOO DANG
MEWTWO, I'VE KNOWN THREE HUMANS IN THIS REGION, AND THEY WERE ALL TEAM LEADERS
THEY'RE SMART AND SNEAKY AND THEY DON'T GIVE UP
IF SHE'S COMING ANY-WAY, SHE'LL BE SAFER WITH US

DON'T LIKE
hmmh ...

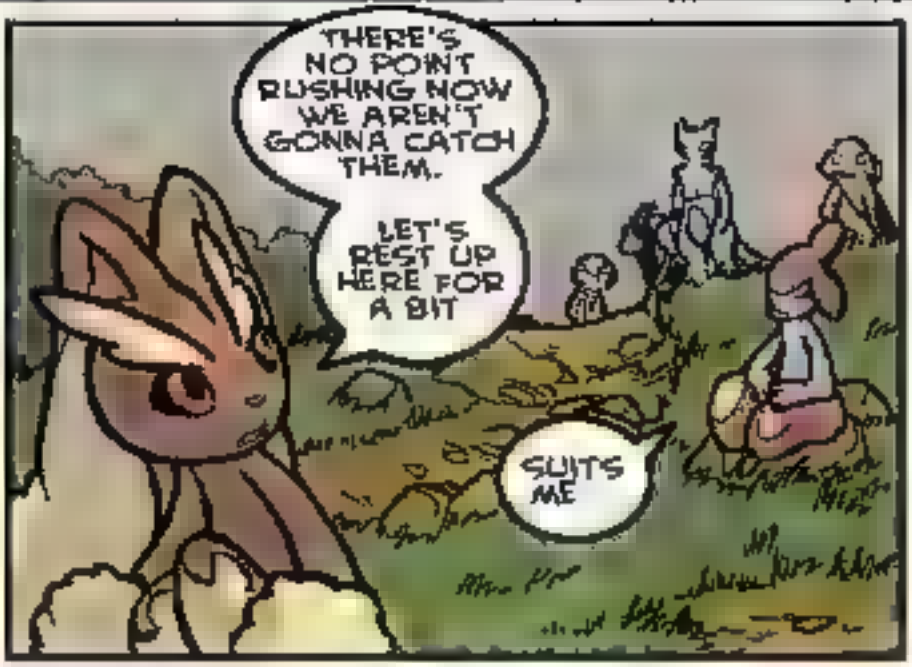
EVERYONE READY?
COME ON THEN AND IF YOU'RE DETERMINED TO COME



HRMM... "MEW-TWO"
ARE YOU OF THE FAMILY OR NOT? YOU HAVE THE LOOK... AND THE POWER, OHH THERE'S POWER.
BUT YOUR AURA SAYS YOU'RE MORTAL.
HOOPA FEELS IT.

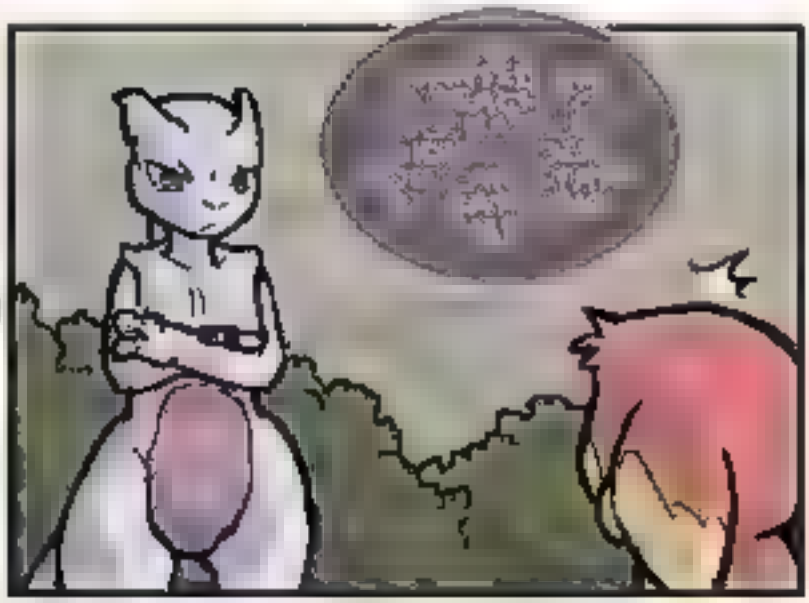
SO WHAT ARE YOU?
MAYBE
THERE IS A CHANCE
MAYBE YOU HAVE WHAT HOOPA HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR...

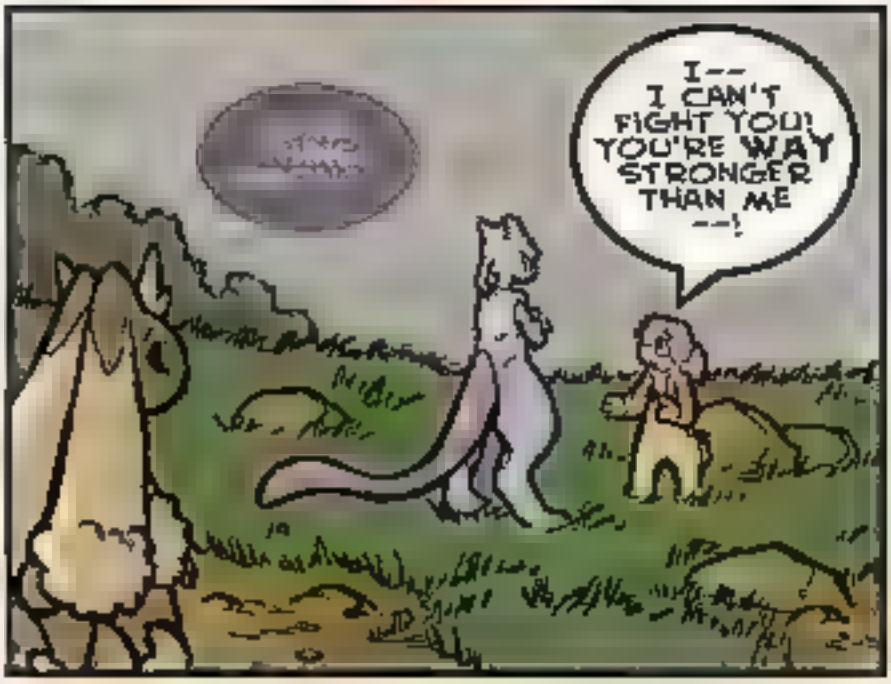
YEP. TEAM AWD MAYBE A DAY AGO.
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD NOSE, HOUNDOOM.

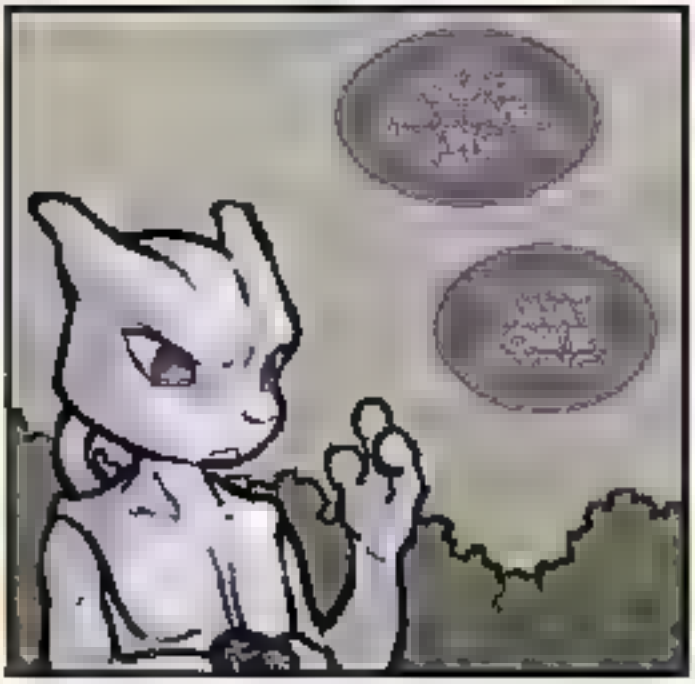

THERE'S NO POINT RUSHING NOW WE AREN'T GONNA CATCH THEM.
LET'S REST UP HERE FOR A BIT
SUITS ME

I'M OKAY

HUH?




I-- I CAN'T FIGHT YOU! YOU'RE WAY STRONGER THAN ME --!



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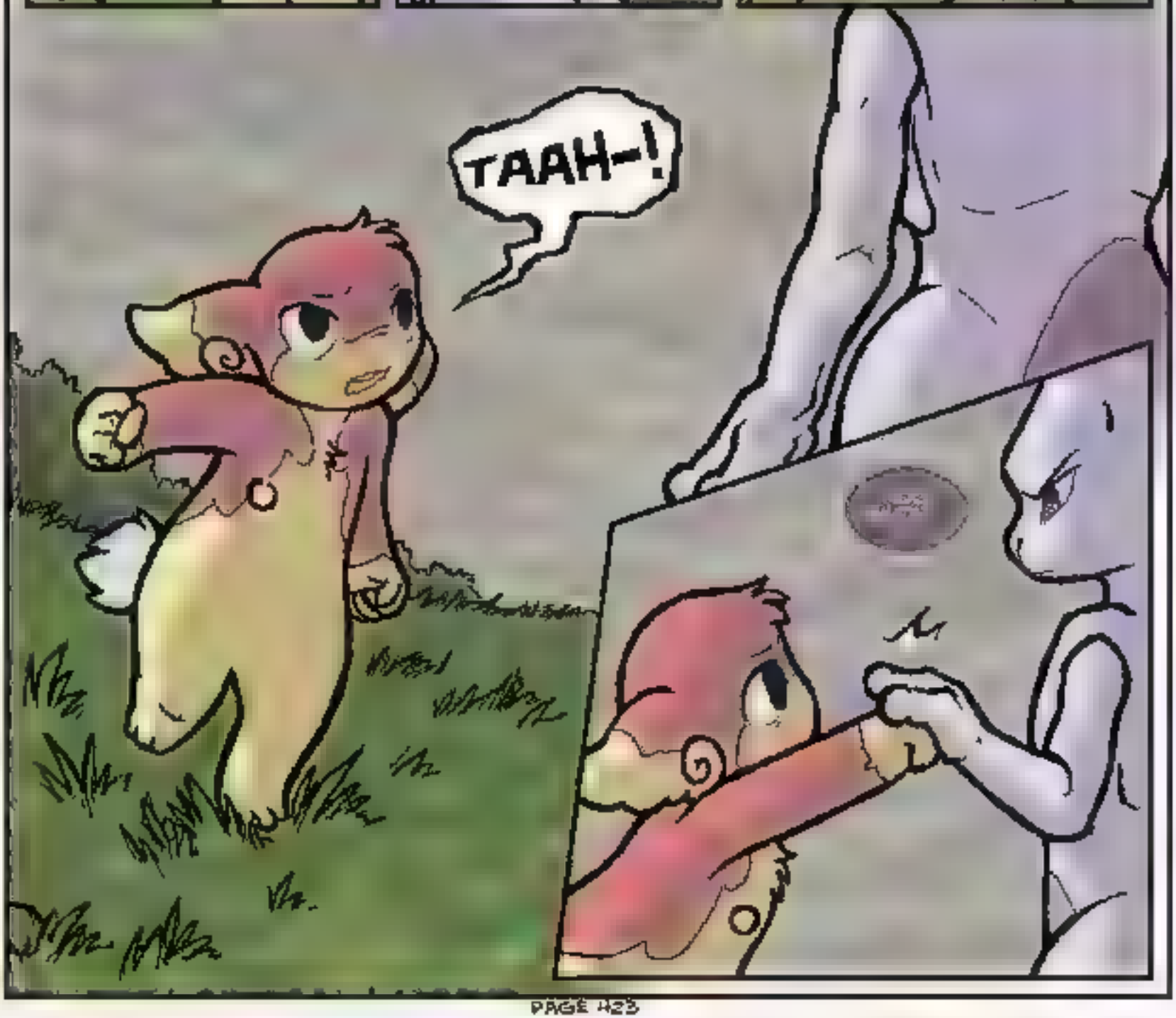
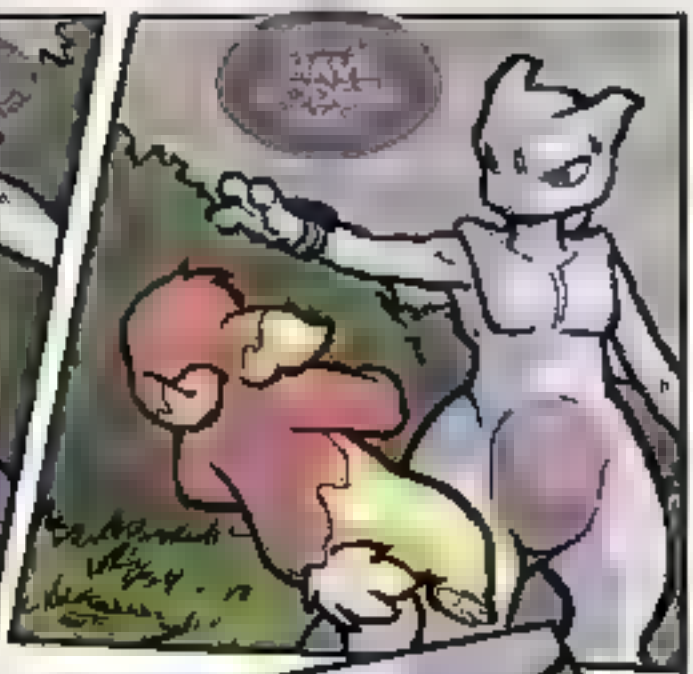
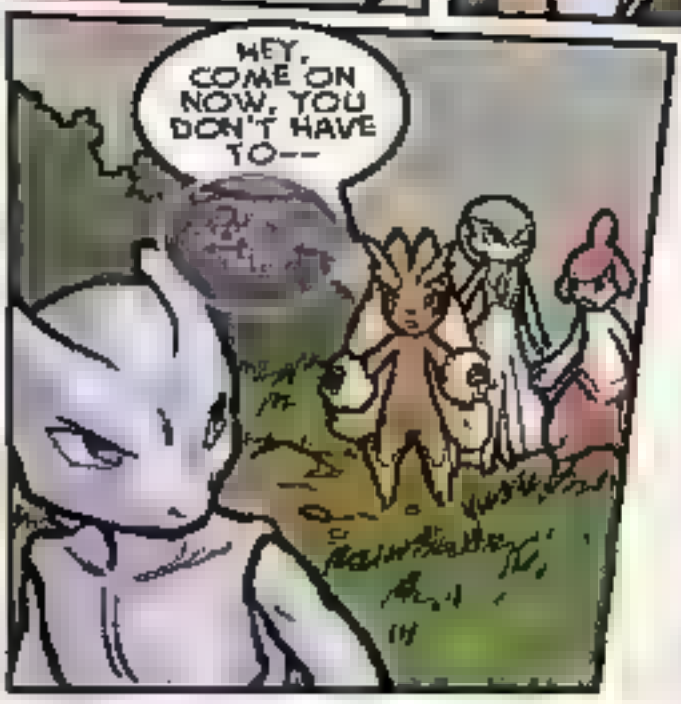
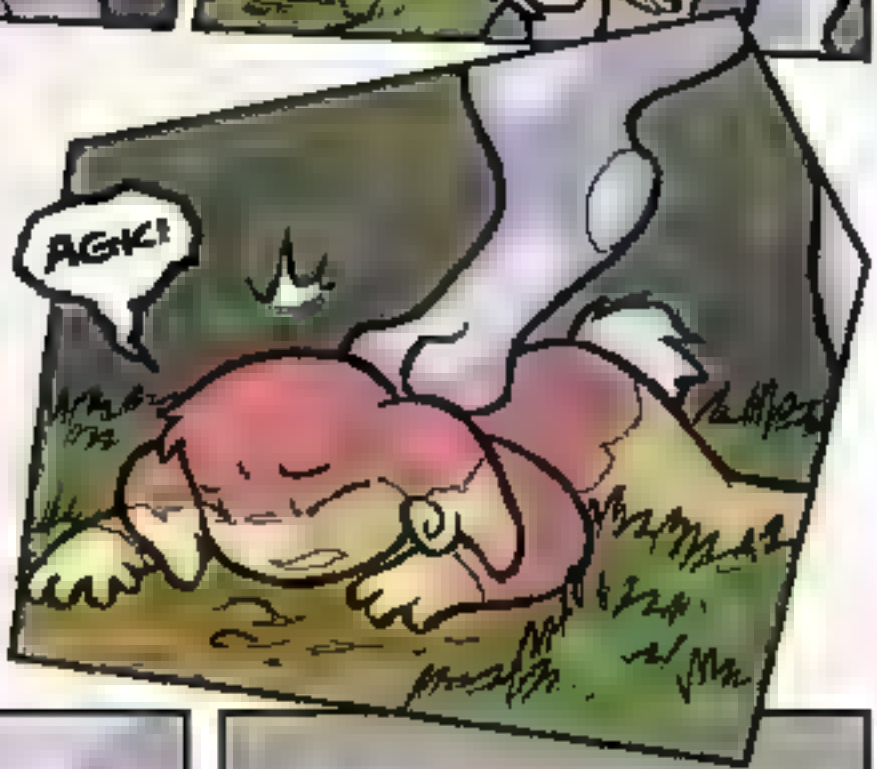

TAAH-!




HEY, COME ON NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO--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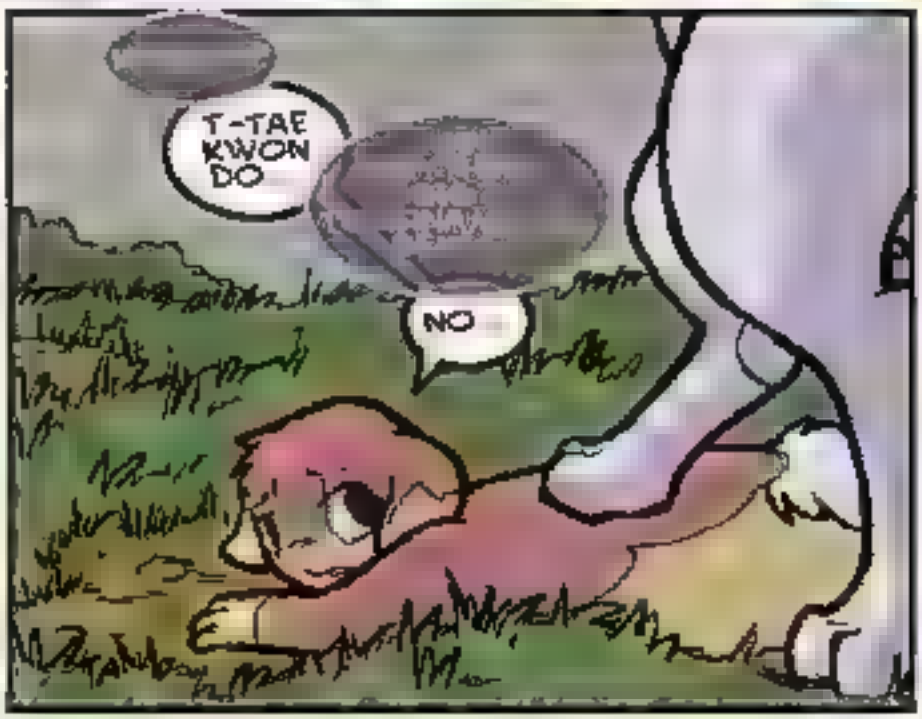
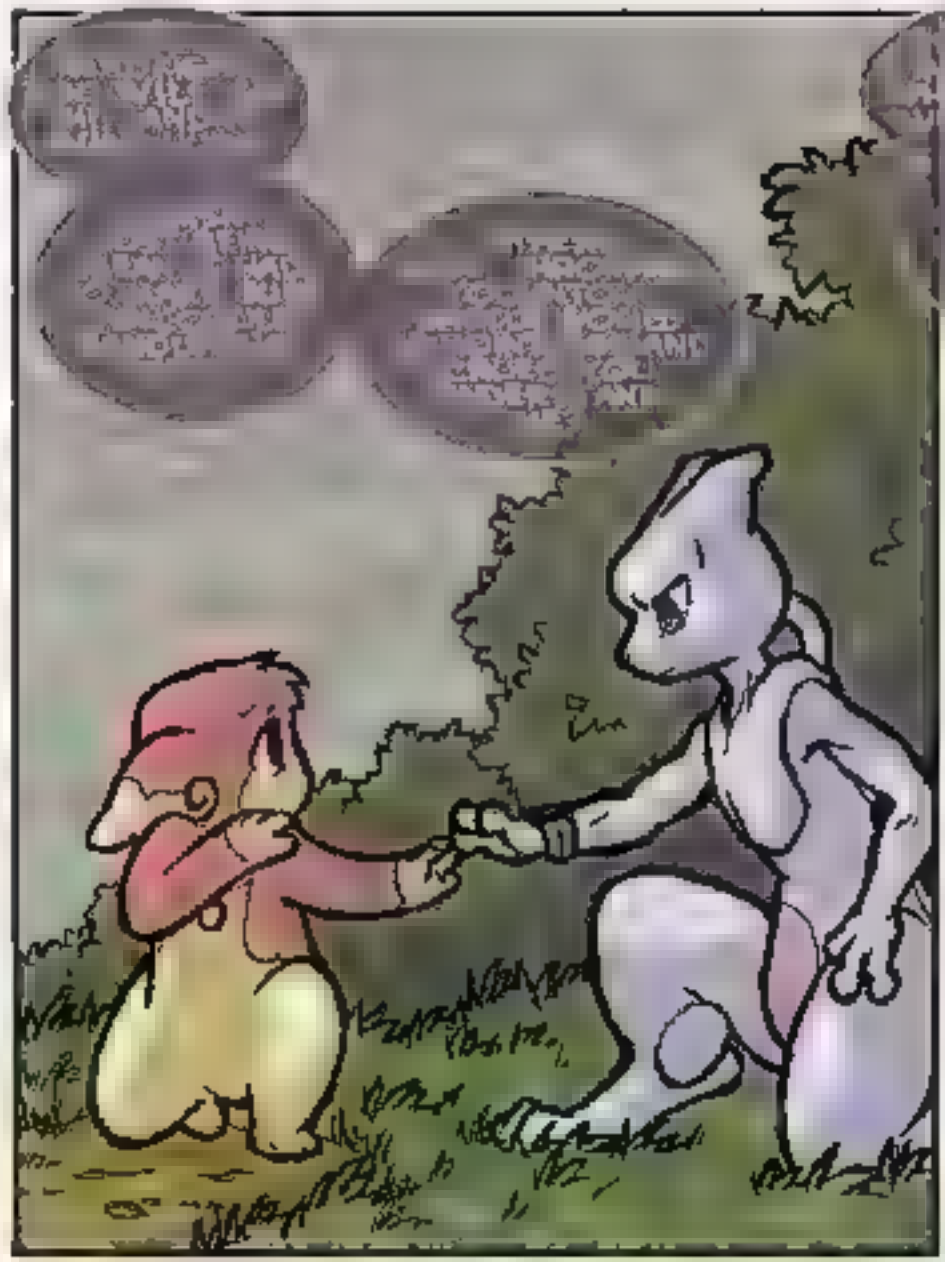
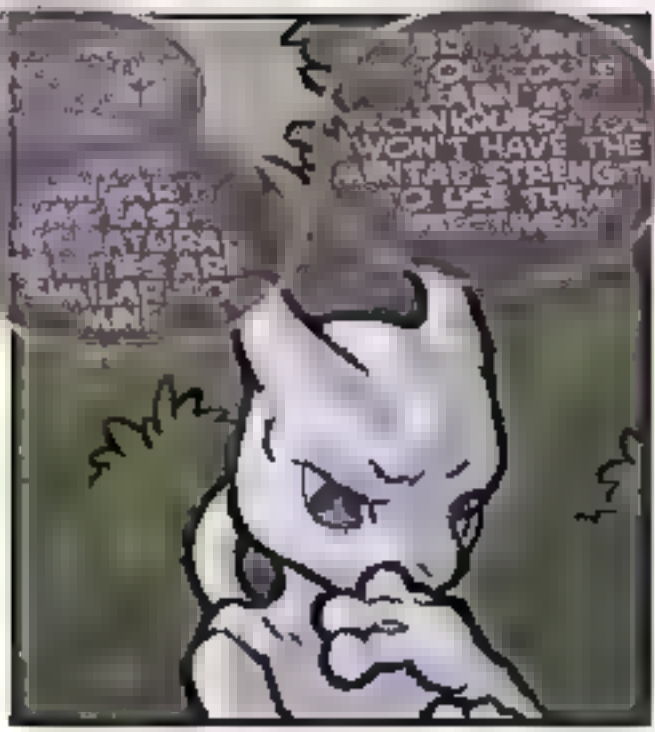

T-TAE KWON DO
NO

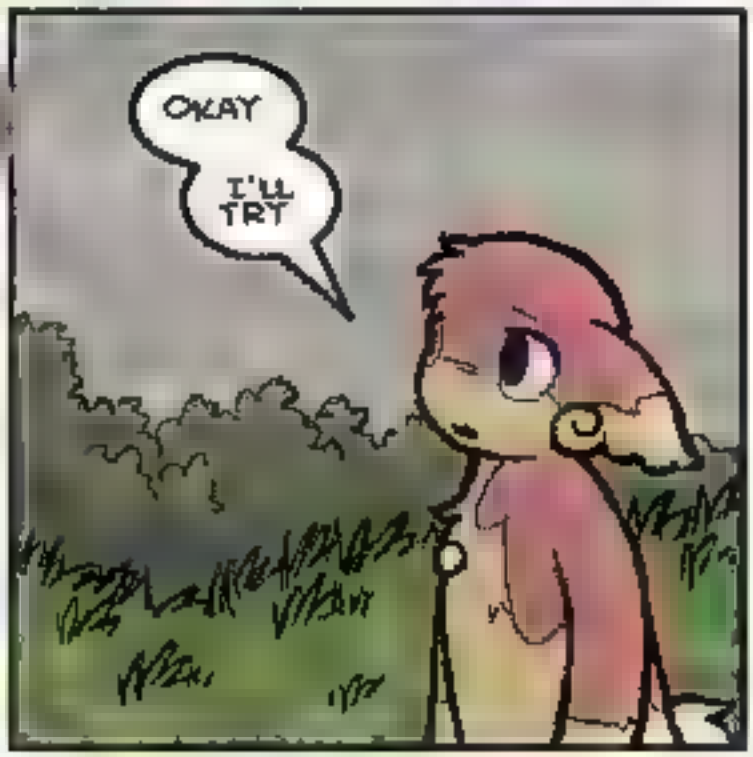
hmh.



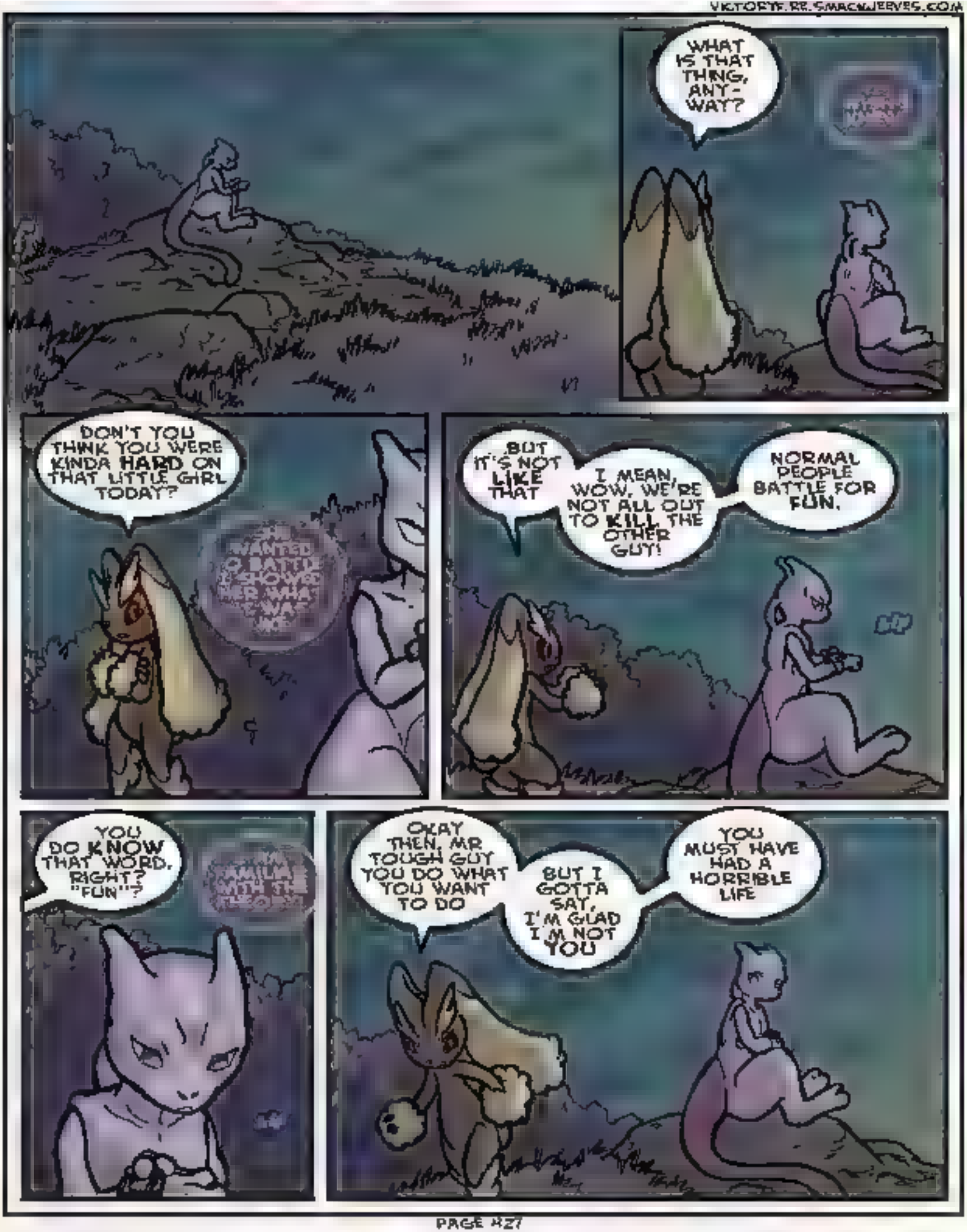

WON'T HAVE THE

EXCUSE ME.
I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP

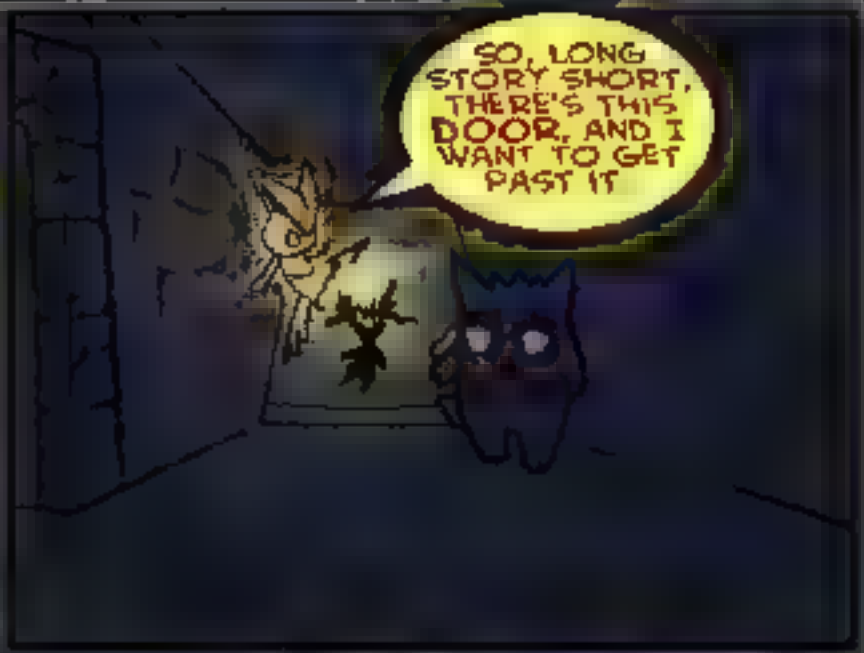
HER KIND AND MINE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON I KNOW SOME SKILLS THAT MIGHT WORK FOR HER
SHOULD I ?

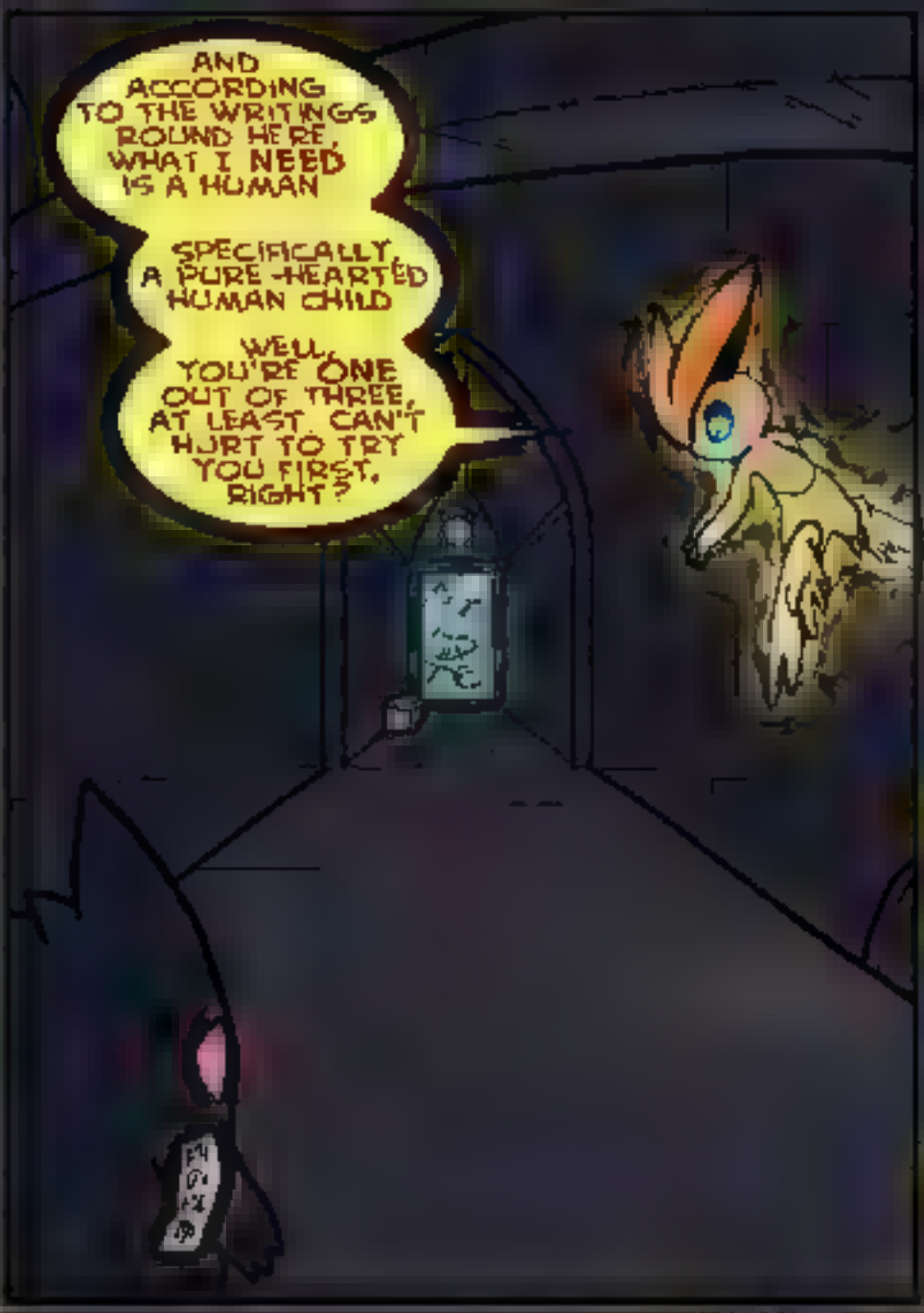

OKAY
I'LL TRY

MY THROAT'S GETTING SORE.
JUST ONE MORE TIME, TO MAKE SURE IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
OKAY
OK
YAH!
WE NOTICED.

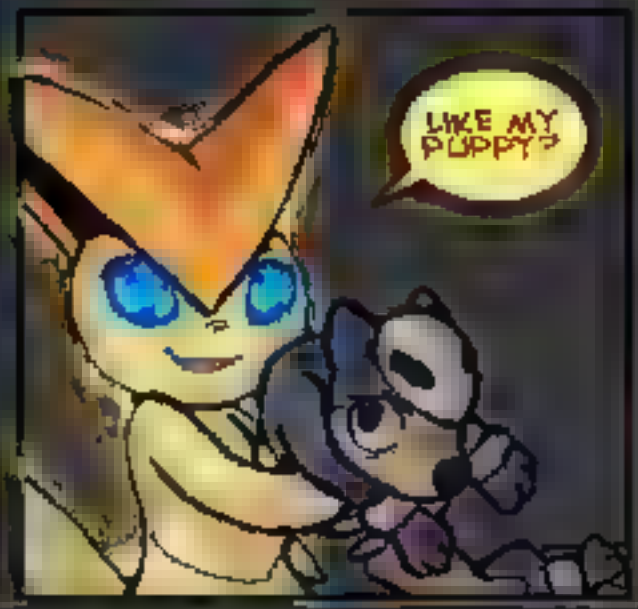

WHAT IS THAT THING, ANY-WAY?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU WERE KINDA HARD ON THAT LITTLE GIRL TODAY?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
I MEAN, WOW, WE'RE NOT ALL OUT TO KILL THE OTHER GUY!
NORMAL PEOPLE BATTLE FOR FUN.
YOU DO KNOW THAT WORD, RIGHT? "FUN"?
OKAY THEN, MR TOUGH GUY YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
BUT I GOTTA SAY, I'M GLAD I'M NOT YOU
YOU MUST HAVE HAD A HORRIBLE LIFE

OKAY, ALL SET MOVE YOUR BUTT


SO, LONG STORY SHORT, THERE'S THIS DOOR, AND I WANT TO GET PAST IT


AND ACCORDING TO THE WRITINGS ROUND HERE, WHAT I NEED IS A HUMAN
SPECIFICALLY, A PURE-HEARTED HUMAN CHILD
WELL, YOU'RE ONE OUT OF THREE, AT LEAST. CAN'T HURT TO TRY YOU FIRST, RIGHT?

WHAT'S BEHIND IT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT JUST YET I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING COOL.


LIKE MY PUPPY?

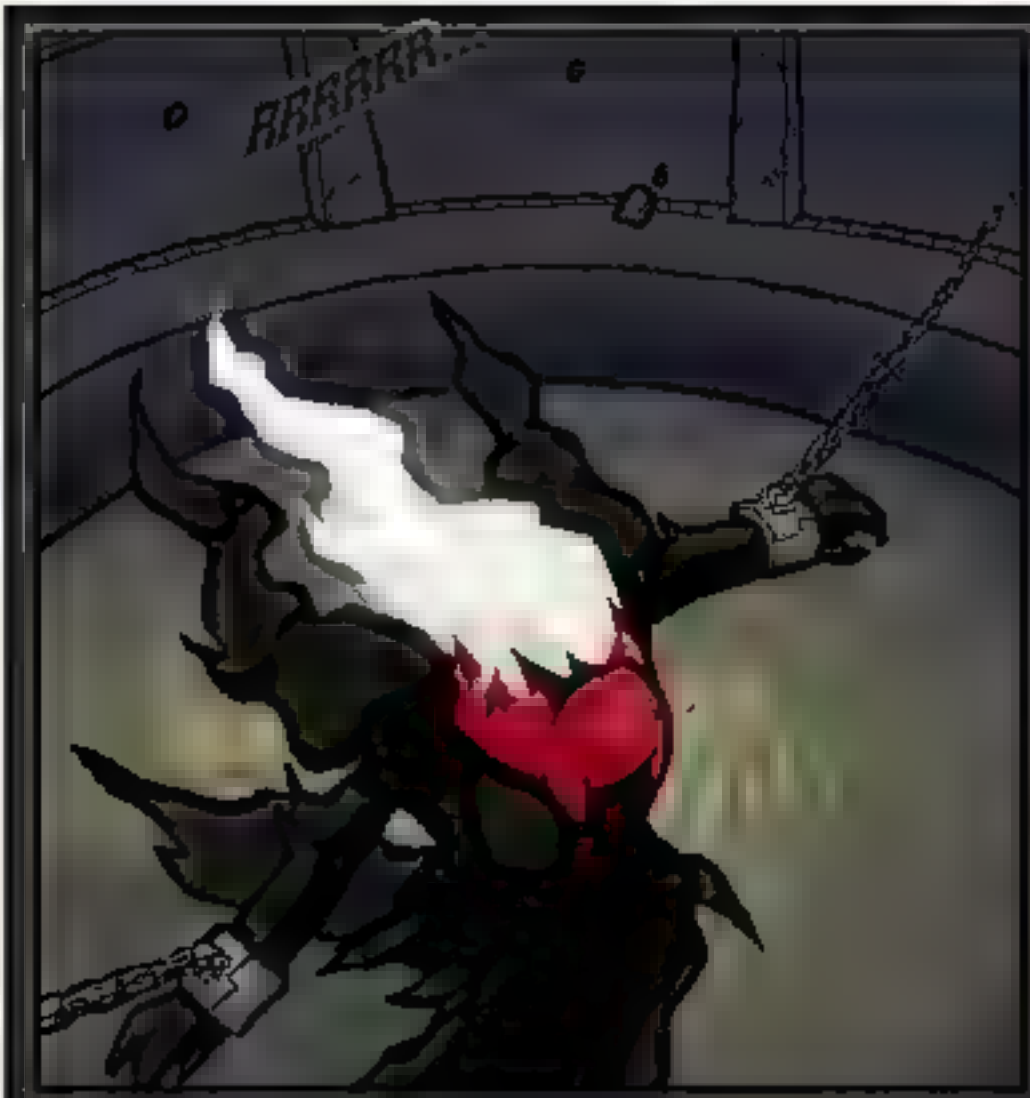
UH... YEAH, NICE
IT WORKS ON XDOO2 WONDER IF IT'LL WORK ON YOU?
HUH?
OPEN THE DOOR
BUT... THERE'S NO HANDLE, OR LATCH OR ANYTHING
I DON'T KNOW HOW...
Y! Y! Y!!-!
WHAT THE HECK? STOP, STOP!
OPEN THE DOOR.

Y Y11-
STOP IT!
I'LL TRY, JUST STOP HURTING HER!
I CAN'T THINK
THESE THINGS--? NO, THEY DON'T MOVE
SOME-THING ELSE HAS TO HAPPEN FIRST
THOSE SYMBOLS... THAT'S... HO-OH? AND LUGIA?
AND RAYQUAZA... SO IS IT A COMBINATION LOCK? DO I PRESS THEM?
BUT ONE'S BROKEN
I... I DON'T KNOW
PLEASE
I JUST DON'T KNOW

HAHAHA! I WAS RIGHT! I KNEW O2 WAS MESSING WITH ME!
IT'S EASY!
A PURE-HEARTED WISH.
ALL IT MEANS IS YOU REALLY GOTTA WANT IT, BUT NOT FOR YOURSELF
A SELFLESS WISH. THAT'S ALL!
I FIGURED IT OUT, ALL ON MY OWN!

WOW. WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS THING?
THE CREATION ENGINE
NOW WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN

CREATION ENGINE?
OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE
HEH. I GUESS YOU DESERVE A REWARD
CATCH!
Y! Y! Y!!-
OKAY... OKAY, I GOTCHA...
SO... IS THAT IT? I CAN JUST GO..?
HUH?
YEAH, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER I'M DONE WITH YOU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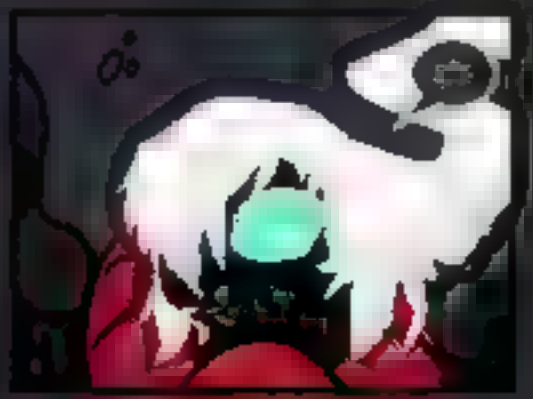
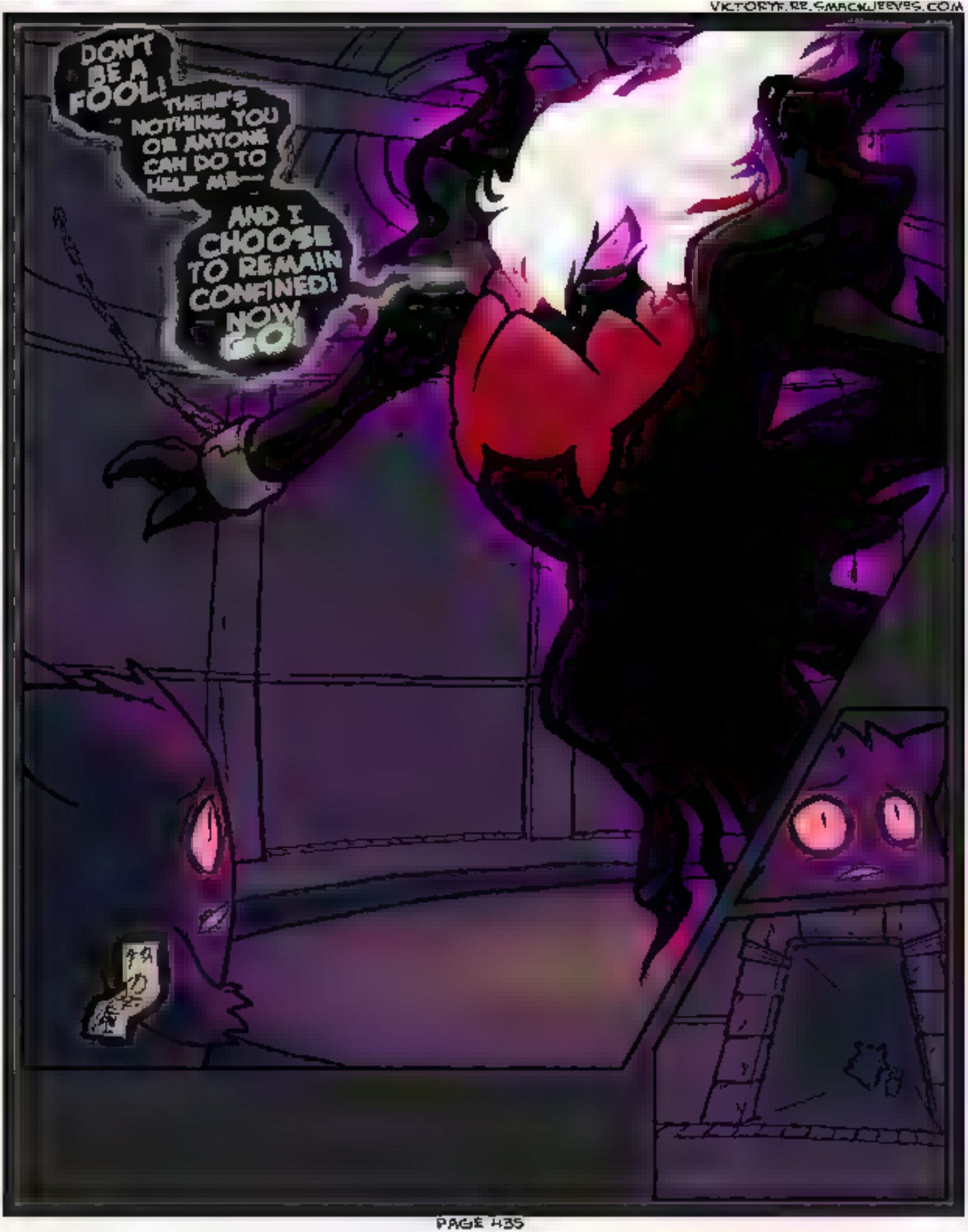


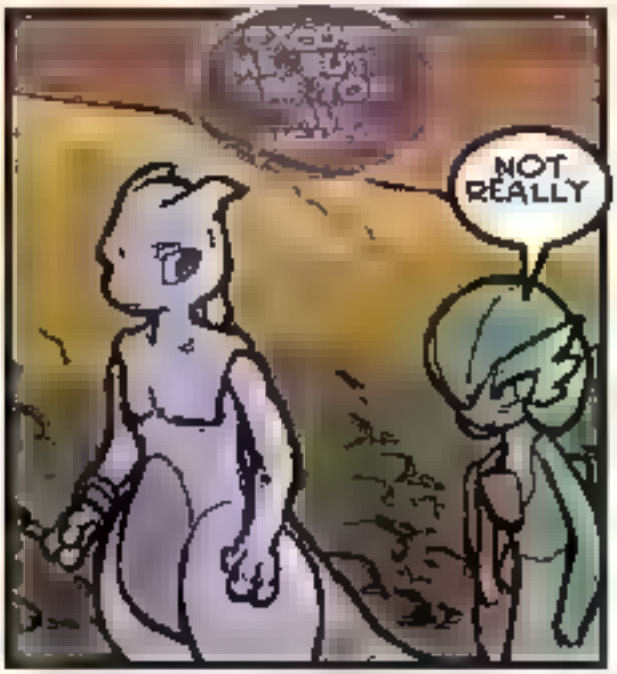
HEY!
WE'RE GETTING OUTTA HERE. HOW DO I GET YOU LOOSE?

WHERE IS SHE? THE DOOR--YOU DIDN'T OPEN THE DOOR? ...
I...
YEAH, IT'S OPEN ...LOOK, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S FOR... AND SHE WAS HURTING THE PUPPY--

...LISTEN TO ME. GET THAT CHILD BACK TO HER FATHER.
AND GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS YOU CAN... NOW!
NOT WITHOUT YOU--


DON'T BE A FOOL! THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR ANYONE CAN DO TO HELP ME—
AND I CHOOSE TO REMAIN CONFINED! NOW GO!

HEY-- EYES OPEN, KIDDO! I KNOW IT'S BEEN AN EARLY START, BUT WE'RE NEARLY THERE!
MNNH, I KNOW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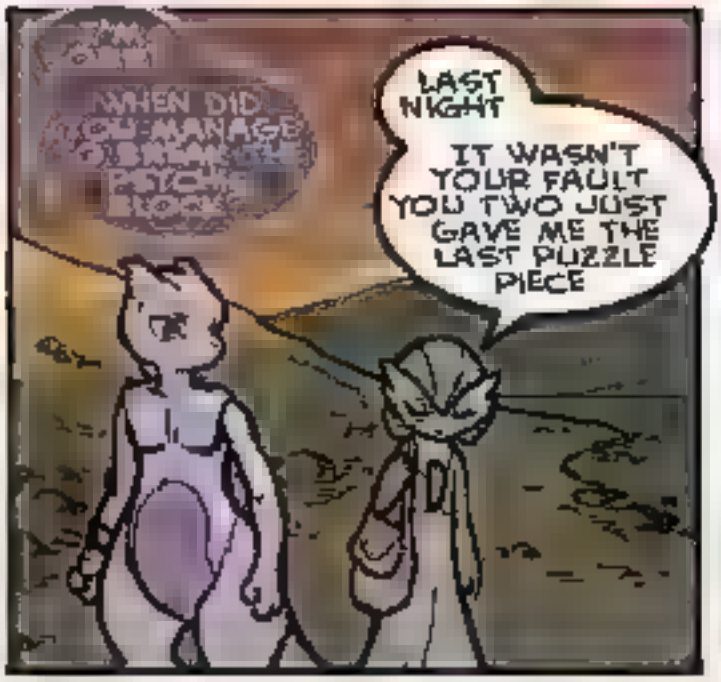
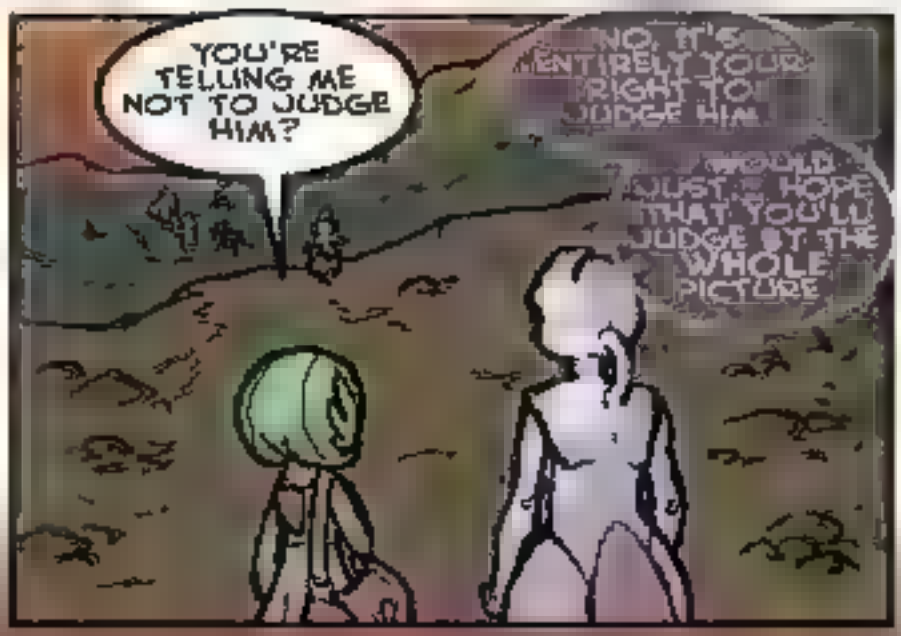

WHEN DID YOU MANAGE TO WRANGLE THE PSYCHIC BOOK?
LAST NIGHT
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT YOU TWO JUST GAVE ME THE LAST PUZZLE PIECE

I JOINED TEAM CHARM BECAUSE I WANTED TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT MY PAST
THE BLANK SPACES IN MY MEMORY...
I ALWAYS KNEW SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT THIS

hbuh


YOU'RE TELLING ME NOT TO JUDGE HIM?
NO, IT'S ENTIRELY YOUR RIGHT TO JUDGE HIM.
I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT YOU'LL JUDGE BY THE WHOLE PICTURE.

UH, GUYS? I DON'T WANNA RUSH YOU, BUT
YOU BETTER COME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS

hmh.
WHAT'S NEW?

"GET OUT", HE SAYS... IT'D HELP IF I HAD ANY IDEA HOW TO GET OUT...

I HATE THESE PLACES.

MISTER? YOU SMELL POISONOUS

I— THANKS!

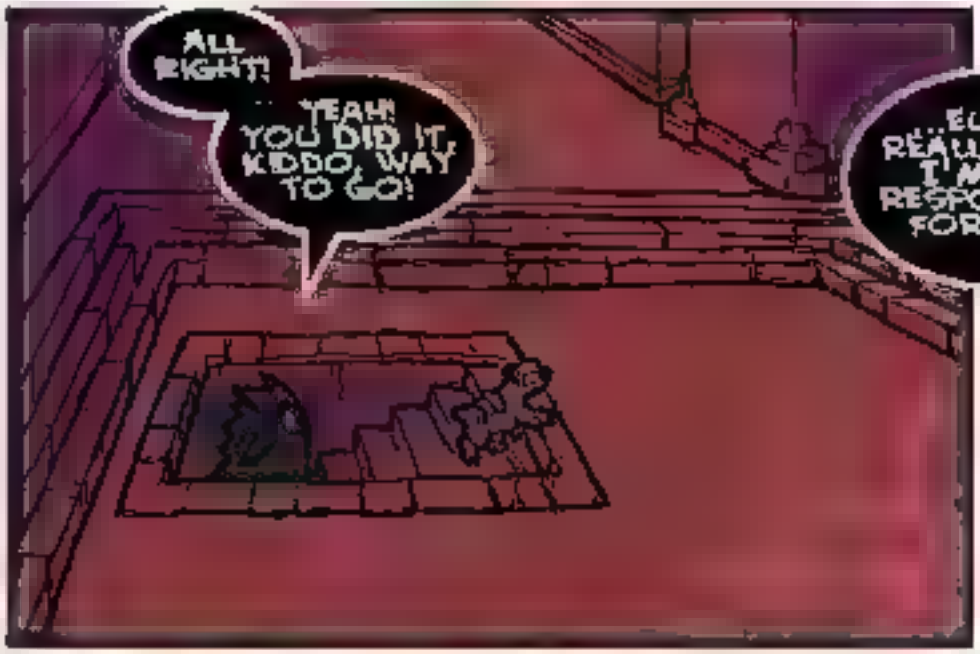
HEY KID, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME OUT HERE, OKAY?

YOU'VE GOT A GOOD NOSE. SNIFF AROUND AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH OF THESE PASSAGES LEADS TO THE SURFACE.

THE SURFACE?

YEAH. WHICH ONE WILL TAKE US OUTSIDE?

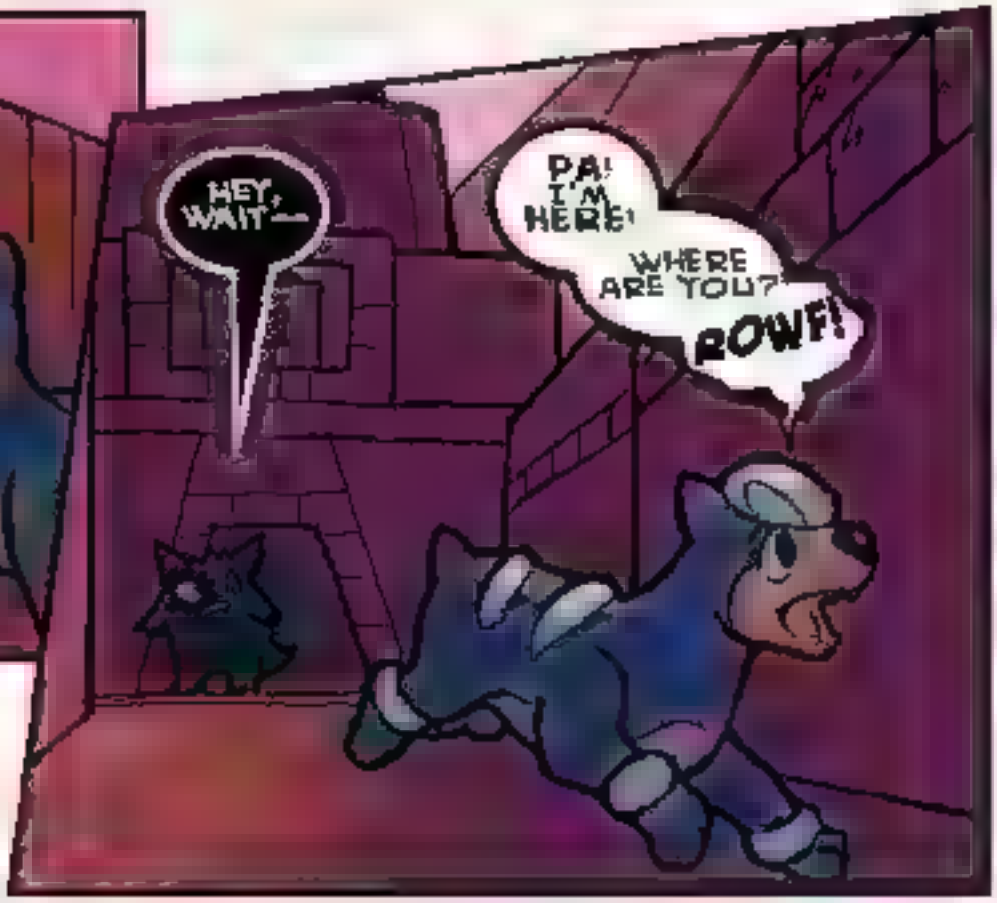
I THINK THIS ONE SMELLS FRESHER


ALL RIGHT!
... YEAH! YOU DID IT, KIDDO, WAY TO GO!

...EUGH, I REALLY HOPE I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ...

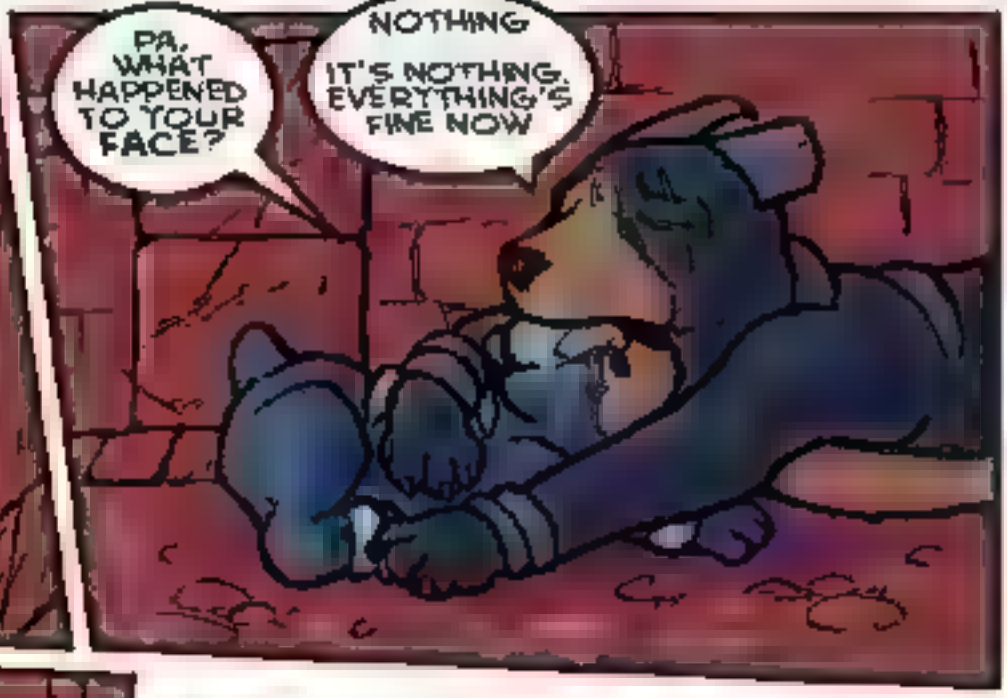
PA...?

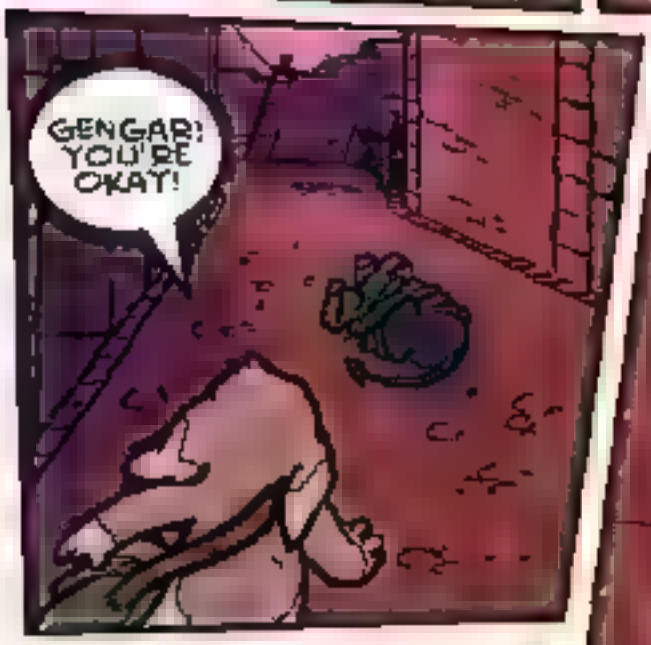
--I JUST SMELLED MY PA!

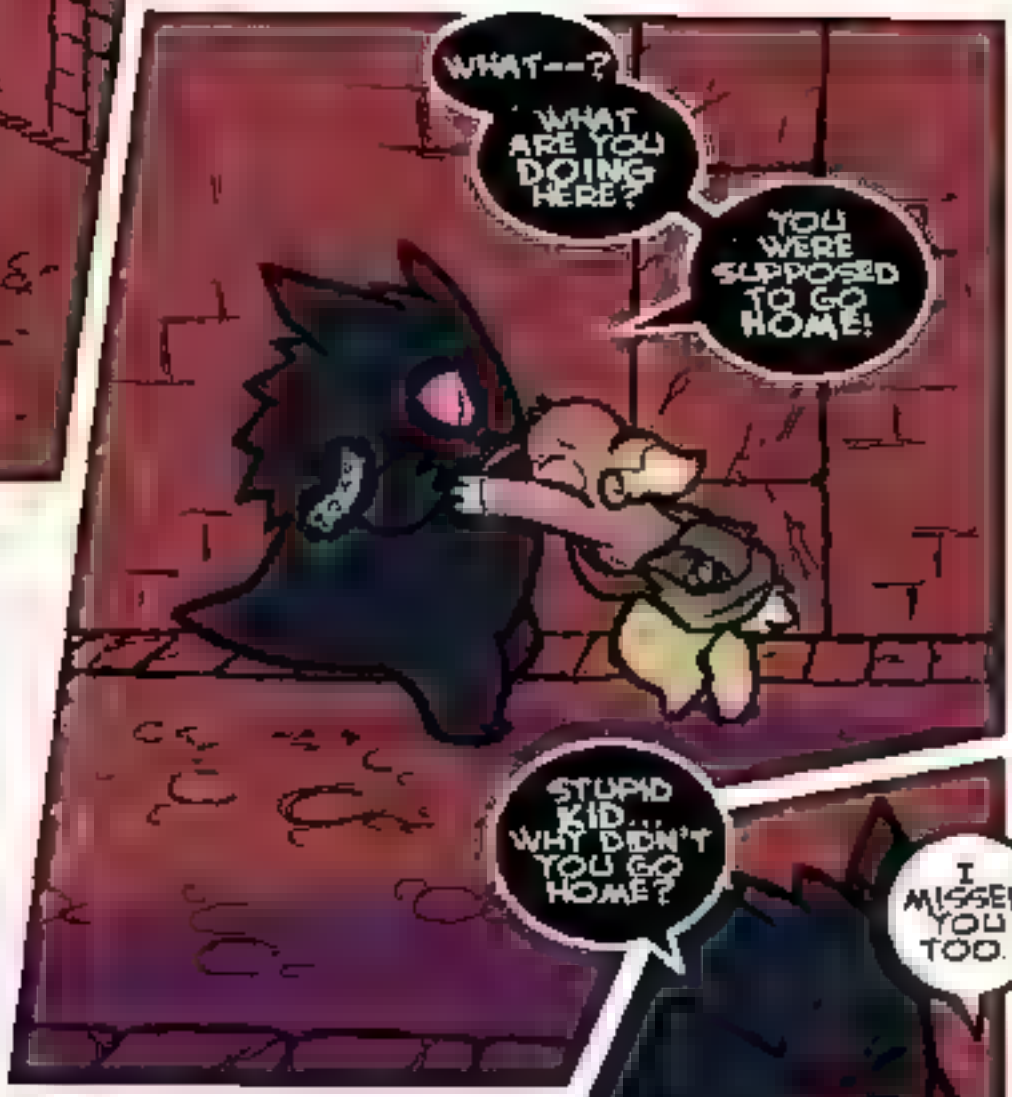

HEY, WAIT--
PA! I'M HERE!
WHERE ARE YOU?
ROWF!

WOW, YOU CAN ALL FEEL THAT RIGHT?
WHAT A LOT OF ENERGY BUILDING UP OVER THERE!
ROWF!
PUP!
THAT'S MY PUP!
PUP! I'M COMING, PUP! KEEP CALLING!
WRUFF!
ROWF!
WRUFF!
AWW! THERE GOES OUR ELEMENT OF SURPRISE

PA!
PUP!


PA, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
NOTHING
IT'S NOTHING. EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW


GENGAR! YOU'RE OKAY!

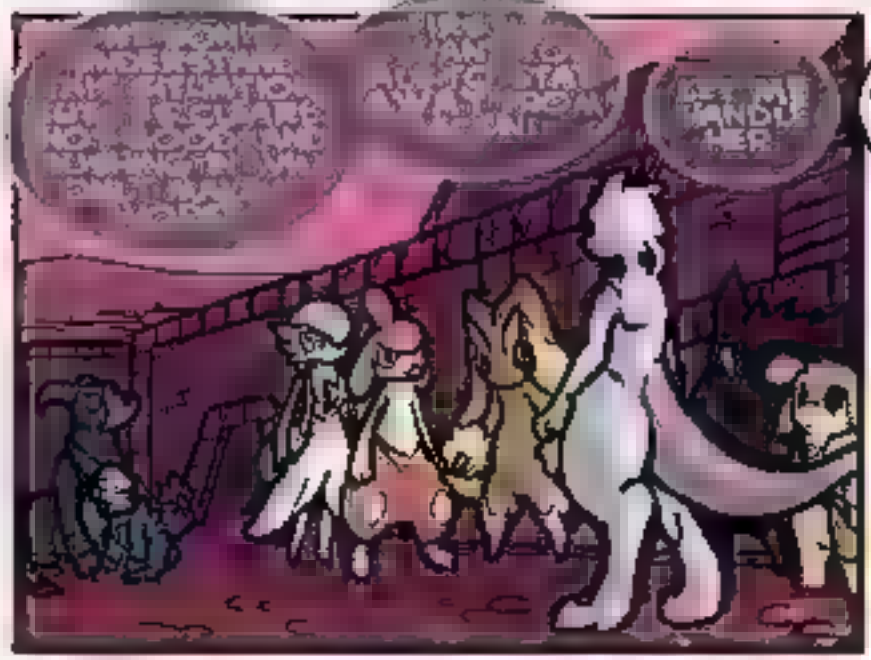

WHAT--?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GO HOME!
STUPID KID... WHY DIDN'T YOU GO HOME?
I MISSED YOU TOO.

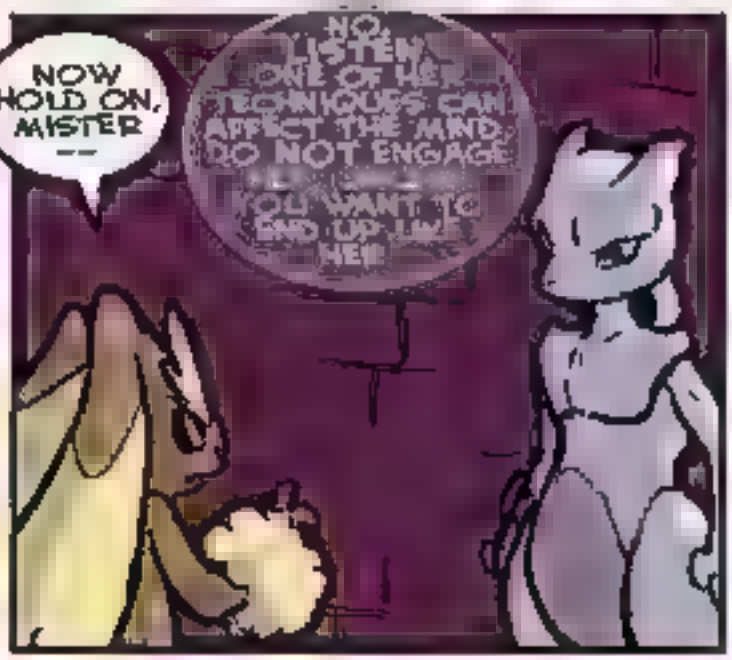
AH.
I MAY HAVE RUINED EVERY-THING...
...AGAIN.

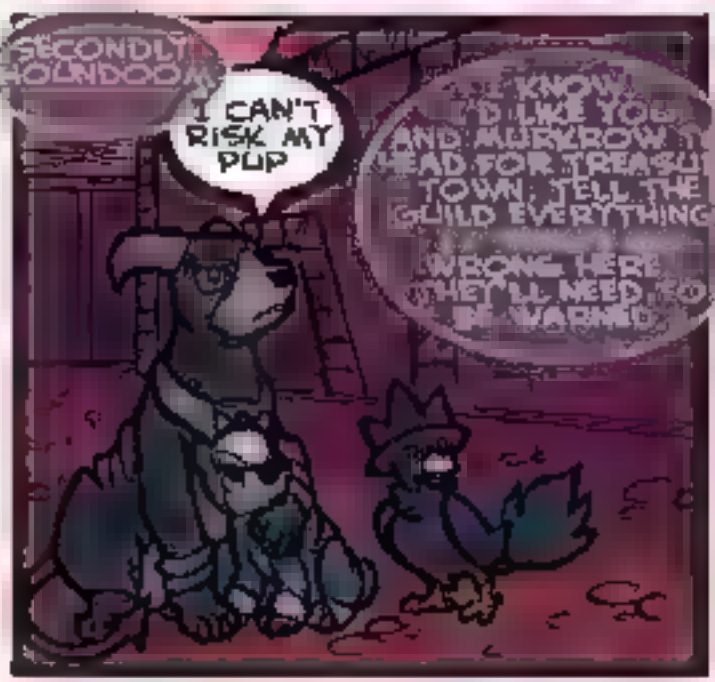
THERE WAS THIS GREAT BIG DOOR THING... SHE WAS GONNA HURT THE PUPPY SO I OPENED IT SOMEHOW...
AND NOW SHE'S DOING SOMETHING, I DUNNO WHAT BUT IT'S BAD...
AND DARKRAI WENT ALL SCARY AND TOLD ME TO RUN, SO I DID. BUT--

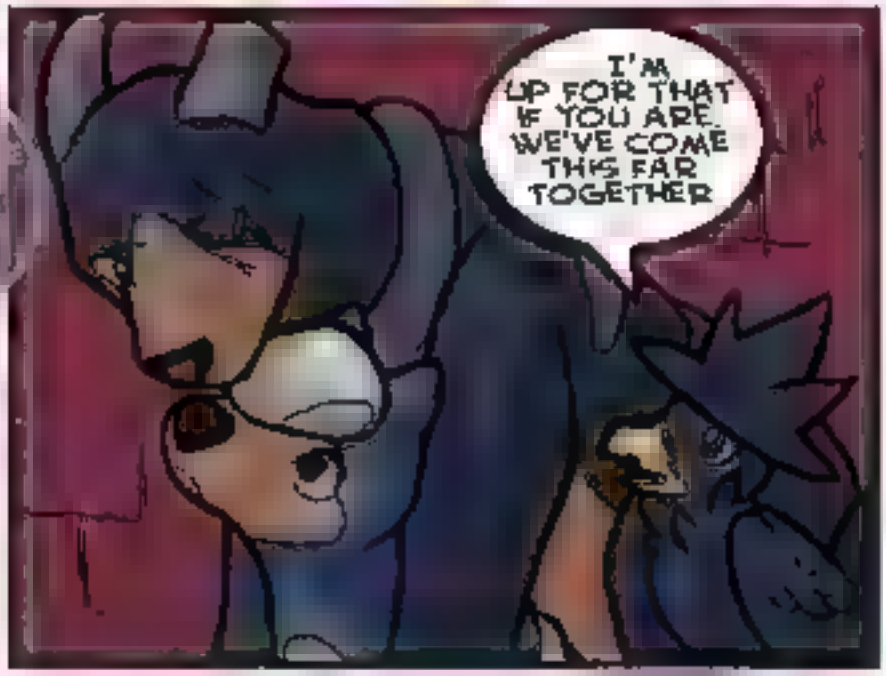
STOP EXPLAINING! WHERE'S THE BAD GUY?

YEAH, OKAY, THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS LET'S GO--


HANDLE HER


NOW HOLD ON, MISTER --
NO, LISTEN. ONE OF HER TECHNIQUES CAN AFFECT THE MIND. DO NOT ENGAGE.
YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE HER


SECONDLY, HOUNDOOM
I CAN'T RISK MY PUP
YOU KNOW I'D LIKE YOU AND MURKROW TO HEAD FOR TREASURE TOWN. TELL THE GUILD EVERYTHING.
WRONG HERE. THEY'LL NEED TO BE WARNED.

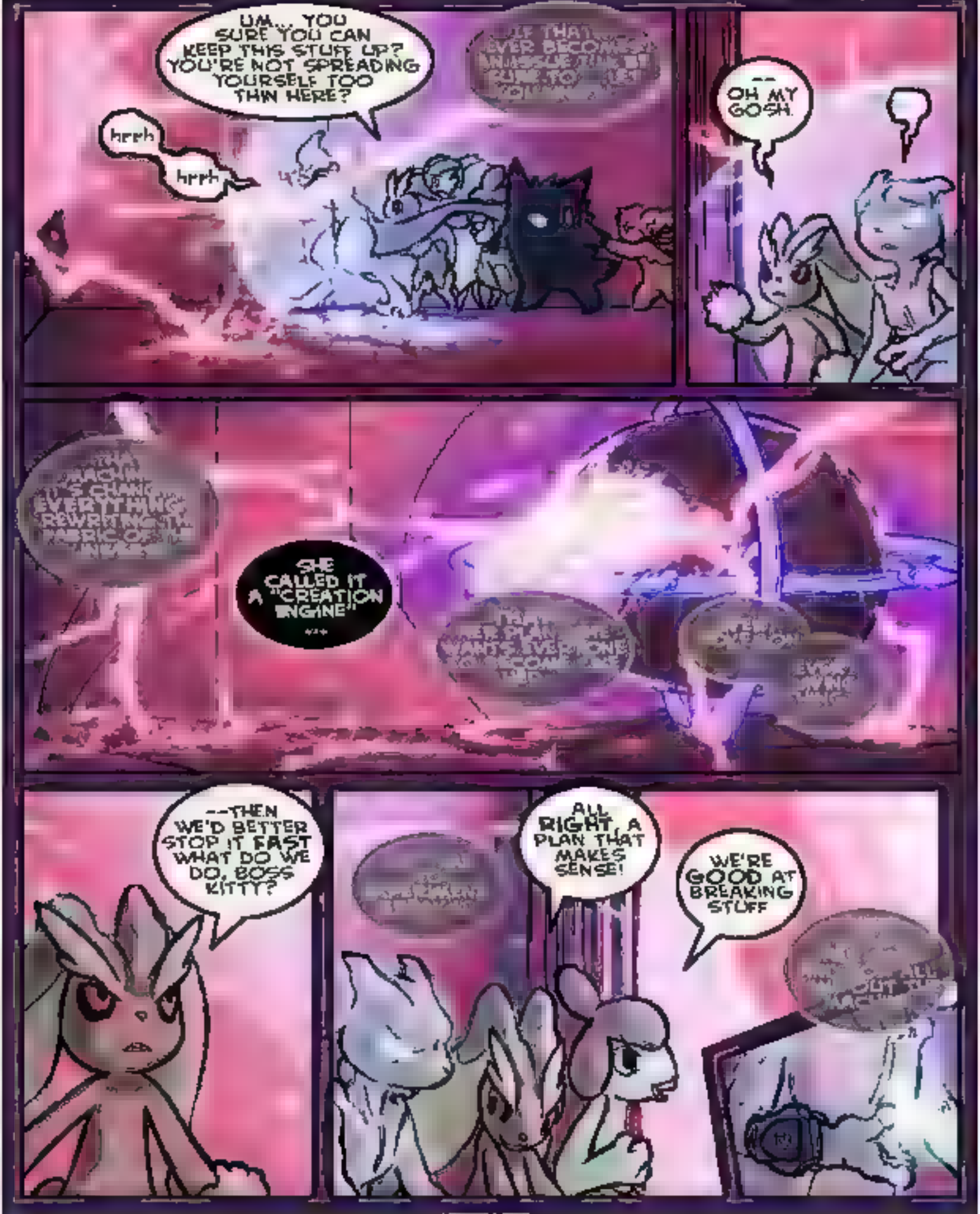

I'M UP FOR THAT IF YOU ARE. WE'VE COME THIS FAR TOGETHER

ALL RIGHT
COME, PUP

I'M GOING TO STOP HER

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING?
I'M TRYING TO TRIANGULATE THE ENERGY SIGNATURE!
WAS THAT A YES OR A NO?
WHAT'S THAT?
UH? OH... SOME SORT OF SEAL. DRAPION STUCK IT ON ME AND NOW I CAN'T GET RID OF IT...
IT'S JUST PAPER
KEHEH... THANKS.
YOU HAVE CHANGED
HOW MUCH?

I WERE THAT ROOM IS WHERE IT'S ALL COMING FROM
I HAVE A FEW THEORIES. JUST HOPE THEY'RE ALL WRONG
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT-- GARDEVOIR! WHAT'S WRONG?
I I'M SORRY. I'M JUST FEELING REALLY BAD
HER AURA--!
--WE'RE GOING INTO THAT?

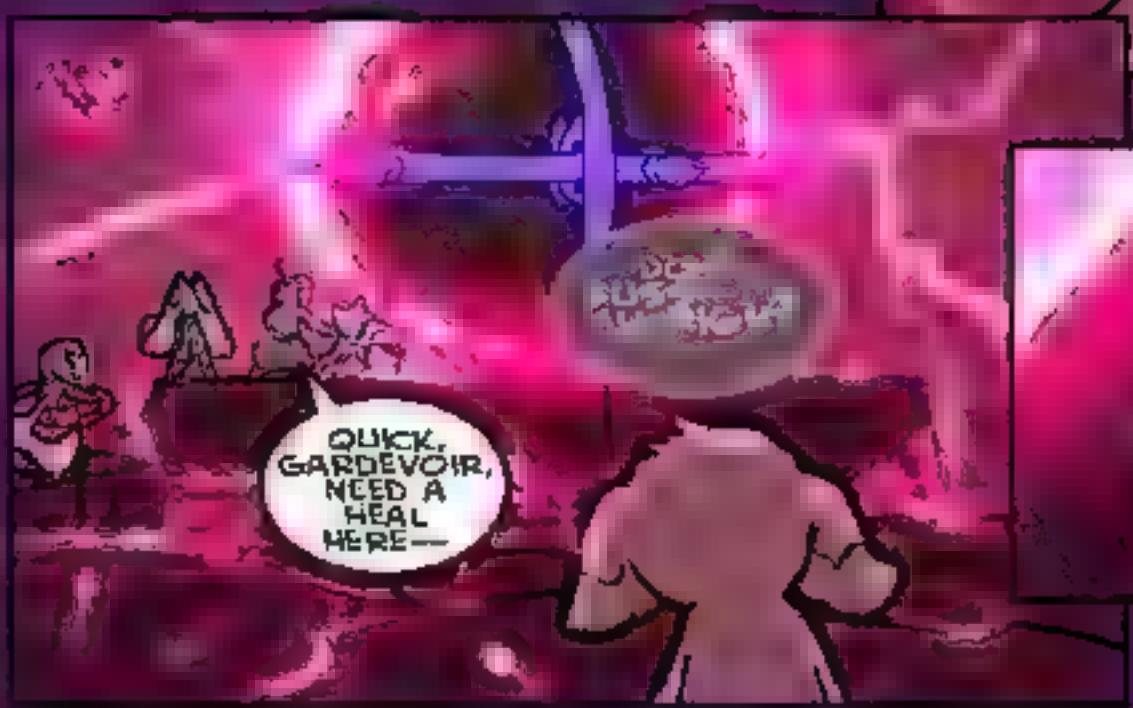

UM... YOU SURE YOU CAN KEEP THIS STUFF UP? YOU'RE NOT SPREADING YOURSELF TOO THIN HERE?
hrrh
hrrh
OH MY GOSH.
SHE CALLED IT A "CREATION ENGINE"
--THEN WE'D BETTER STOP IT FAST WHAT DO WE DO, BOSS KITTY?
ALL RIGHT, A PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE!
WE'RE GOOD AT BREAKING STUFF

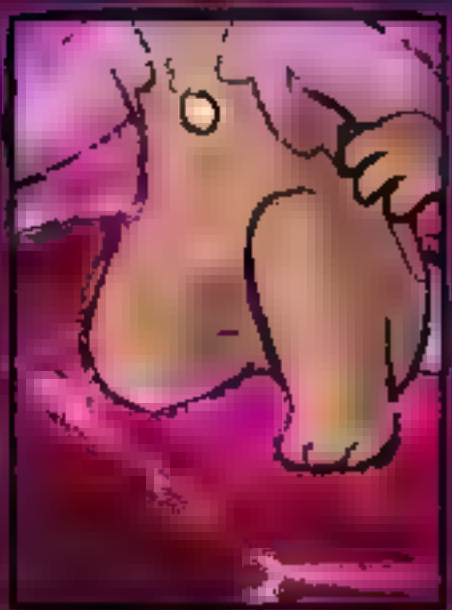
WHAT-- YOU AGAIN? YOU'RE LIKE A BAD SMELL!
OHH NO, YOU ARE NOT GONNA RUN THIS FOR ME--
OKAY, GO!
HEY, WE GOTTA MOVE! JEN!
THAT'S VICTIN!?
I... I KNOW HER SOME-HOW
--YOU TWO?

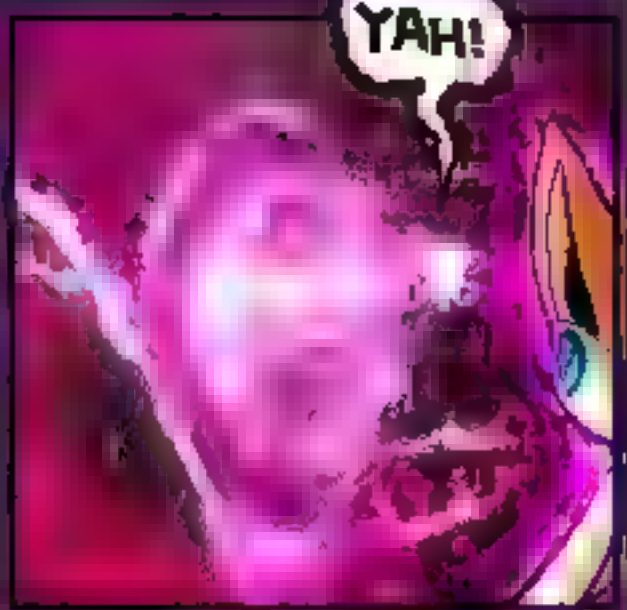
YOU-- YOU'RE MESSING EVERYTHING UP!
GET DOWN!
HOLY CRAP ...
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE!
THERE'S NO CONTROLS OR ANYTHING --
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BUST THIS THING?
I DUNNO! PUNCH IT?

OKAY, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS NEED TO GO AWAY NOW
WILL THIS CONVINCE YOU?
GOTCHA
AAR--

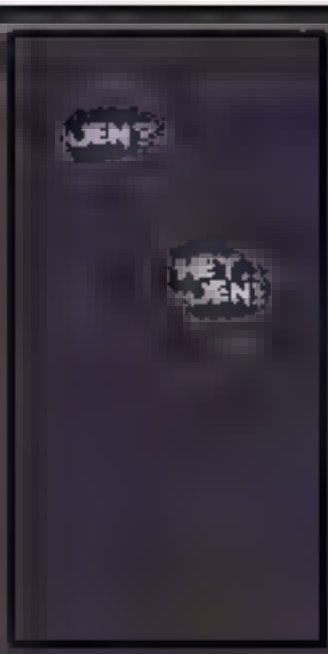
I AM SO DONE WITH FALLING OFF STUFF


QUICK, GARDEVOIR, NEED A HEAL HERE—




YAH!

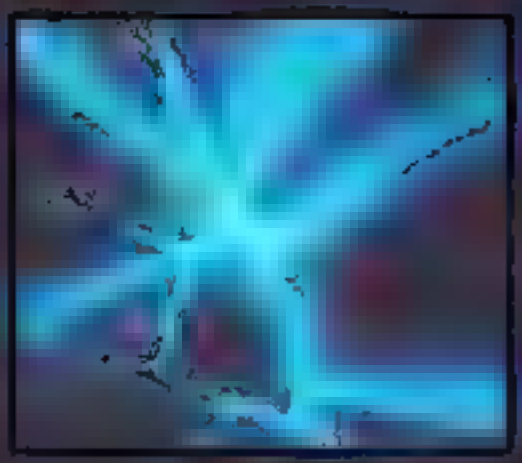
UFF ...
SHOULD I NOT HAVE DONE THAT?
JUST RUN!


JEN?
HEY... JEN!

WAKE UP!
NNH...?

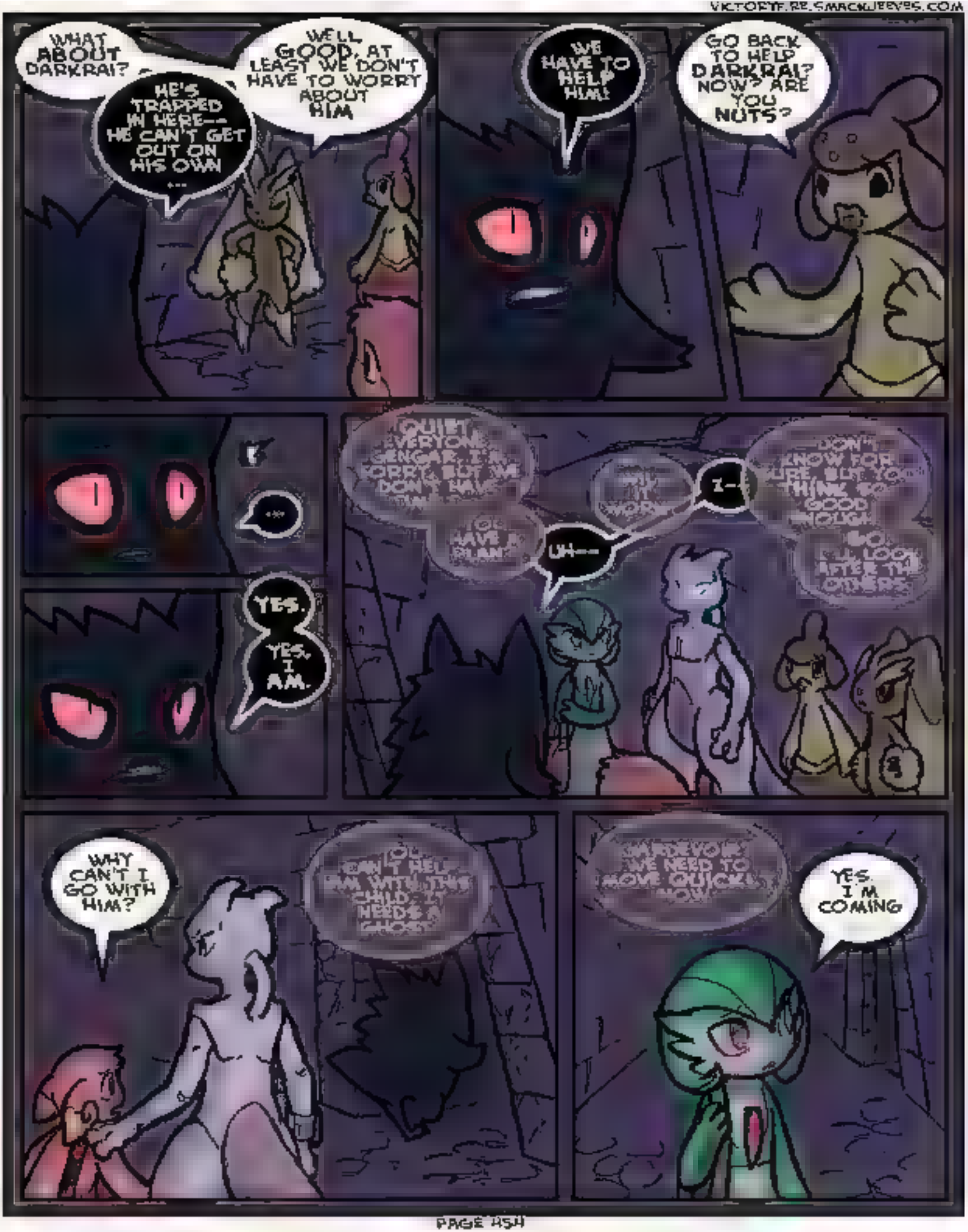
YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO?
OWW

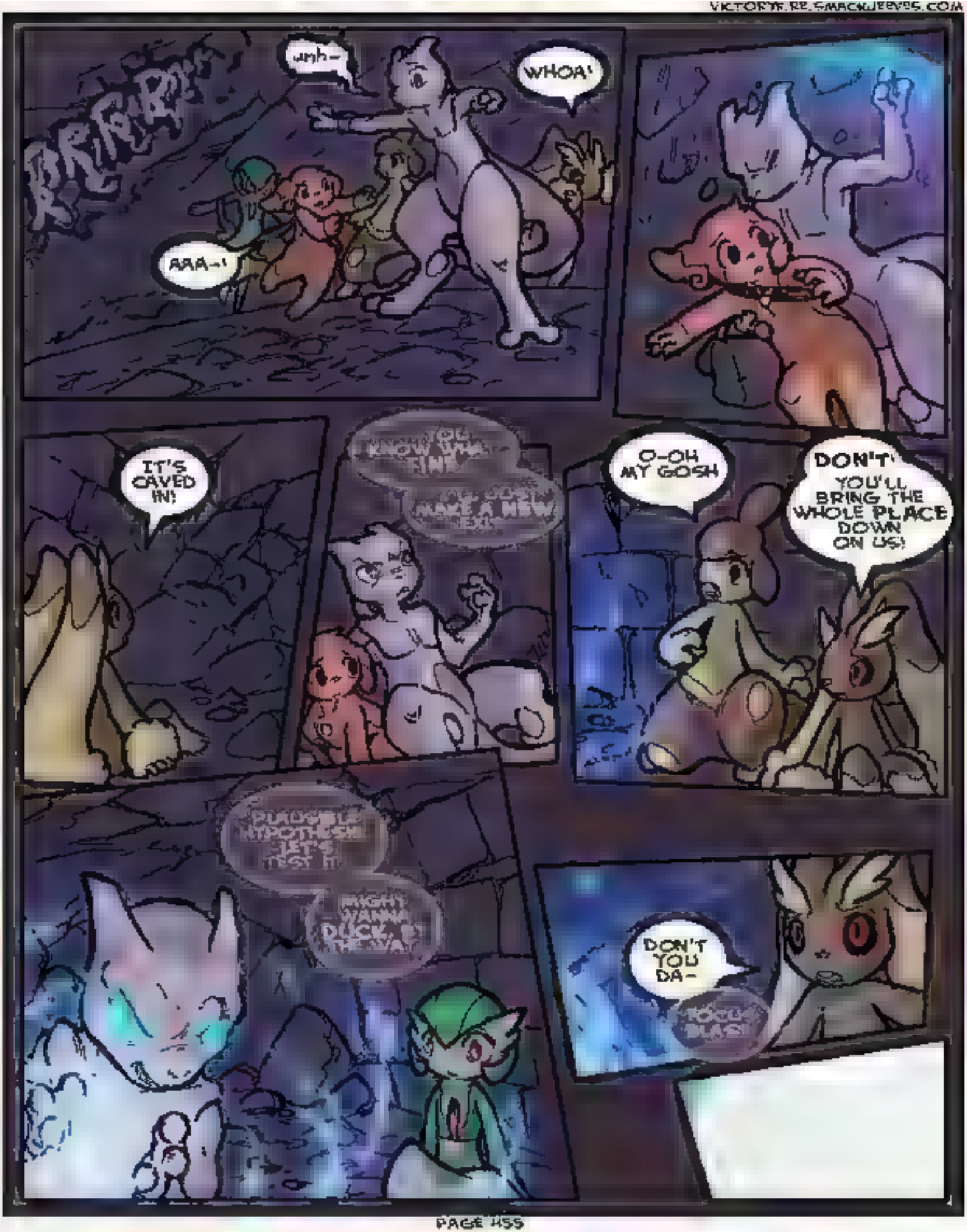
--WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?

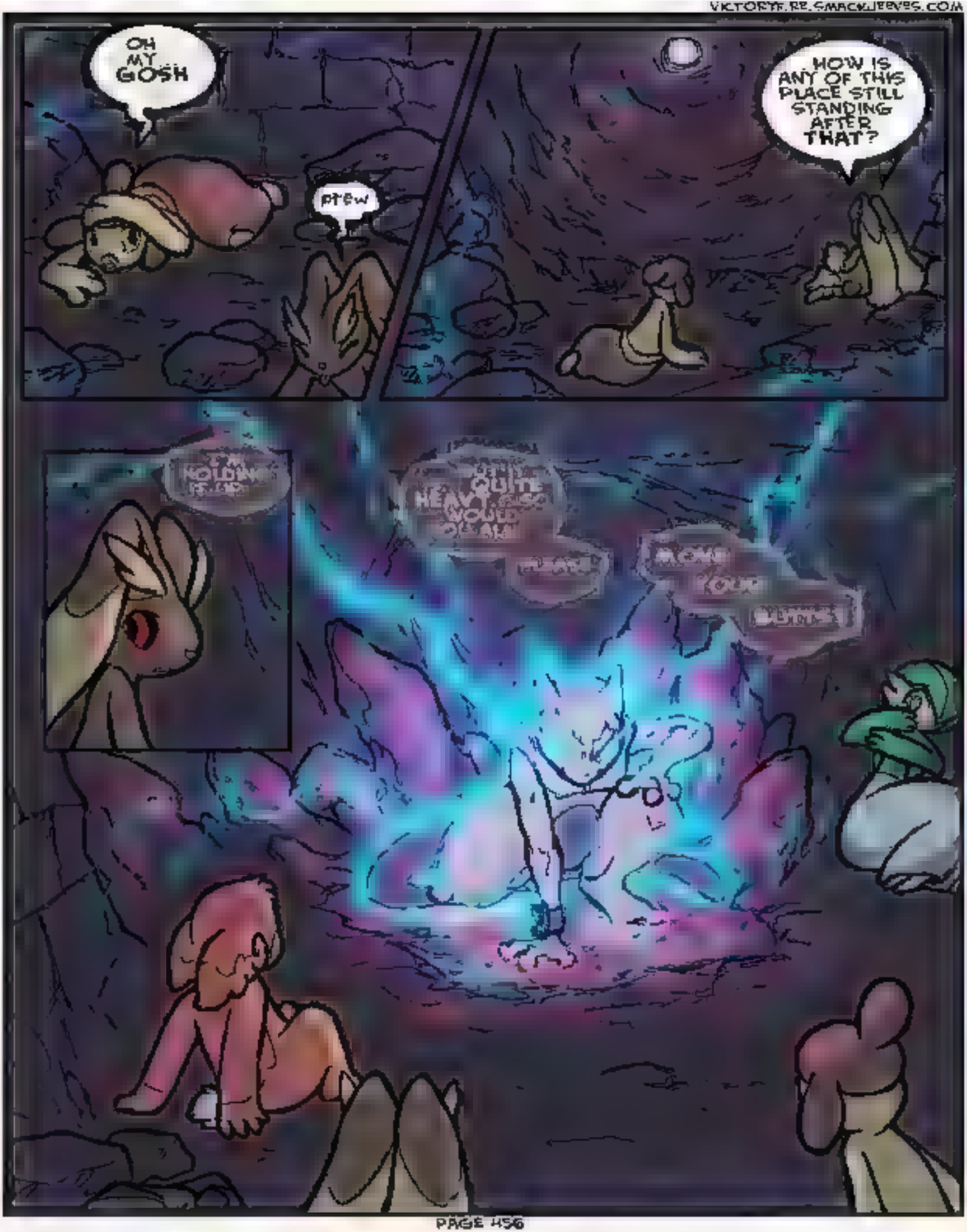


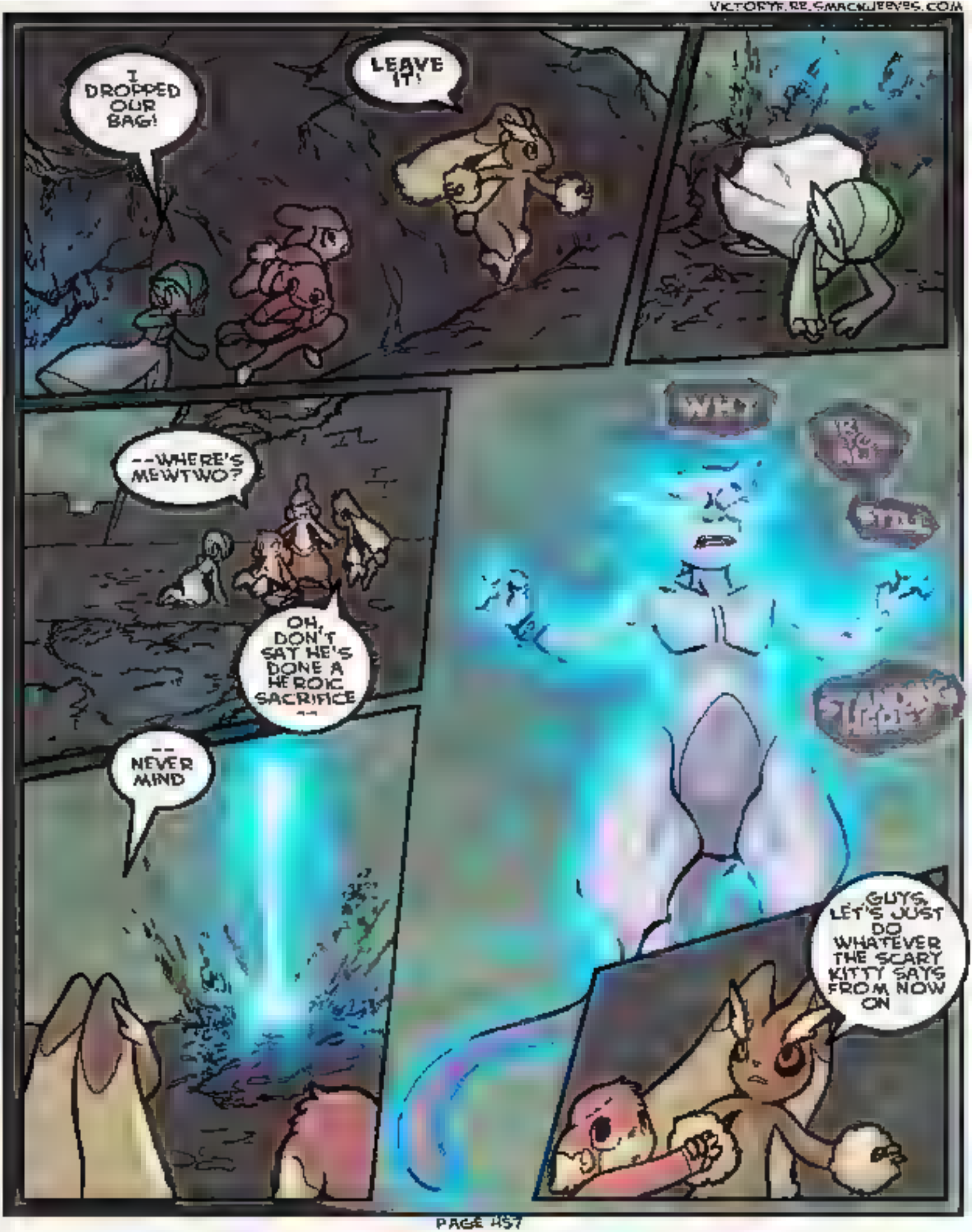
DON'T THINK SO...

WHUH-!
EARTH-QUAKE?
YOU GUYS OKAY? I THINK IT'S STOPPED NOW.
HEY... IS THIS WHOLE PLACE GOING TO COLLAPSE?
WHAT ABOUT DARKRAI?

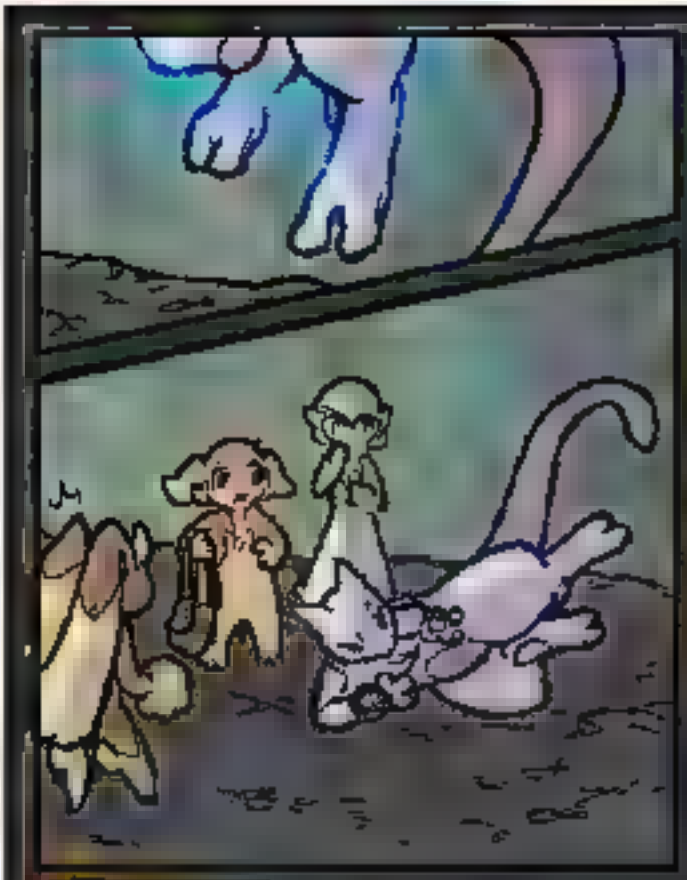

WHAT ABOUT DARKRAI?
HE'S TRAPPED IN HERE-- HE CAN'T GET OUT ON HIS OWN
WELL GOOD, AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM
WE HAVE TO HELP HIM!
GO BACK TO HELP DARKRAI? NOW? ARE YOU NUTS?
YES.
YES. I AM.
QUIET EVERYONE. GENGAR, I'M SORRY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME
OK, HAVE A PLAN?
UH--
DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT YOU THINK SO GOOD ENOUGH. SO, I'LL LOOK AFTER THE OTHERS.
WHY CAN'T I GO WITH HIM?
OH, CAN'T HELP BUT WITH THIS CHILD. IT NEEDS A GHOST.
GARDEVOIR, WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY NOW.
YES. I'M COMING


RRRRR
umh–
WHOA!
AAA–!
IT'S CAVED IN!
MAKE A NEW TEST
O–OH MY GOSH
DON'T YOU'LL BRING THE WHOLE PLACE DOWN ON US!
PLAUSIBLE HYPOTHESIS LET'S TEST IT!
DON'T YOU DA–
FOCUS BLAST


OH MY GOSH
PTEW
HOW IS ANY OF THIS PLACE STILL STANDING AFTER THAT?
QUITE HEAVY
BUMPS


I DROPPED OUR BAG!
LEAVE IT!
--WHERE'S MEWTWO?
OH, DON'T SAY HE'S DONE A HEROIC SACRIFICE --
-- NEVER MIND
WHY
GUYS, LET'S JUST DO WHATEVER THE SCARY KITTY SAYS FROM NOW ON

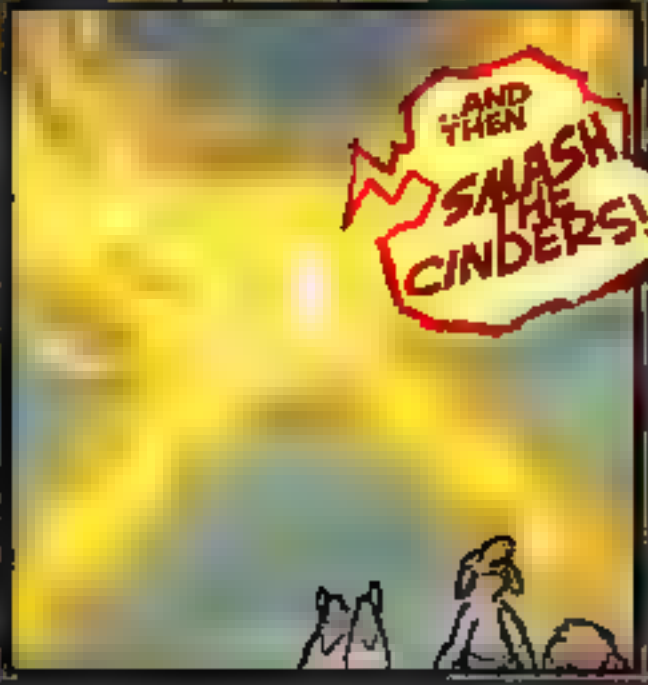
nnh ...
IS HE DOING THAT?
HOW IS HE DOING THAT?
SHUT UP AND RUN!
OH MY GOSH
HHUH
HHUH
THASS IT 'M DONE

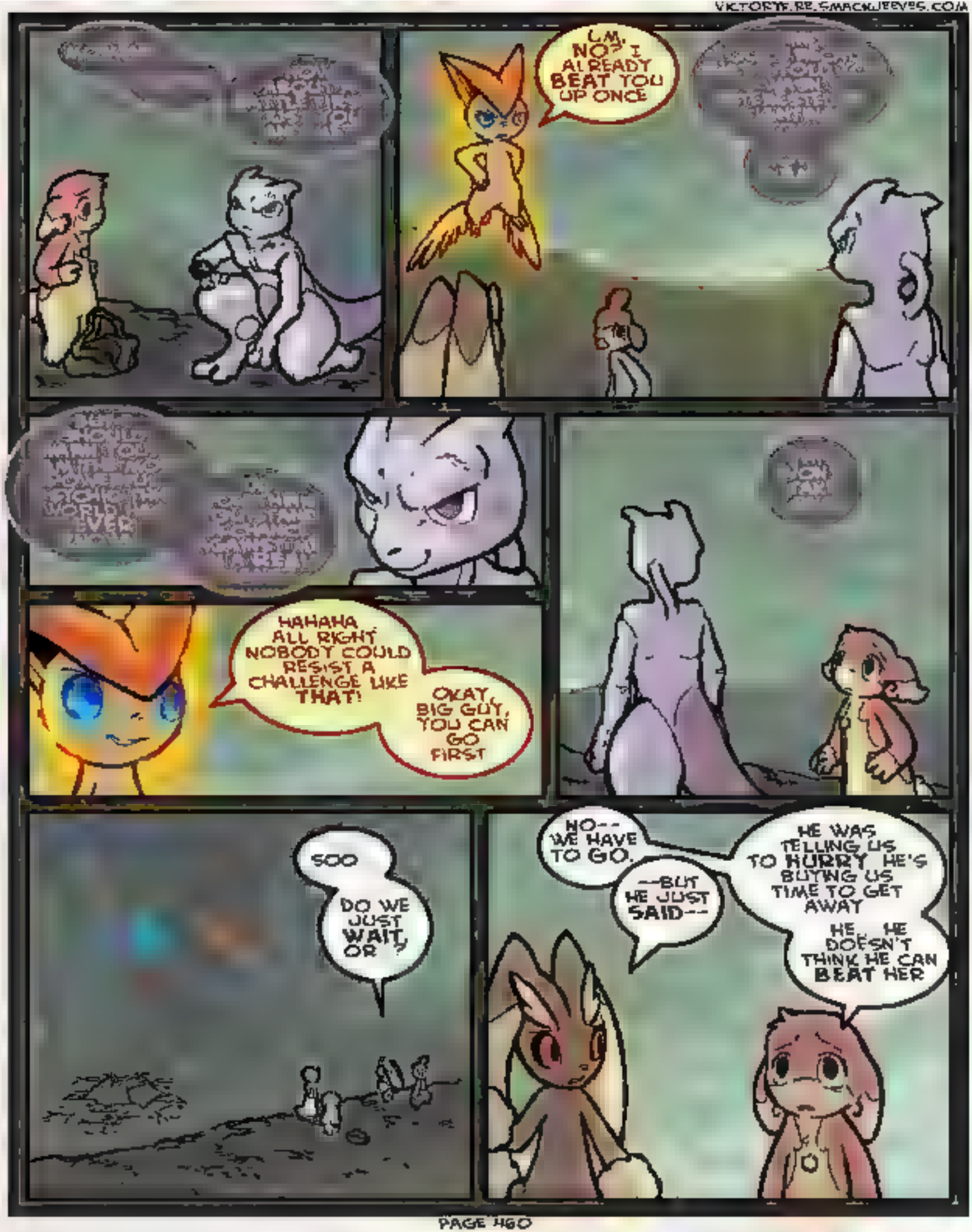


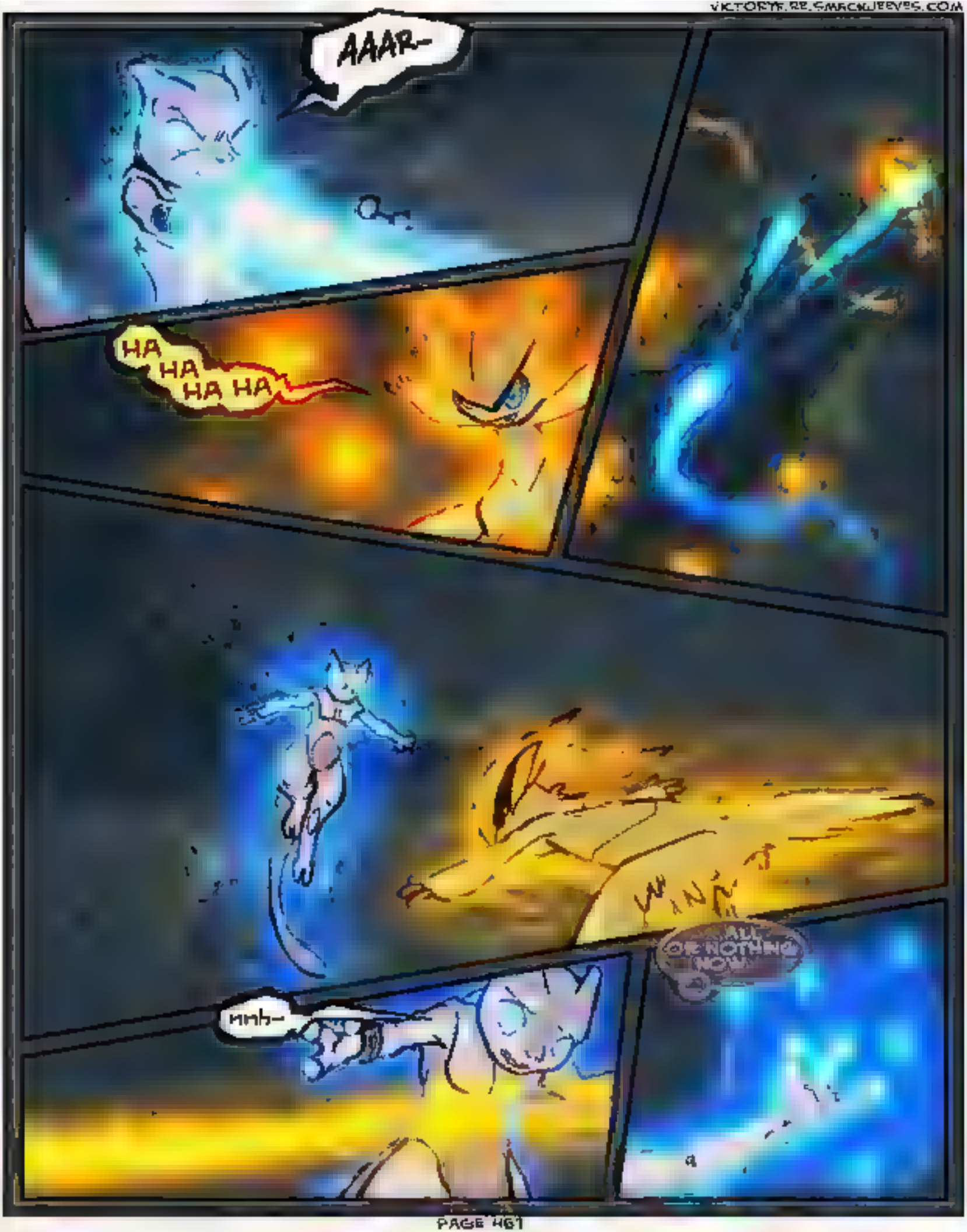
YOU GOT ANY ORANS IN THAT BAG, JEN?
hmm ...
hhuh ...

UHH GUUYS ?

I AM GOING TO BURN YOU ALL TO TINY LITTLE CINDERS

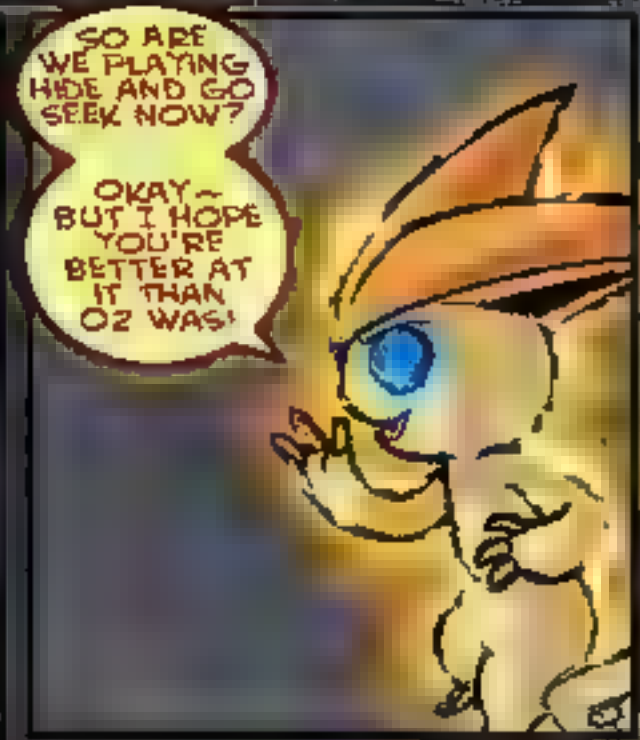

AND THEN SMASH THE CINDERS!


UM, NO, I ALREADY BEAT YOU UP ONCE
WORLD EVER
HAHAHA ALL RIGHT NOBODY COULD RESIST A CHALLENGE LIKE THAT!
OKAY, BIG GUY, YOU CAN GO FIRST
SOO
DO WE JUST WAIT, OR
NO-- WE HAVE TO GO.
--BUT HE JUST SAID--
HE WAS TELLING US TO HURRY. HE'S BUYING US TIME TO GET AWAY
HE... HE DOESN'T THINK HE CAN BEAT HER

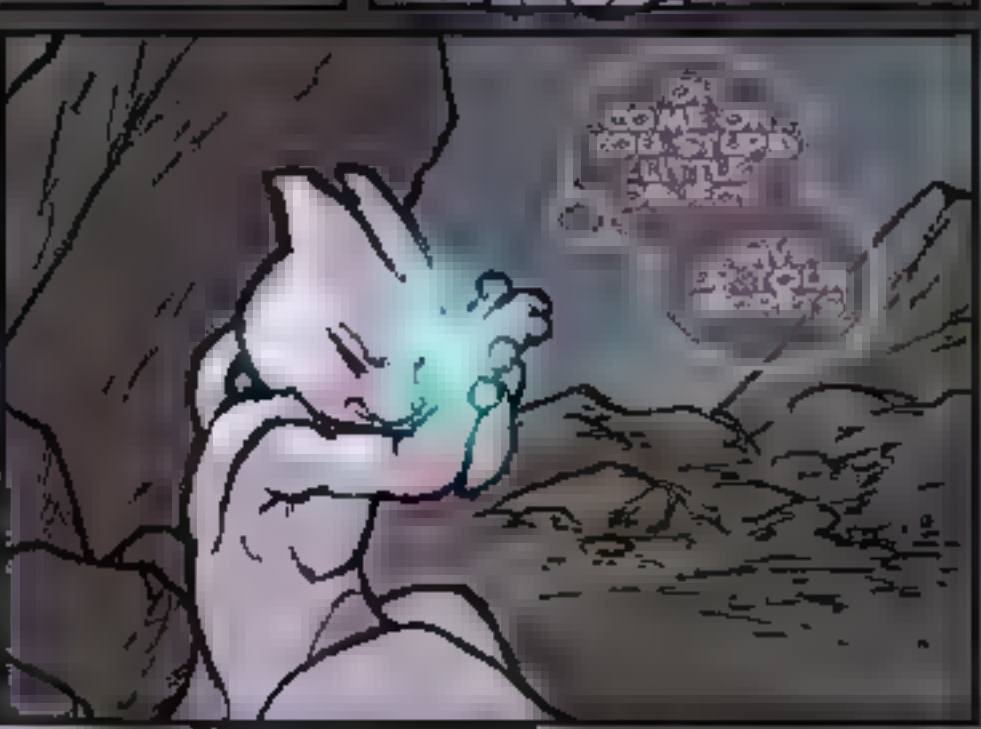

AAAR-
HA HA HA HA
ALL OR NOTHING NOW!
mmh-

PSYSTRIKE
HAHA SO YOU WEREN'T BRAGGING, YOU ARE PRETTY TOUGH
EVERY THING I HAVE REFLECTED HOW
WHAT HAS CPHER DONE TO ME?
AW, ARE YOU GONNA RUN AWAY AND HIDE NOW?

hhuh ...
hhuh ..


SO ARE WE PLAYING HIDE AND GO SEEK NOW?
OKAY~ BUT I HOPE YOU'RE BETTER AT IT THAN OZ WAS!

HE WOULD HAVE A REALLY GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO START LOOKING



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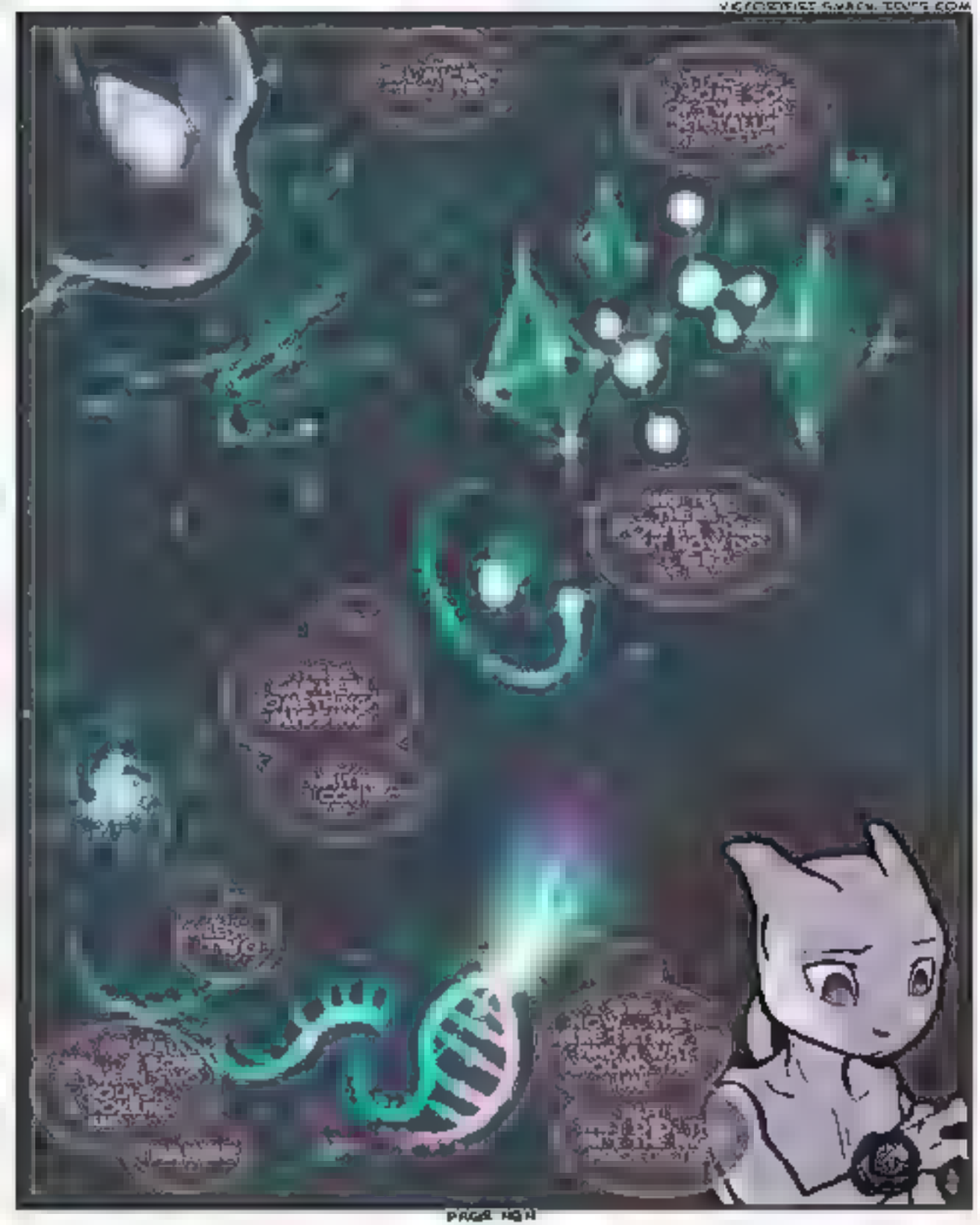

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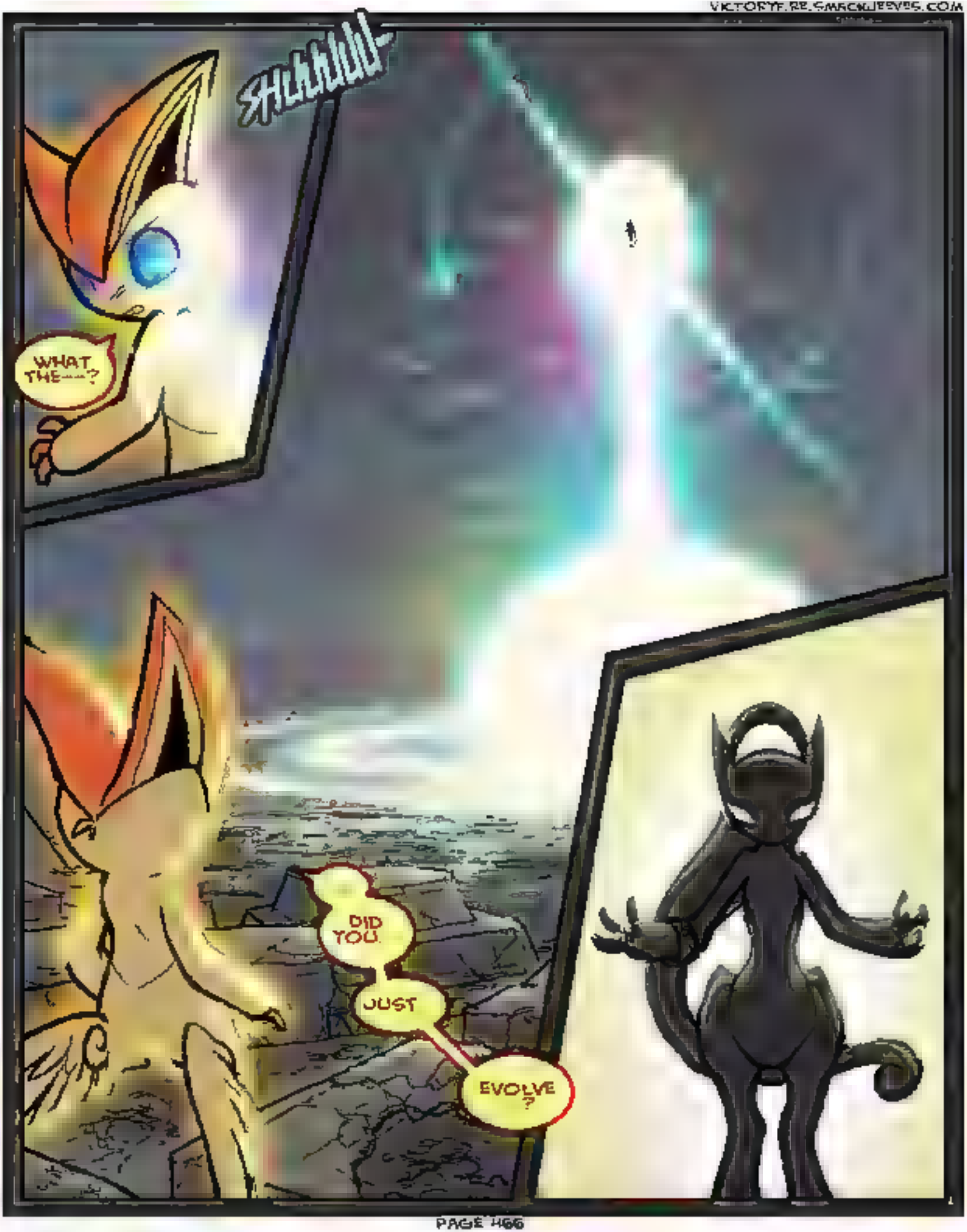
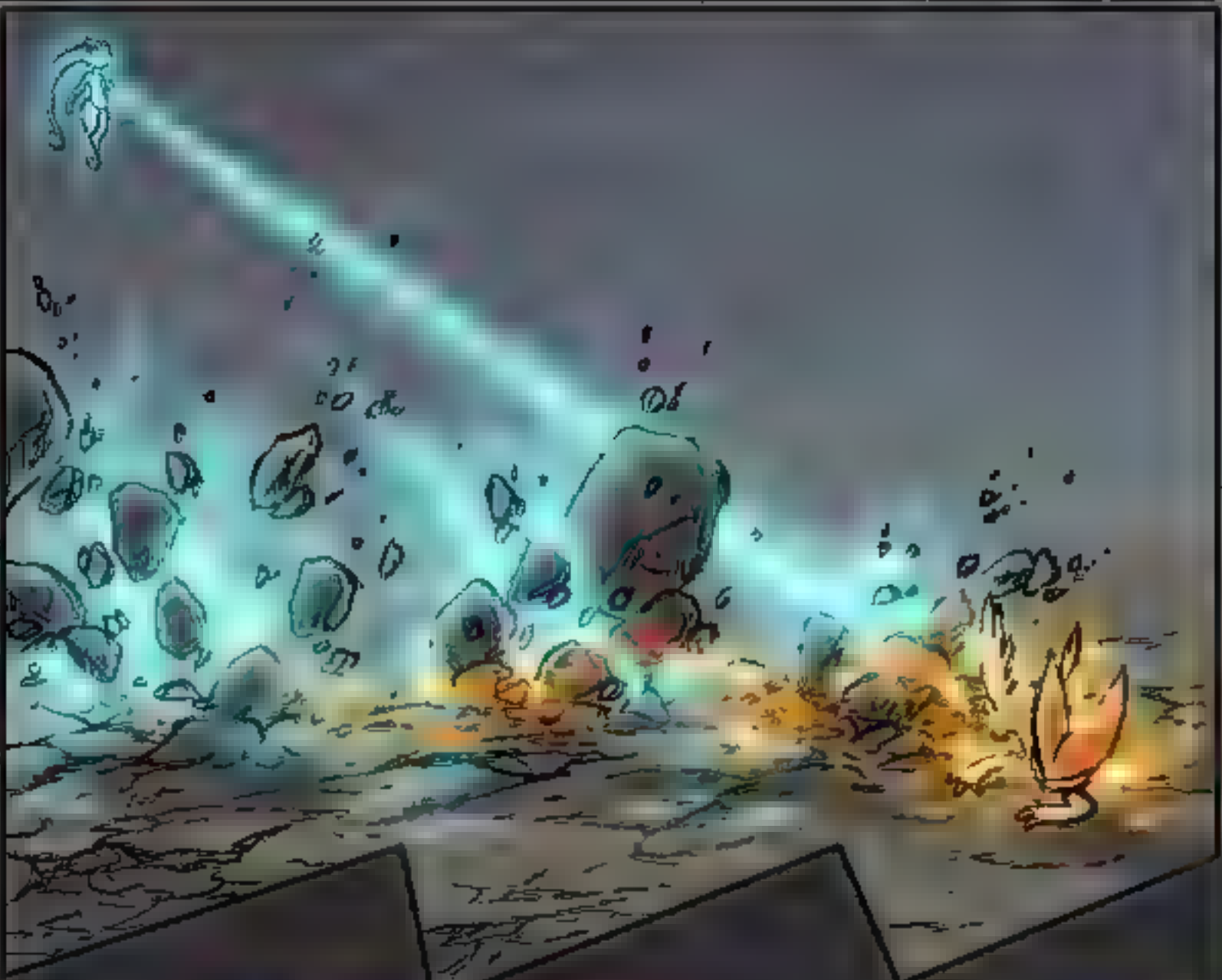
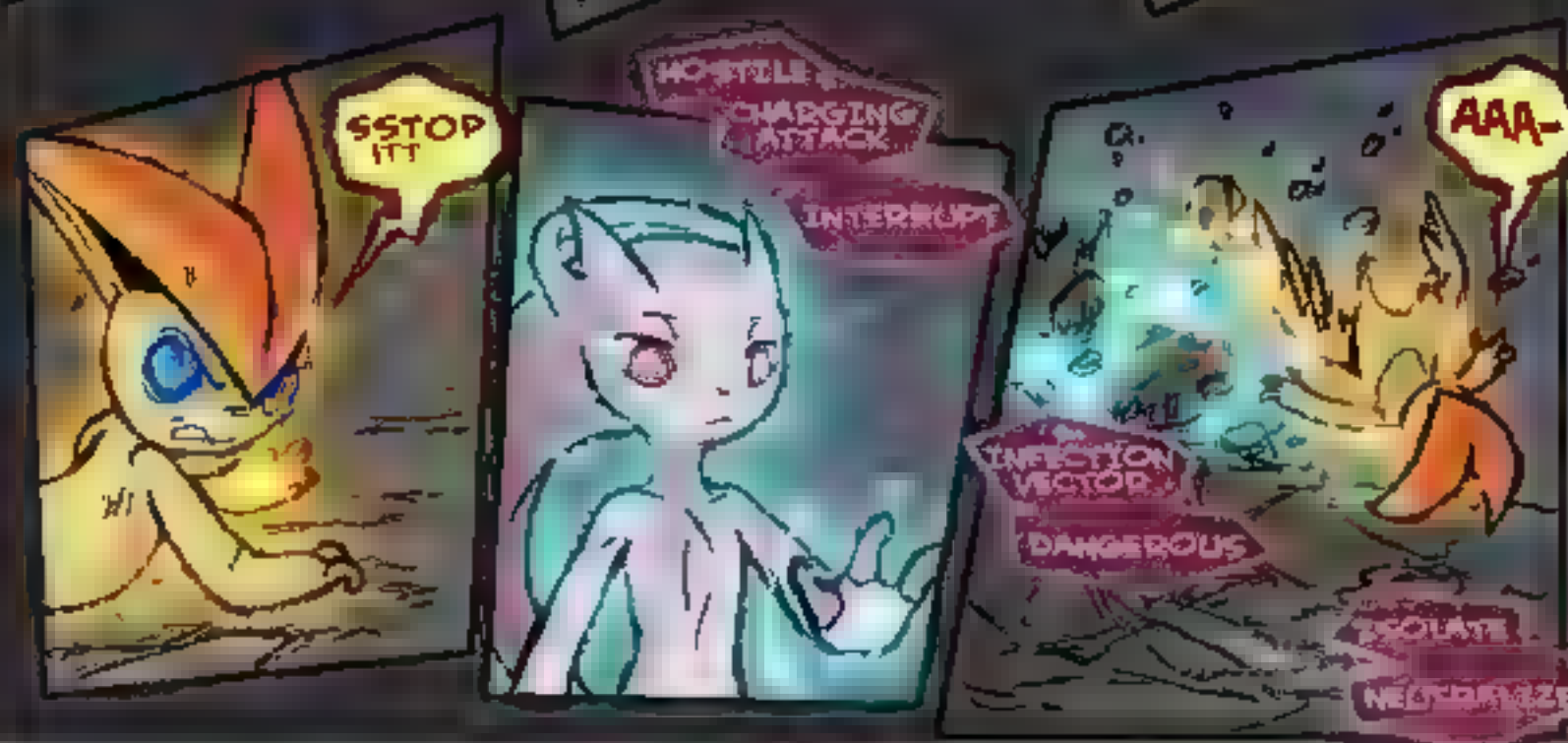
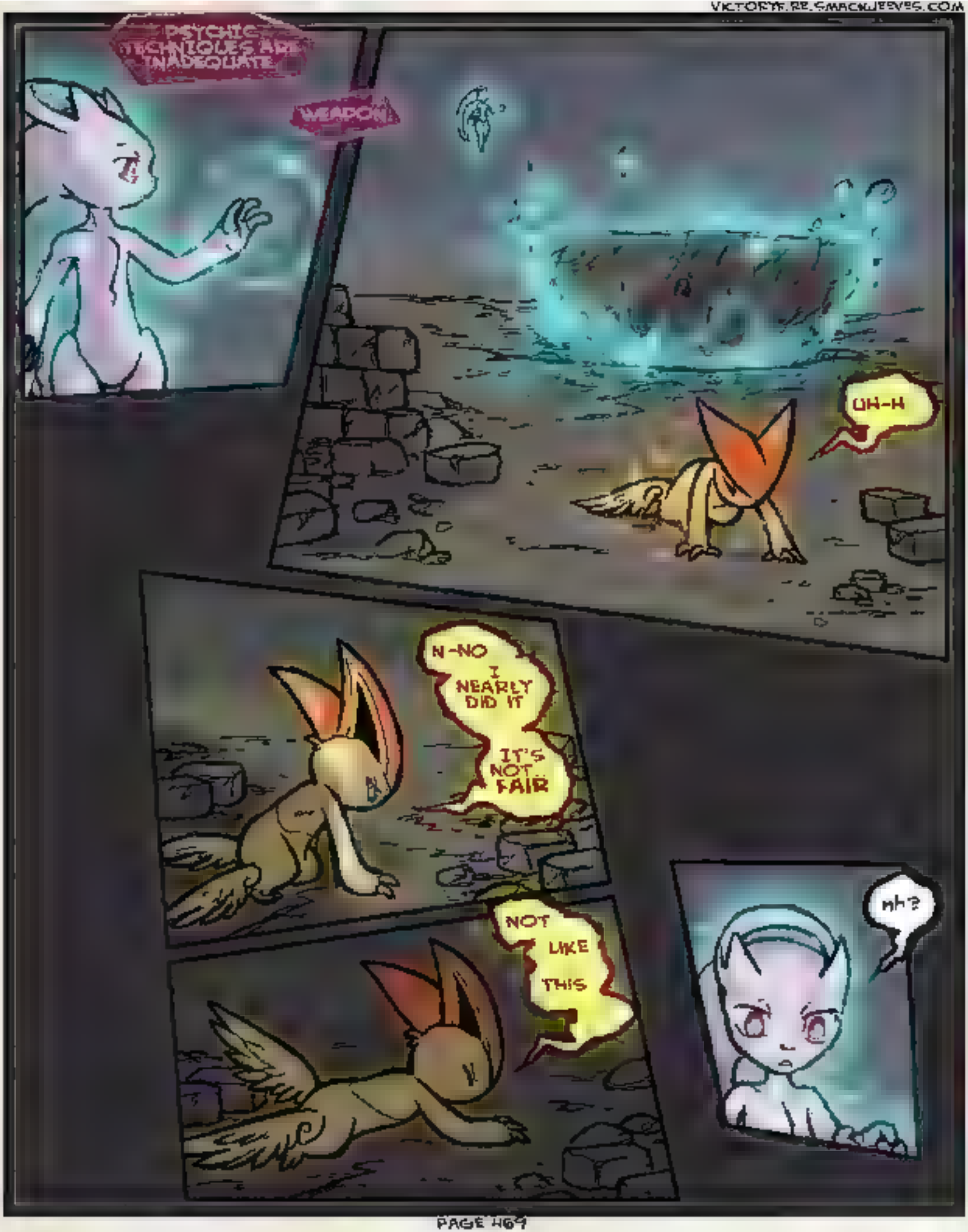
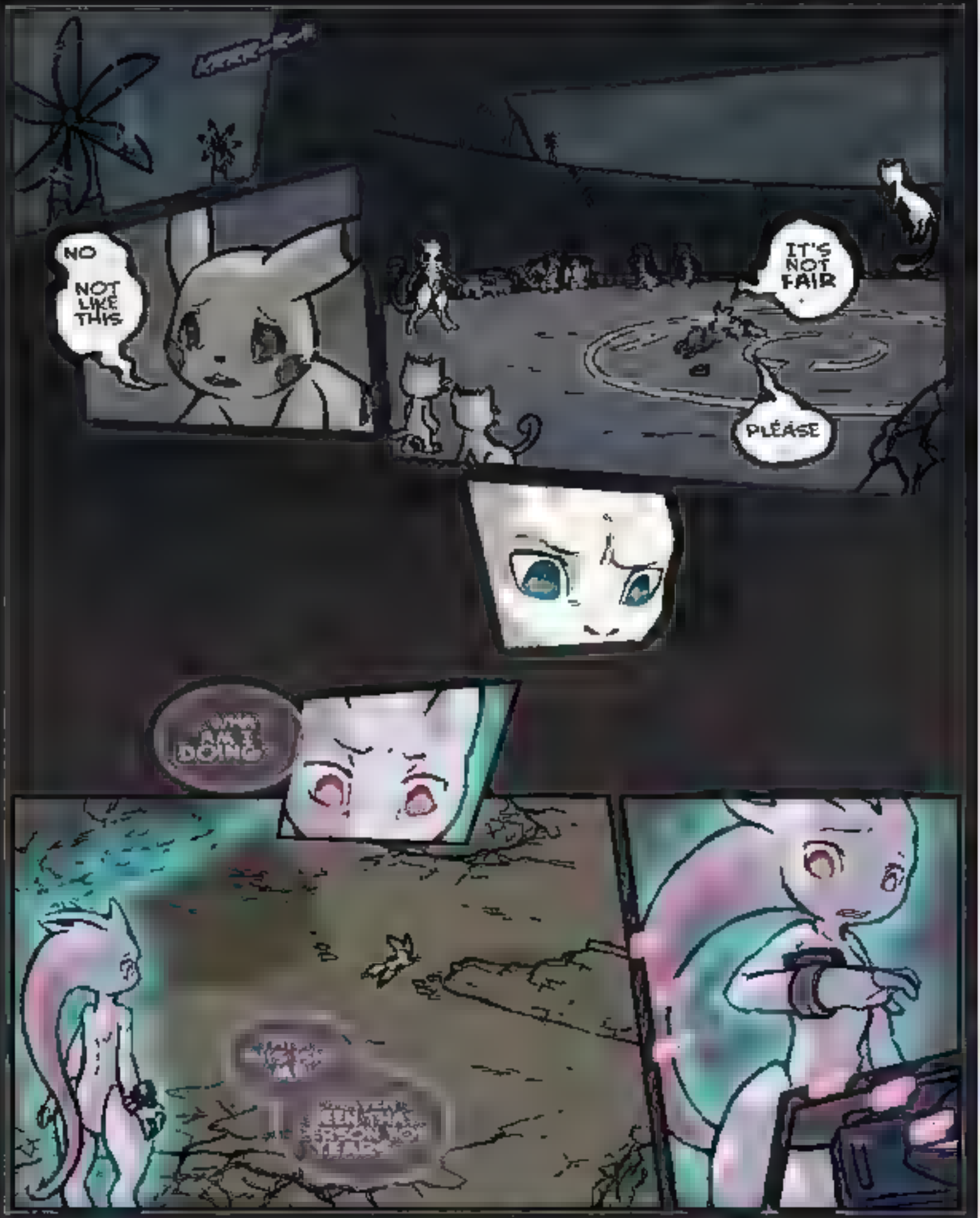

SHLLLLLLL-
WHAT THE---?
DID YOU
JUST
EVOLVE ?

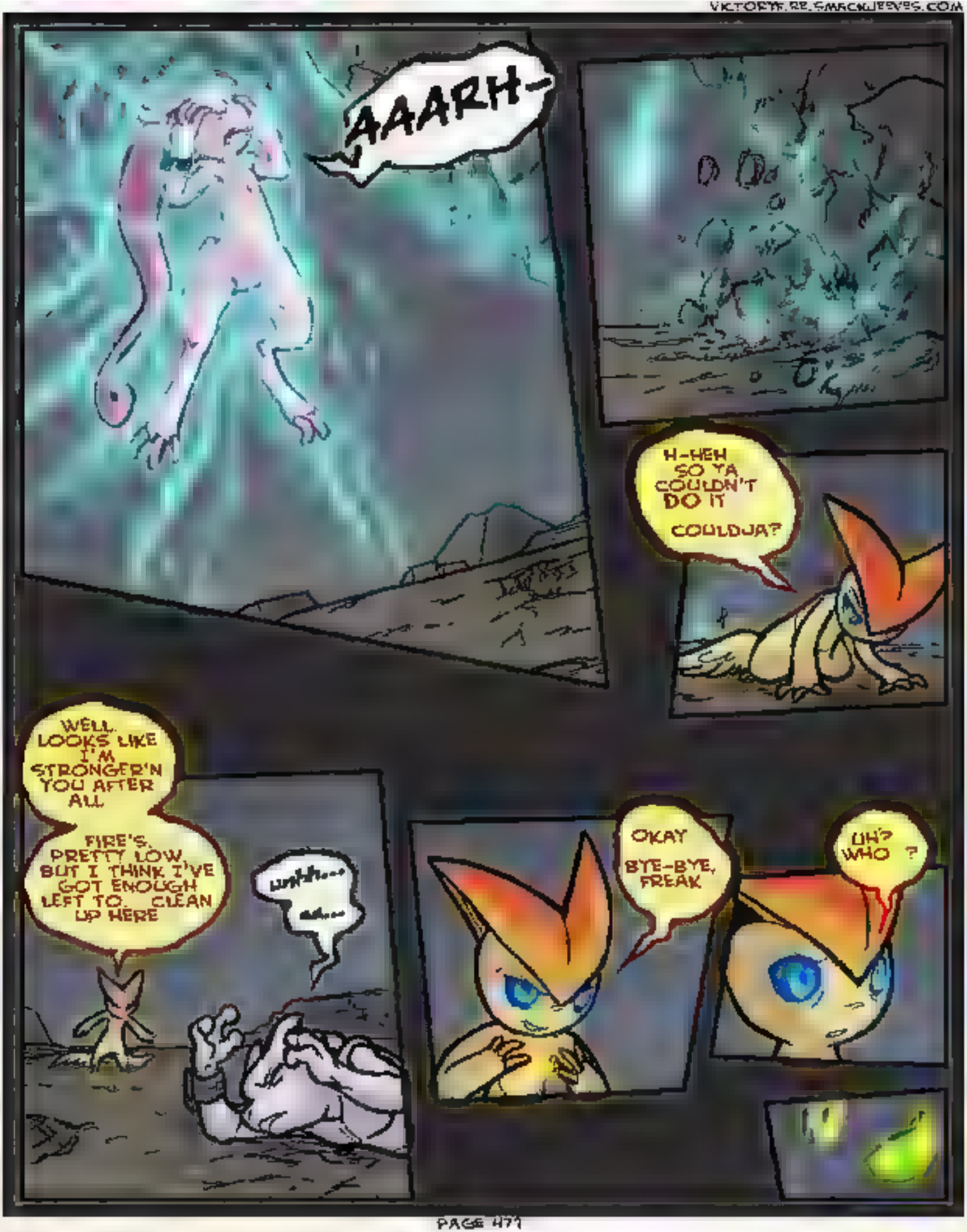
SO YOU LOOK DUMBER NOW...
BIG DEAL! I CAN STILL BEAT YOU!
YAAAA-
-UH!?
AAU-

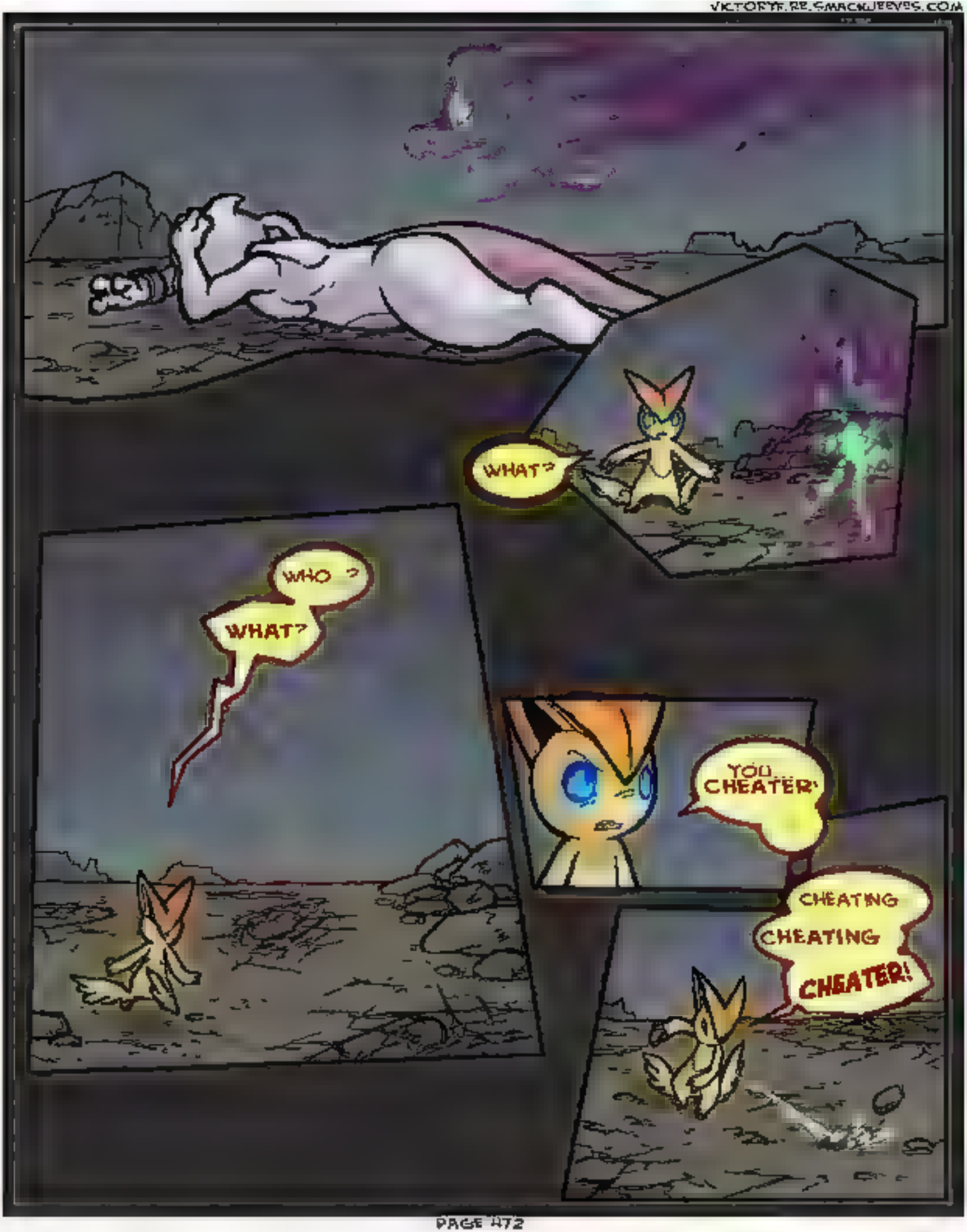


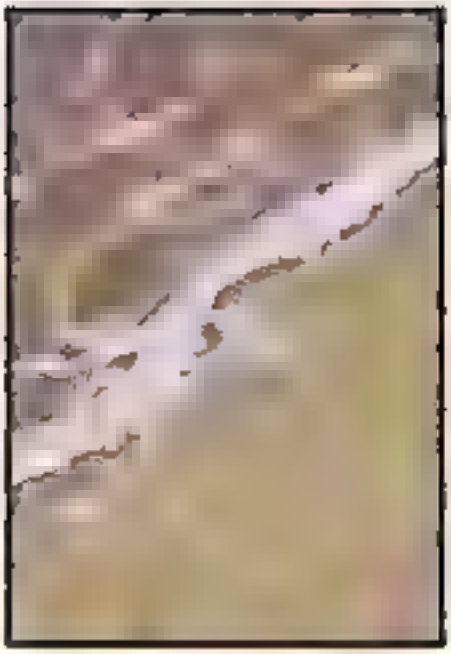

SSTOP IT!
HOSTILE
CHARGING ATTACK
INTERRUPT
AAA-
INFECTION VECTOR
DANGEROUS
ISOLATE
NEUTRALIZE

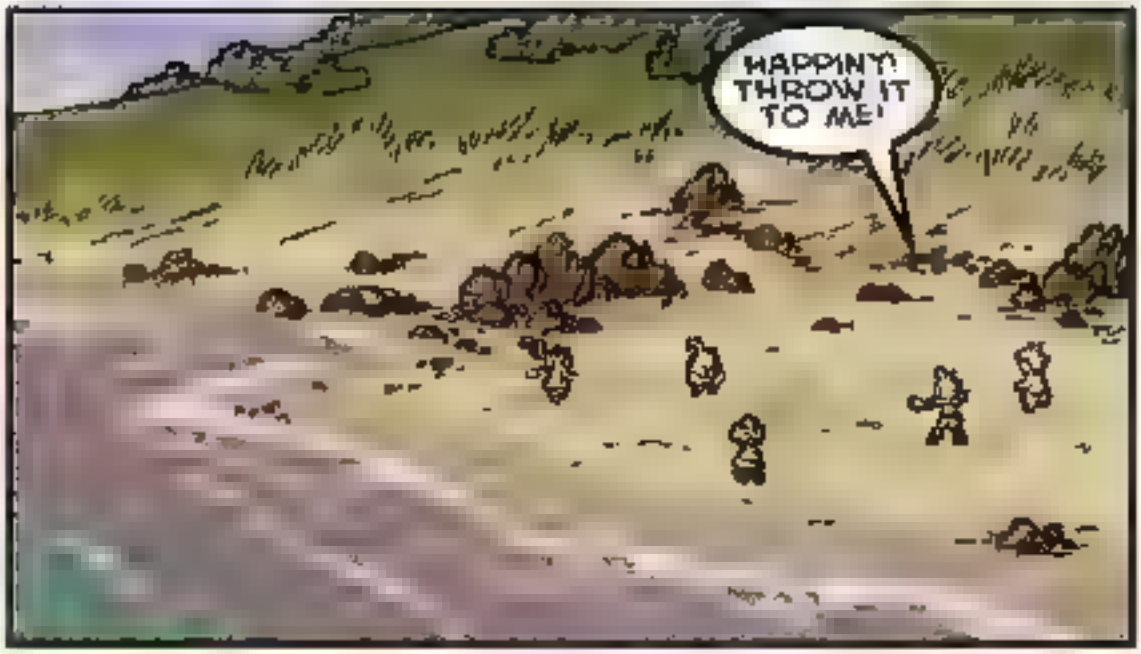

PSYCHIC TECHNIQUES ARE INADEQUATE
WEAPON!
UH-H
N-NO I NEARLY DID IT
IT'S NOT FAIR
NOT LIKE THIS
mh?


NO
NOT LIKE THIS
IT'S NOT FAIR
PLEASE
WHAT AM I DOING


AAARH-
H-HEH SO YA COULDN'T DO IT COULDJA?
WELL LOOKS LIKE I'M STRONGER'N YOU AFTER ALL
FIRE'S PRETTY LOW BUT I THINK I'VE GOT ENOUGH LEFT TO CLEAN UP HERE
unkh...
ahh...
OKAY BYE-BYE, FREAK
UH? WHO ?

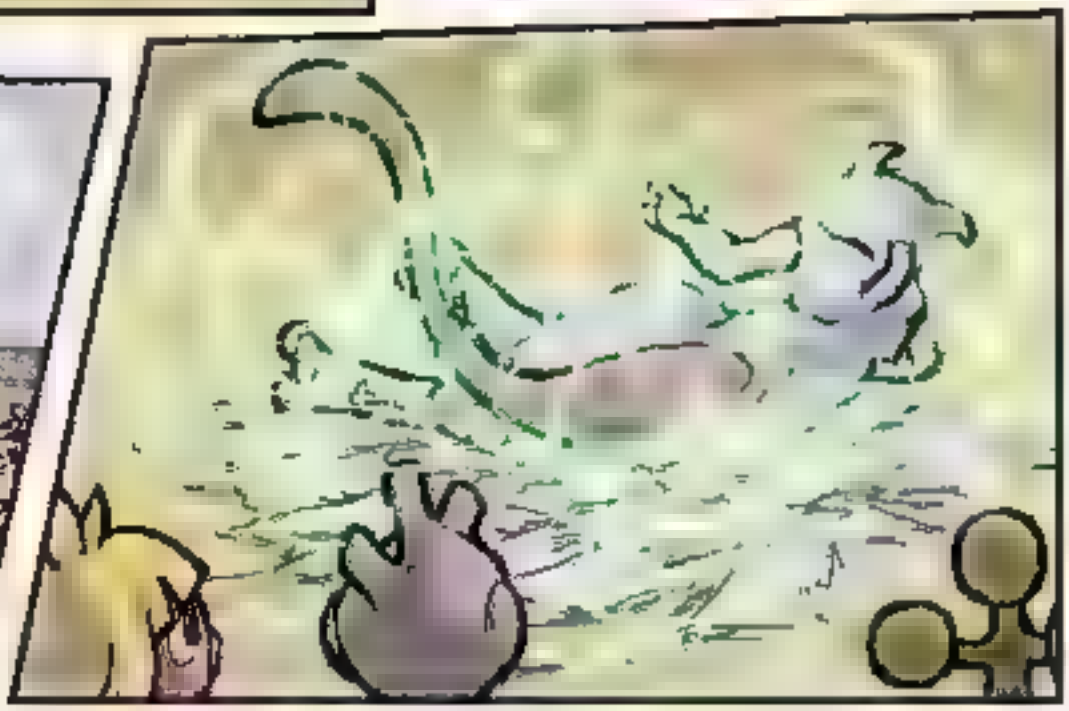

WHAT?
WHO ?
WHAT?
YOU... CHEATER!
CHEATING
CHEATING
CHEATER!




HAPPINY! THROW IT TO ME!

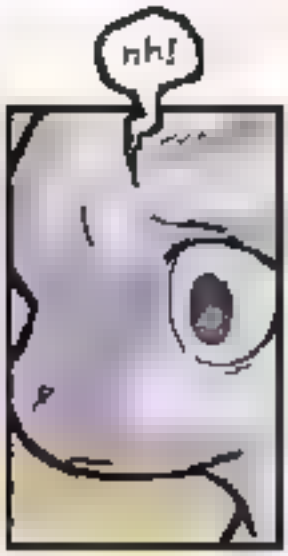
I GOT IT--

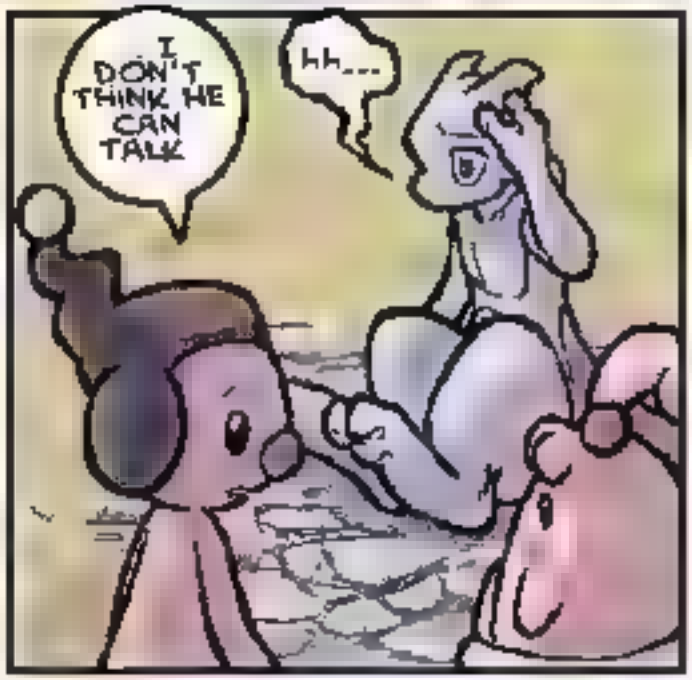
--WUH?

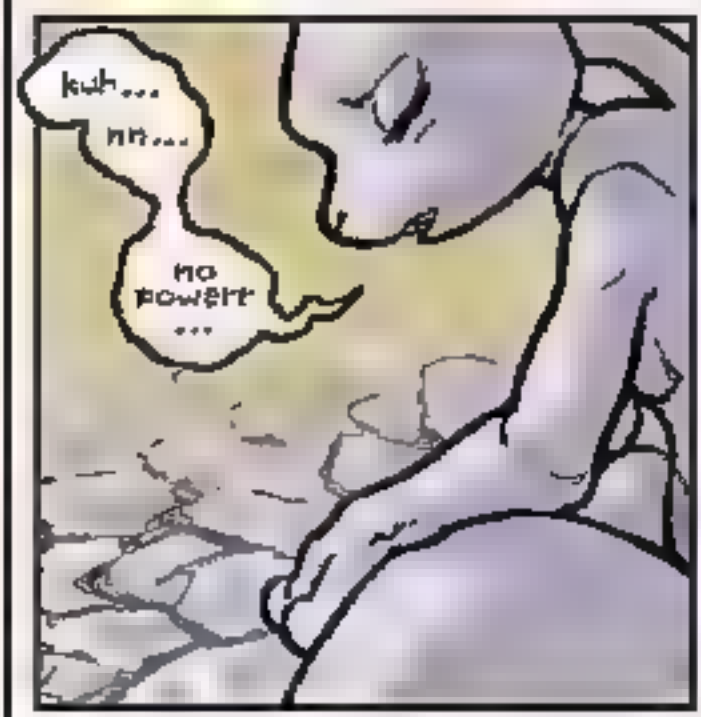


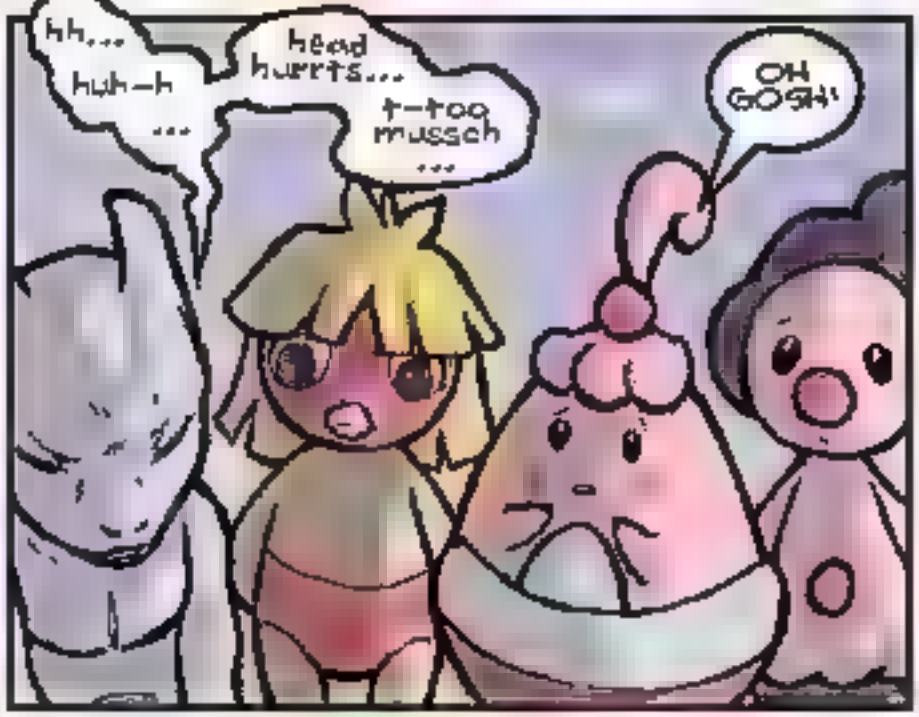
HE JUST POPPED OUT OF NO-WHERE
HEY, MISTER?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED? ARE YOU HURT?

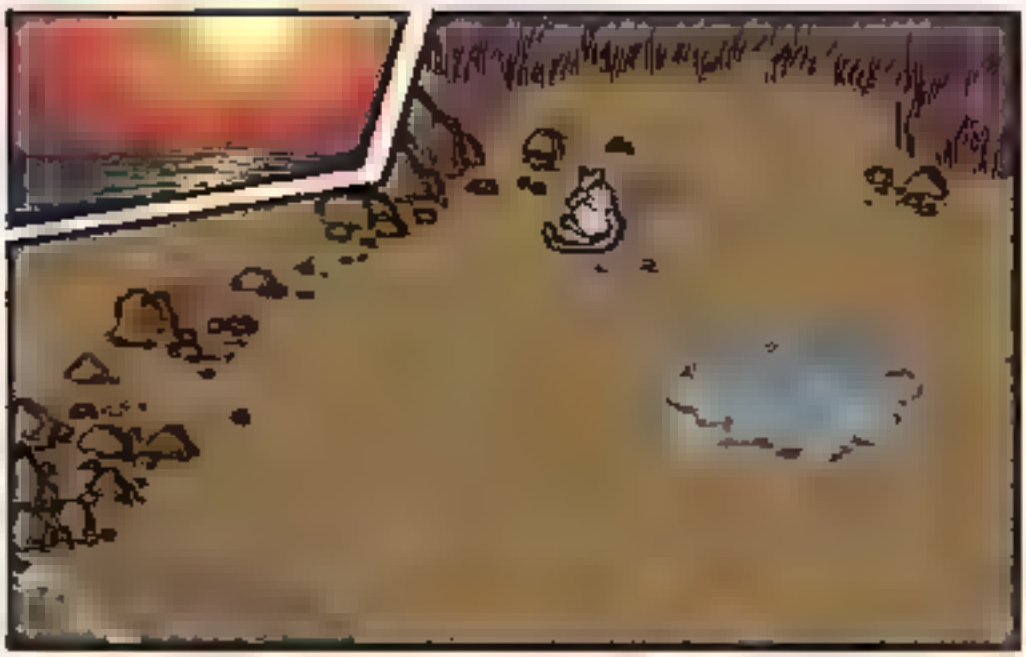
HUH?
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?


nh!


I DON'T THINK HE CAN TALK
hh...


kuh...
nn...
no power
...

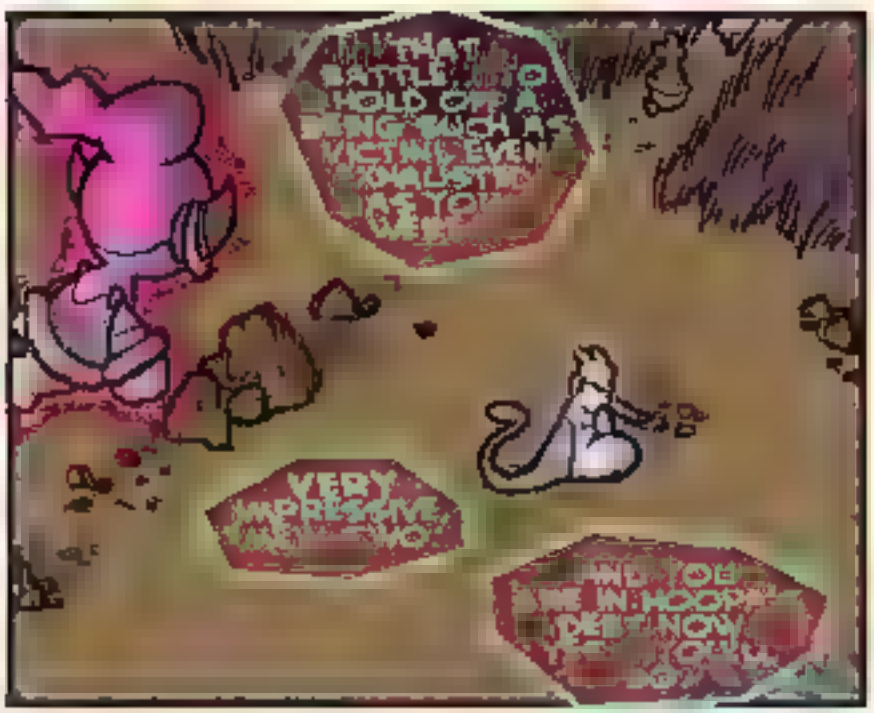

hh...
huh-h
...
head hurts...
t-too mussch
...
OH GOSH!

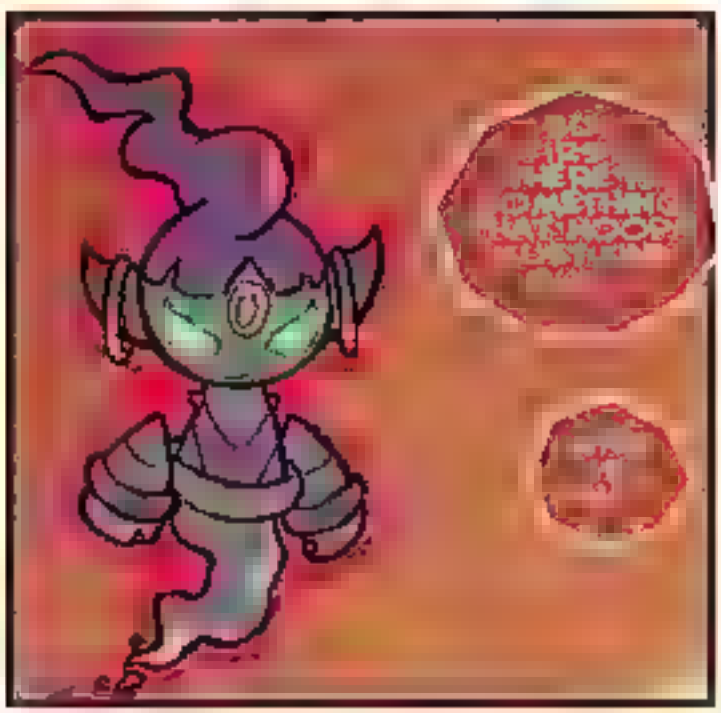


HEY, MISTER?

WE FOUND SOME BERRIES FOR YOU.

WE HAVE TO GO HOME NOW, OKAY? BYE-BYE
FEEL BETTER SOON!


VERY IMPRESSIVE



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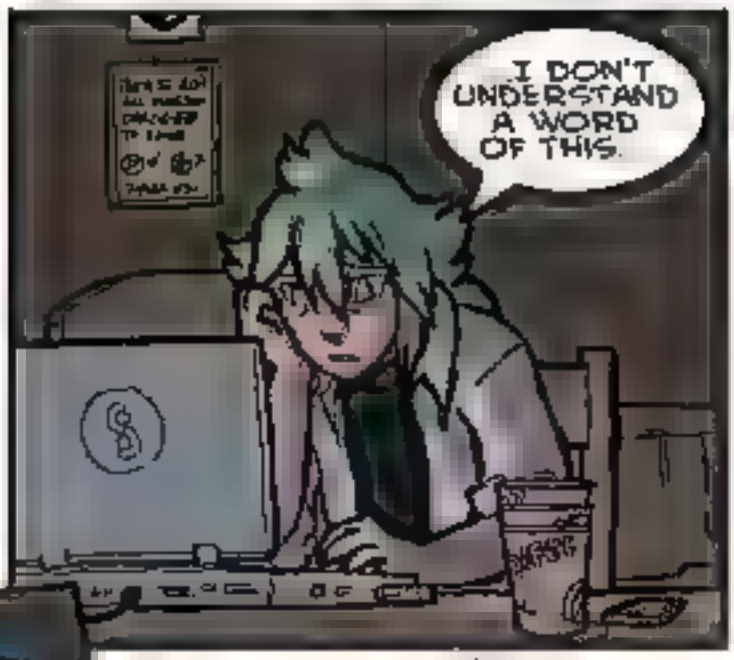

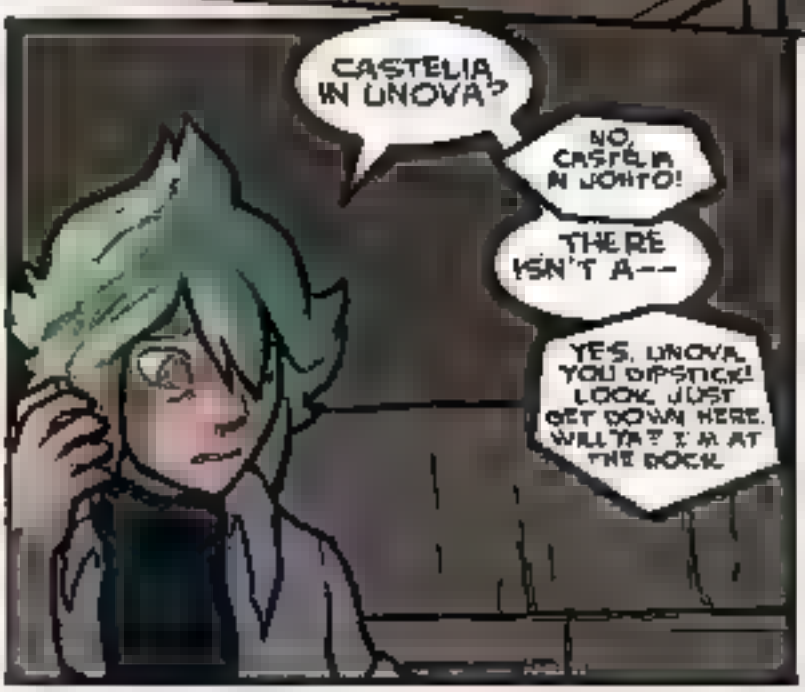

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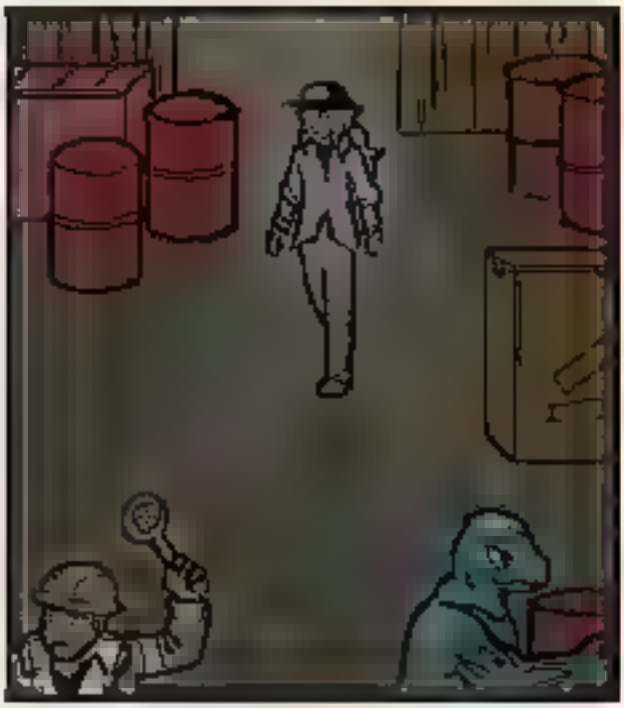
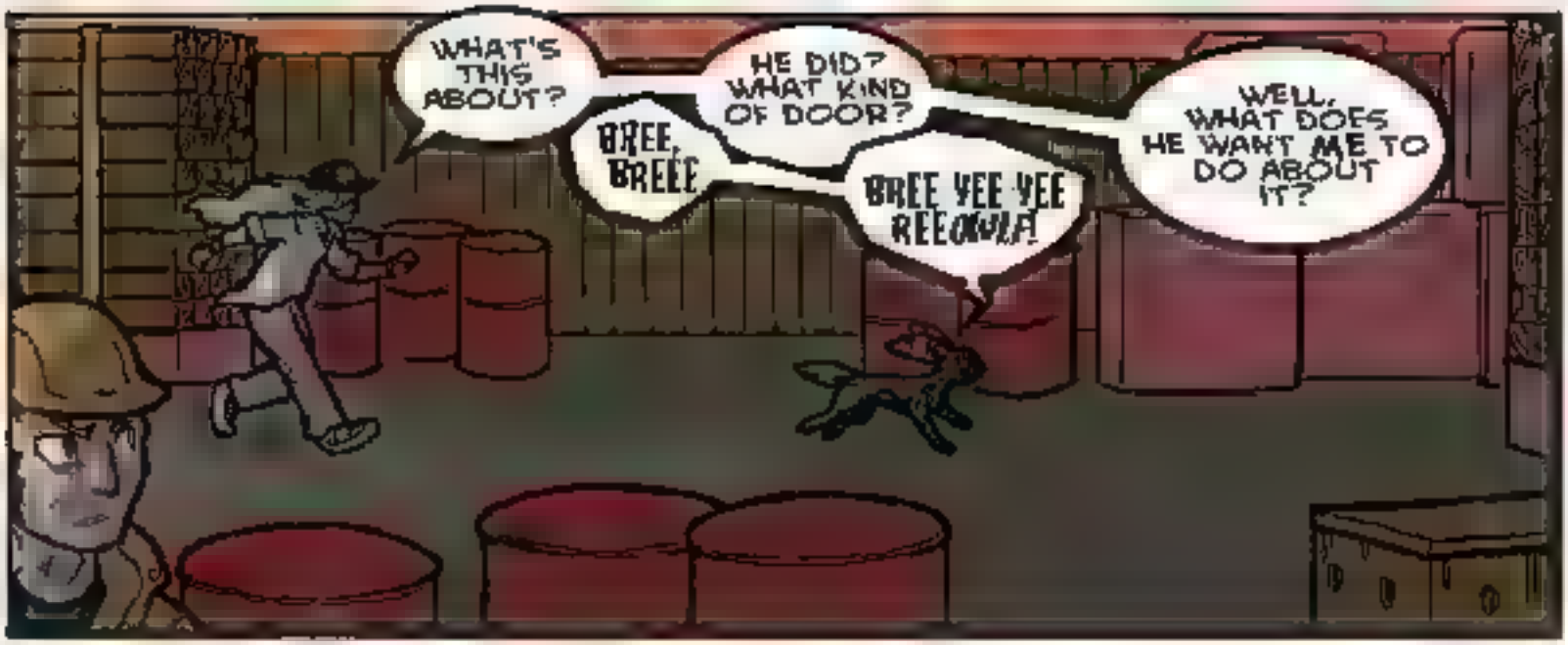


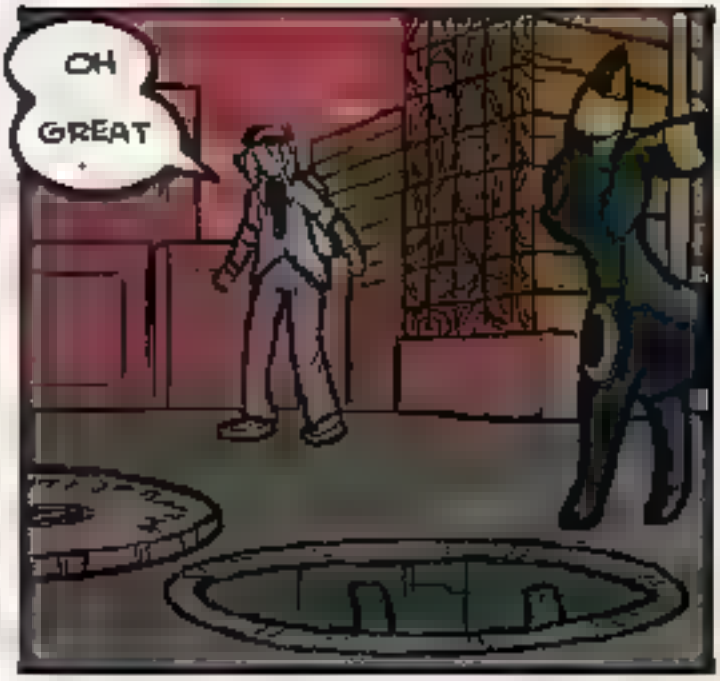
HEY! GREEN HAIR! HERE!

BOSS WANTS YOU.


WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
BREE, BREEE
HE DID? WHAT KIND OF DOOR?
BREE YEE YEE REEOWLA!
WELL, WHAT DOES HE WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

HEY, SLOW DOWN! I HAVEN'T GOT AS MANY LEGS AS YOU.
WHERE ARE WE GOING, ANYWAY?
STINK HOLE

HUH?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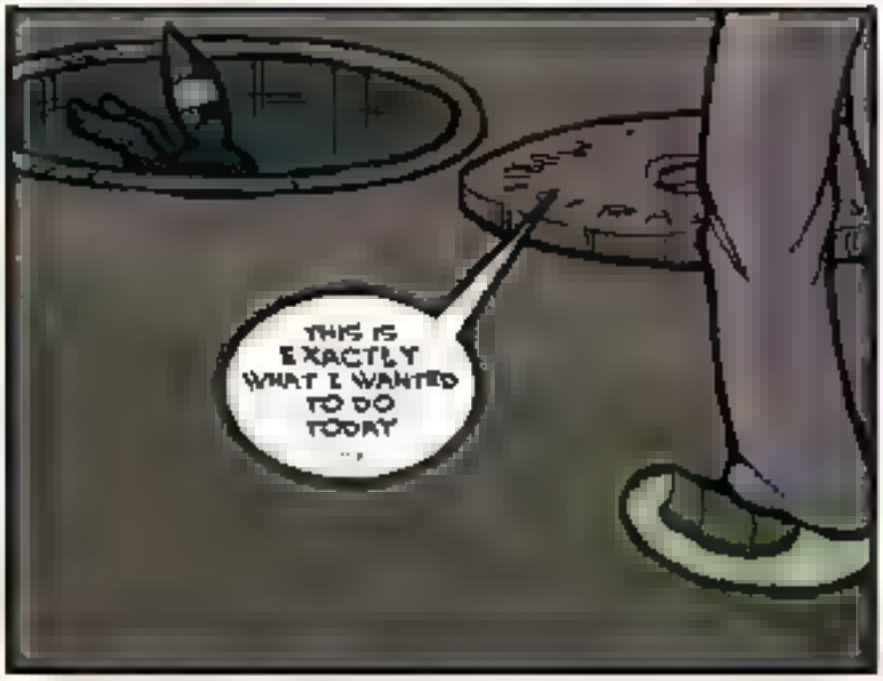
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO DO TODAY

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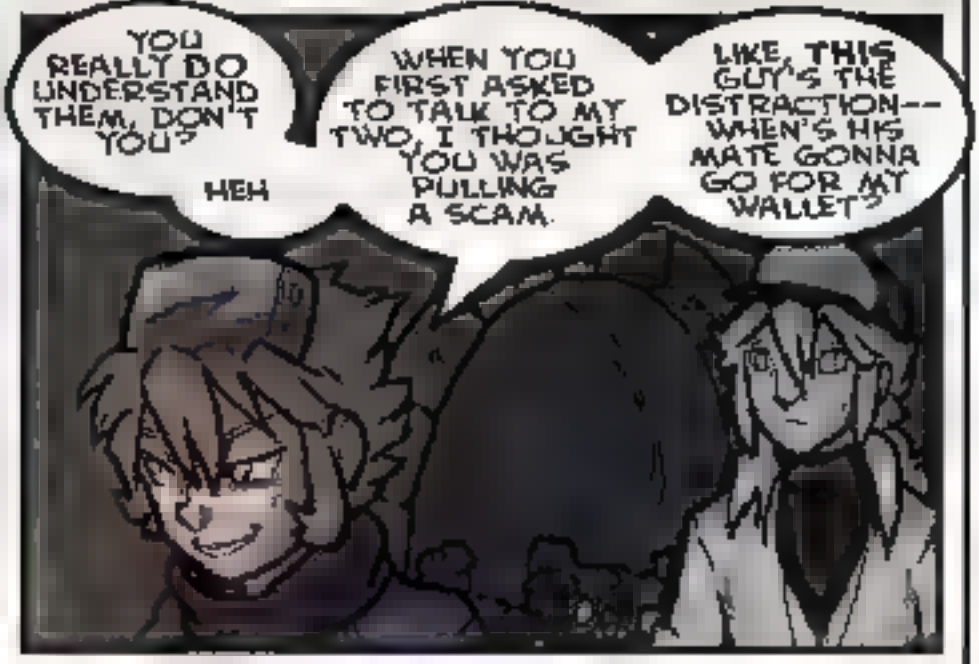
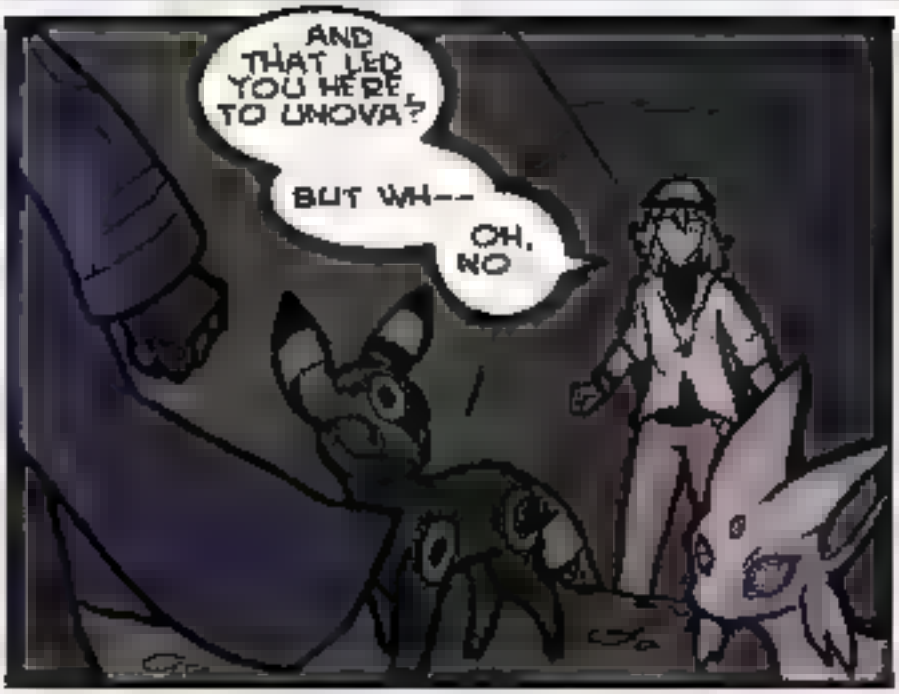
BOSS! I BROUGHT THE GREEN HAIR MAN!
GIMME COOKIE!
HAHA, WHAT? YA HUNGRY? AGAIN?
LET'S SEE ..
THIS IS NOT A COOKIE.
THIS IS A CHEW
O!! TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT, MATE, IT'S ALL I GOT ON ME
I'LL HAVE IT IF YOU DON'T WANT IT
EARN YOUR OWN STINK BUTT!
WHAT? THEY SAYING STUFF ABOUT ME?
NO, THEY'RE JUST ...ARGUING.
AH, THEY DO THAT. GOOD T'SEE YOU AGAIN
HOPE THOSE AIN'T YOUR BEST SHOES.

SO UMBREON SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A DOOR ..?


YOU REALLY DO UNDERSTAND THEM, DON'T YOU?
HEH
WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED TO TALK TO MY TWO, I THOUGHT YOU WAS PULLING A SCAM.
LIKE, THIS GUY'S THE DISTRACTION-- WHEN'S HIS MATE GONNA GO FOR MY WALLET?

WELL, ANYWAY FINDING THIS GIRL LOVRINA ..
LOOK, THE THING IS, CIPHER'S DONE GREEVIL'S OUT, THE OLDER SON IS OUT, AND THE YOUNGER ONE'S BROKE.
AND THIS TECH COSTS, YEAH?
SO, IF SHE KEPT GOING ON HER OWN, WHO WAS PAYING FOR IT?
I KNOW A GUY WHO'S A GENIUS WITH COMPUTERS, SO I CALLED IN A FAVOR AND FOLLOWED THE MONEY.


AND THAT LED YOU HERE, TO UNOVA?
BUT WH--
OH, NO

YEAH.
SHE GOT HERSELF A SECOND JOB

SORRY TO BRING IT UP, BUT IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU'VE GOT A CODE FOR THIS?
I-- NO I WAS LOCKED OUT OF EVERY-THING AFTER GHETSIS.

AH WELL, I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT WHERE'VE I GONE AND --
HOLD THIS FOR A MO.
UH, OKAY

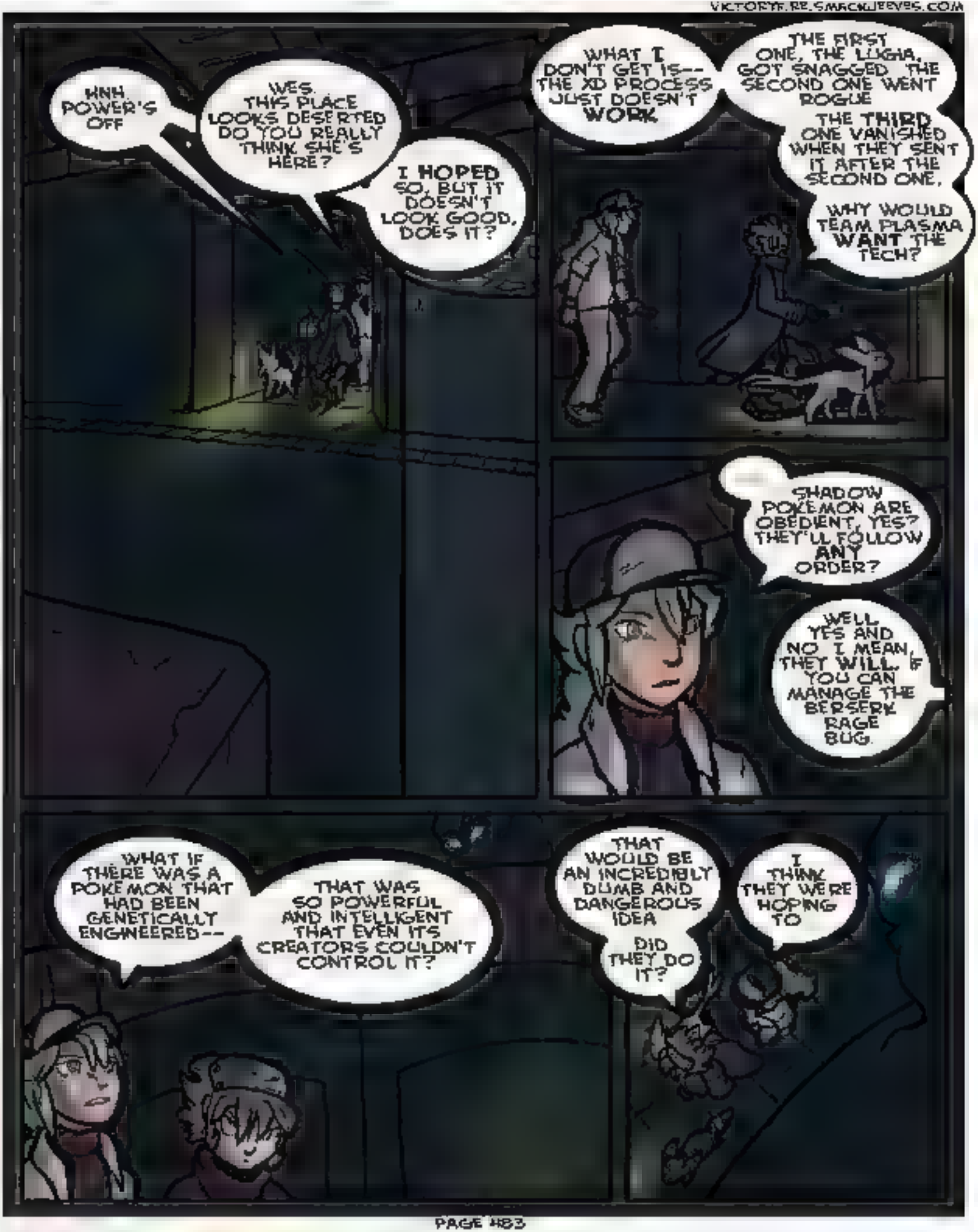
IT'S HEAVY WHAT IS IT?
A COSH. IT'S FOR HITTING PEOPLE OVER THE HEAD WITH

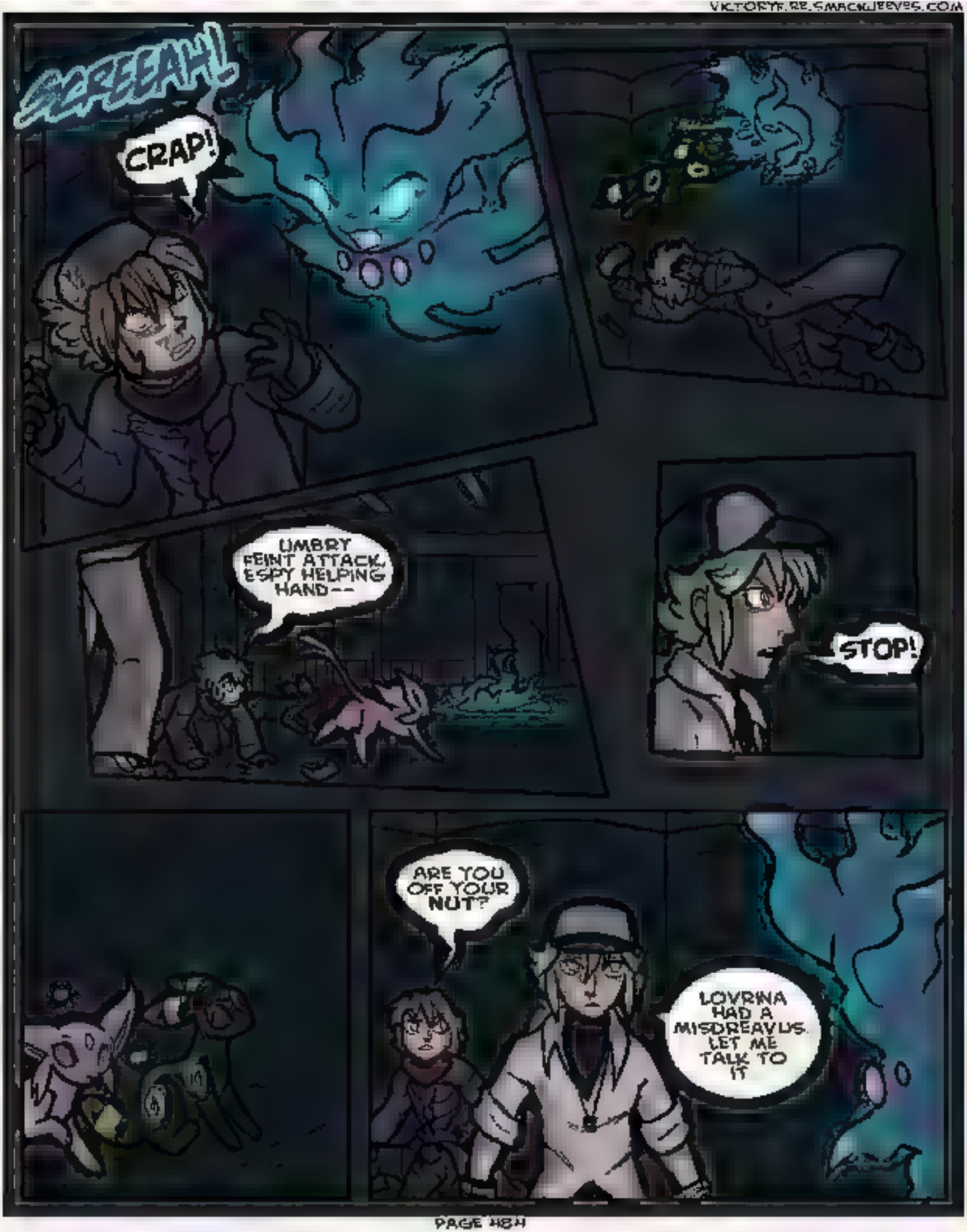
W-WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS?
'CAUSE I COULDN'T GET A TASER PAST CUSTOMS.
AHA!

A KEYCARD WITH BITS CUT OUT?
THE CUTOUTS ARE THE IMPORTANT BIT
BACK HOME WE CALL THIS AN "ORRE PASS-PORT"

LIGHT UP HERE, ESPY GOOD BOY
AH GREAT, IT'S A DEVON LOCK. I HATE THE SILPH ONES.
LET'S JUST TRY THE USUAL, AAAND

I AM EQUAL PARTS APPALLED AND IMPRESSED


HNH. POWER'S OFF
WES. THIS PLACE LOOKS DESERTED DO YOU REALLY THINK SHE'S HERE?
I HOPED SO, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, DOES IT?
WHAT I DON'T GET IS-- THE XD PROCESS JUST DOESN'T WORK
THE FIRST ONE, THE LUGIA, GOT SNAGGED. THE SECOND ONE WENT ROGUE
THE THIRD ONE VANISHED WHEN THEY SENT IT AFTER THE SECOND ONE.
WHY WOULD TEAM PLASMA WANT THE TECH?
SHADOW POKEMON ARE OBEDIENT, YES? THEY'LL FOLLOW ANY ORDER?
WELL YES AND NO. I MEAN, THEY WILL, IF YOU CAN MANAGE THE BERSERK RAGE BUG.
WHAT IF THERE WAS A POKEMON THAT HAD BEEN GENETICALLY ENGINEERED--
THAT WAS SO POWERFUL AND INTELLIGENT THAT EVEN ITS CREATORS COULDN'T CONTROL IT?
THAT WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLY DUMB AND DANGEROUS IDEA
DID THEY DO IT?
I THINK THEY WERE HOPING TO


SCREEAH!
CRAP!
UMBRY FEINT ATTACK, ESPY HELPING HAND--
STOP!
ARE YOU OFF YOUR NUT?
LOVRINA HAD A MISDREAVUS. LET ME TALK TO IT

GO AWAY!

LEAVE US ALONE! ENOUGH!

DON'T BE AFRAID

WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE CALLED LOVRINA

WHY?

IT'S ABOUT DARKRAI

YOU KNOW THAT NAME, DON'T YOU?

YES.

STUPID, STUPID.

OH MISS, POOR STUPID MISS.

SHOULDN'T HAVE HURT IT. SHOULDN'T EVER HAVE CAUGHT IT

I TRIED TO TELL THEM, BUT THEY DIDN'T LISTEN. NOBODY EVER LISTENS

I'LL LISTEN TELL ME

THE DREAMS... STARTED AFTER IT BROKE OUT MISS KEPT FALLING ASLEEP... COULDN'T WAKE UP

I, I, I TRIED I TRIED TO SHIELD MISS. IT'S TOO STRONG

SO TIRED, I CAN'T

HEY! I DON'T SPEAK SPOOK, REMEMBER? YOU WANNA TRANSLATE OR WHAT?

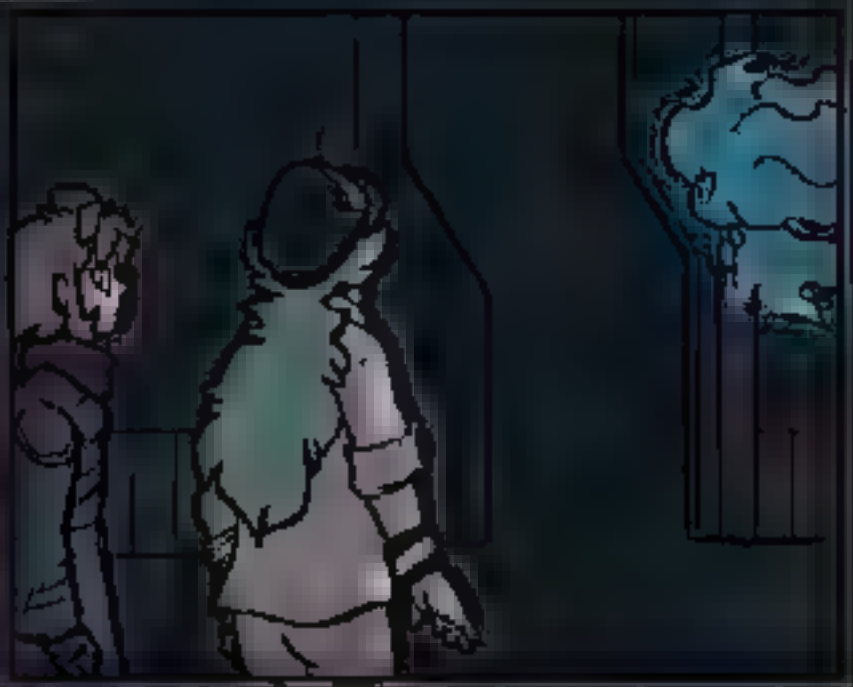
MY GUESS IS THAT DARKRAI DID SOMETHING TO LOVRINA WHEN HE ESCAPED
NIGHT-MARES THAT STRENGTHEN OVER TIME
IT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE OLD SINNOH FOLK TALES

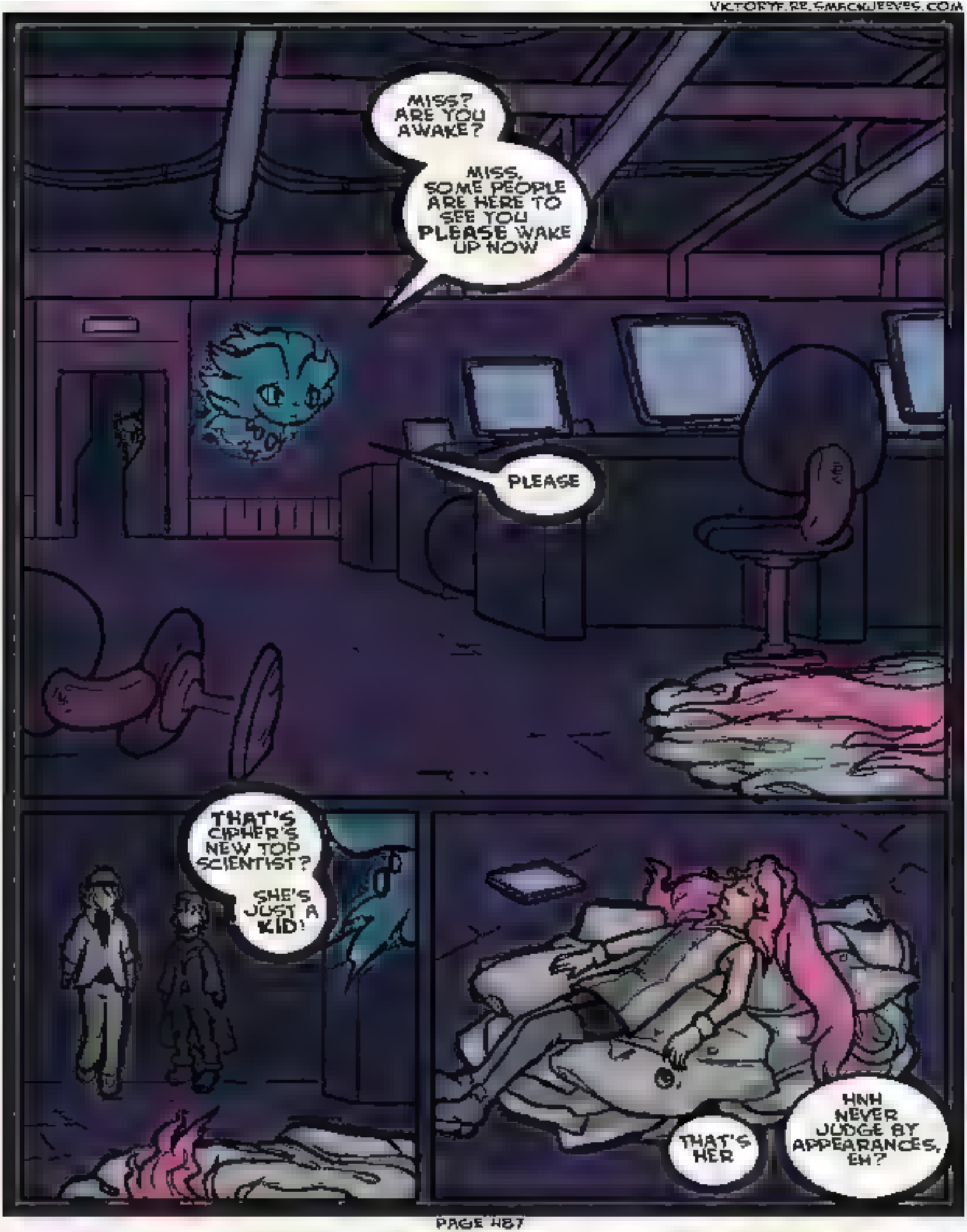
MISDREAVUS, WE WANT TO FIX THINGS. BUT WE NEED LOVRINA WILL YOU LET US HELP?
I'M ESPY

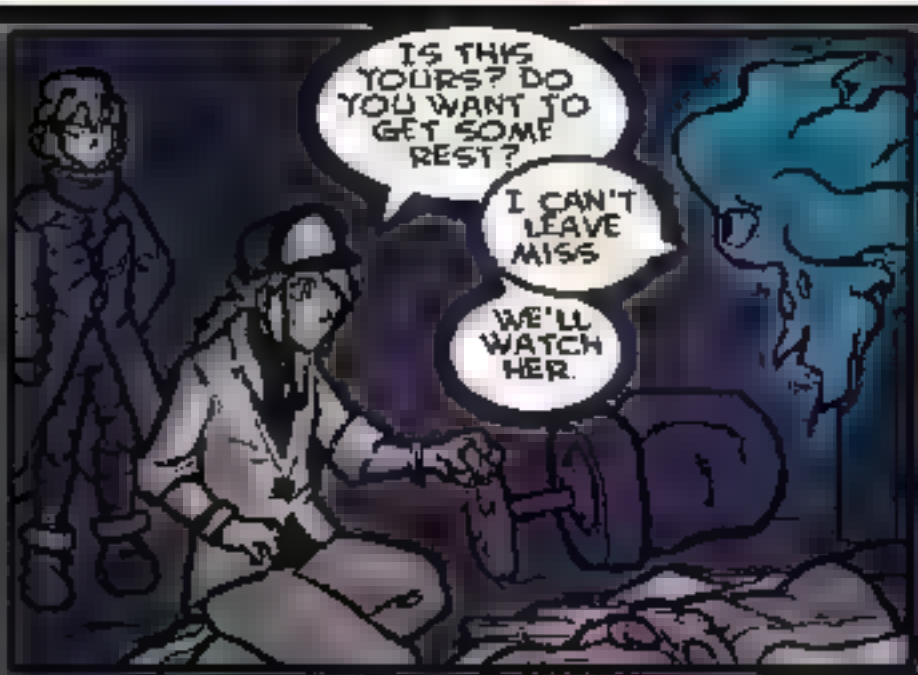
TELL THAT ONE TO CALL OFF ITS SERVANTS FIRST

WES, WOULD YOU RECALL UMBRY AND ESPY?
WHY?
YOU'RE A TRAINER, AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF SHE CAN TRUST YOU.
PLEASE?

COME BACK, YOU TWO

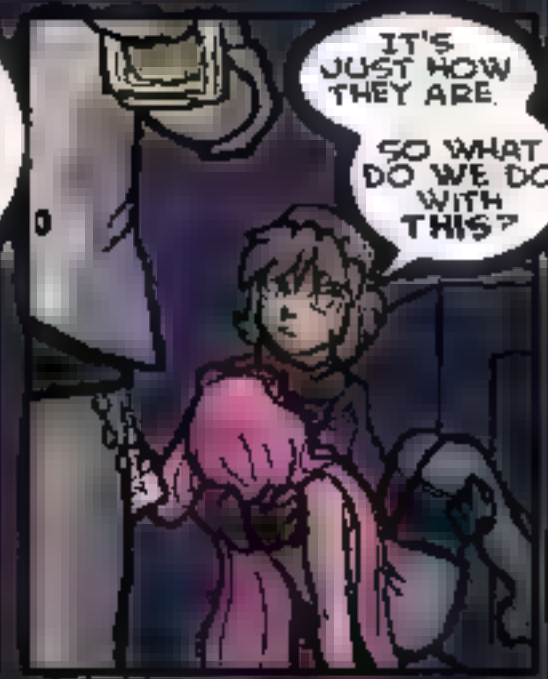


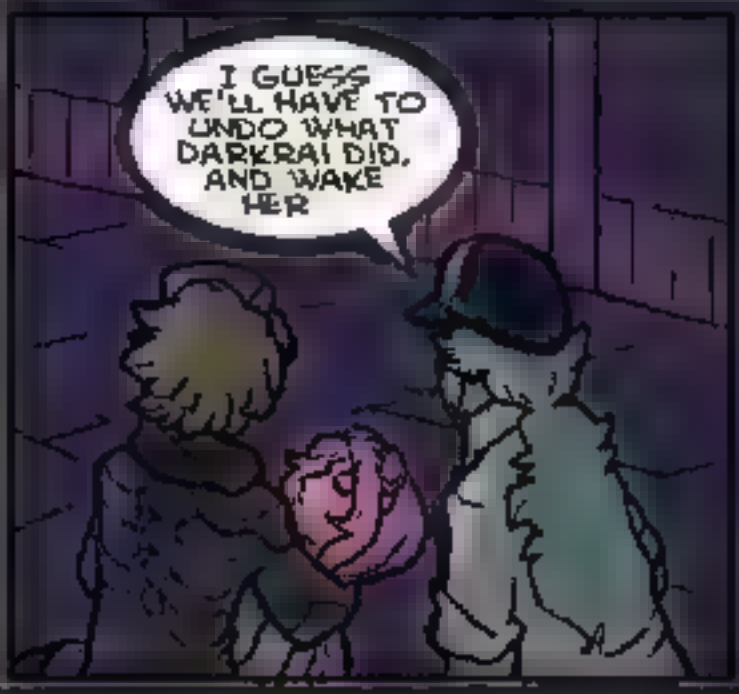

MISS? ARE YOU AWAKE?
MISS, SOME PEOPLE ARE HERE TO SEE YOU PLEASE WAKE UP NOW
PLEASE
THAT'S CIPHER'S NEW TOP SCIENTIST?
SHE'S JUST A KID!
THAT'S HER
HNH NEVER JUDGE BY APPEARANCES, EH?


IS THIS YOURS? DO YOU WANT TO GET SOME REST?
I CAN'T LEAVE MISS
WE'LL WATCH HER.

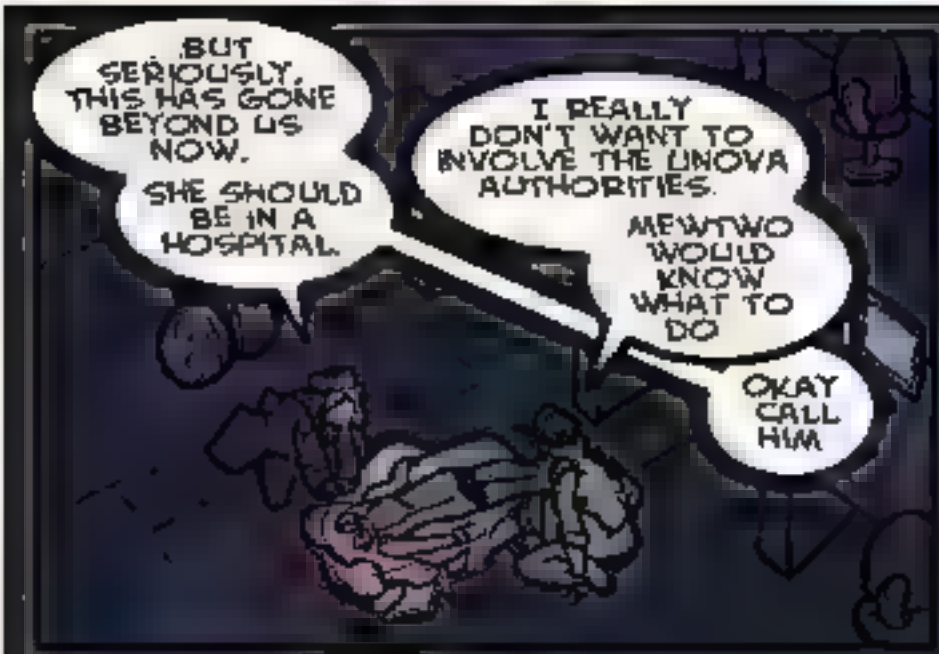
IT'S YOUR CALL. I JUST THOUGHT YOU LOOKED VERY TIRED
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

WHY ARE THEY ALWAYS SO FAITHFUL TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T DESERVE IT?


IT'S JUST HOW THEY ARE.
SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS?


I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO UNDO WHAT DARKRAI DID, AND WAKE HER

WELL, YOU'RE ROYALTY, AREN'T YOU? YOU COULD TRY KISSING HER.
NO?

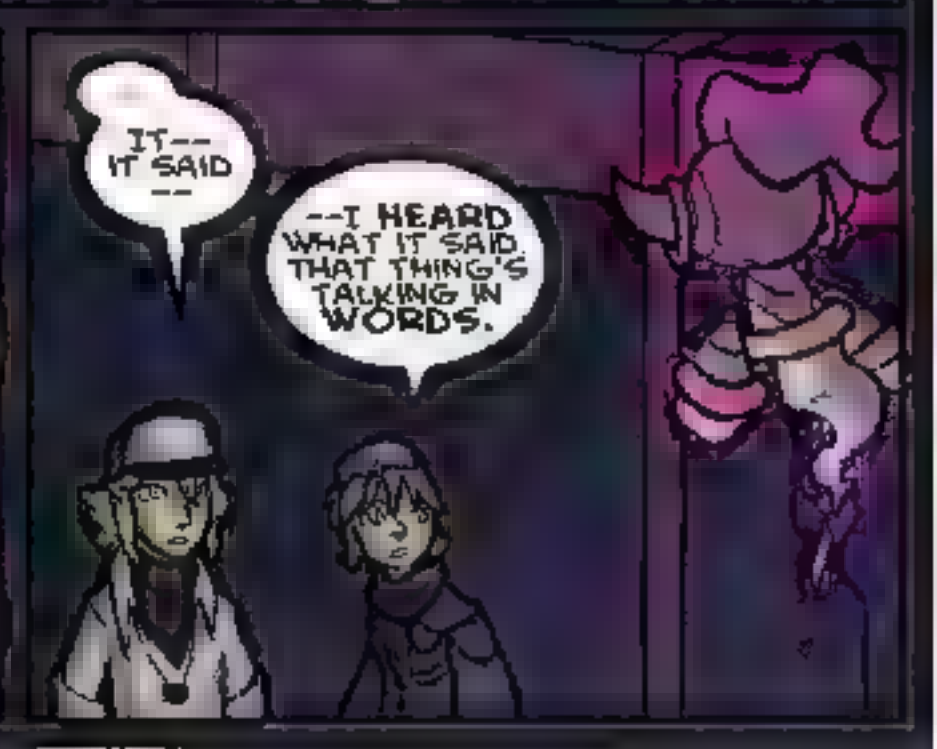

BUT SERIOUSLY, THIS HAS GONE BEYOND US NOW.
SHE SHOULD BE IN A HOSPITAL.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO INVOLVE THE UNOVA AUTHORITIES.
MEWTWO WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO
OKAY CALL HIM

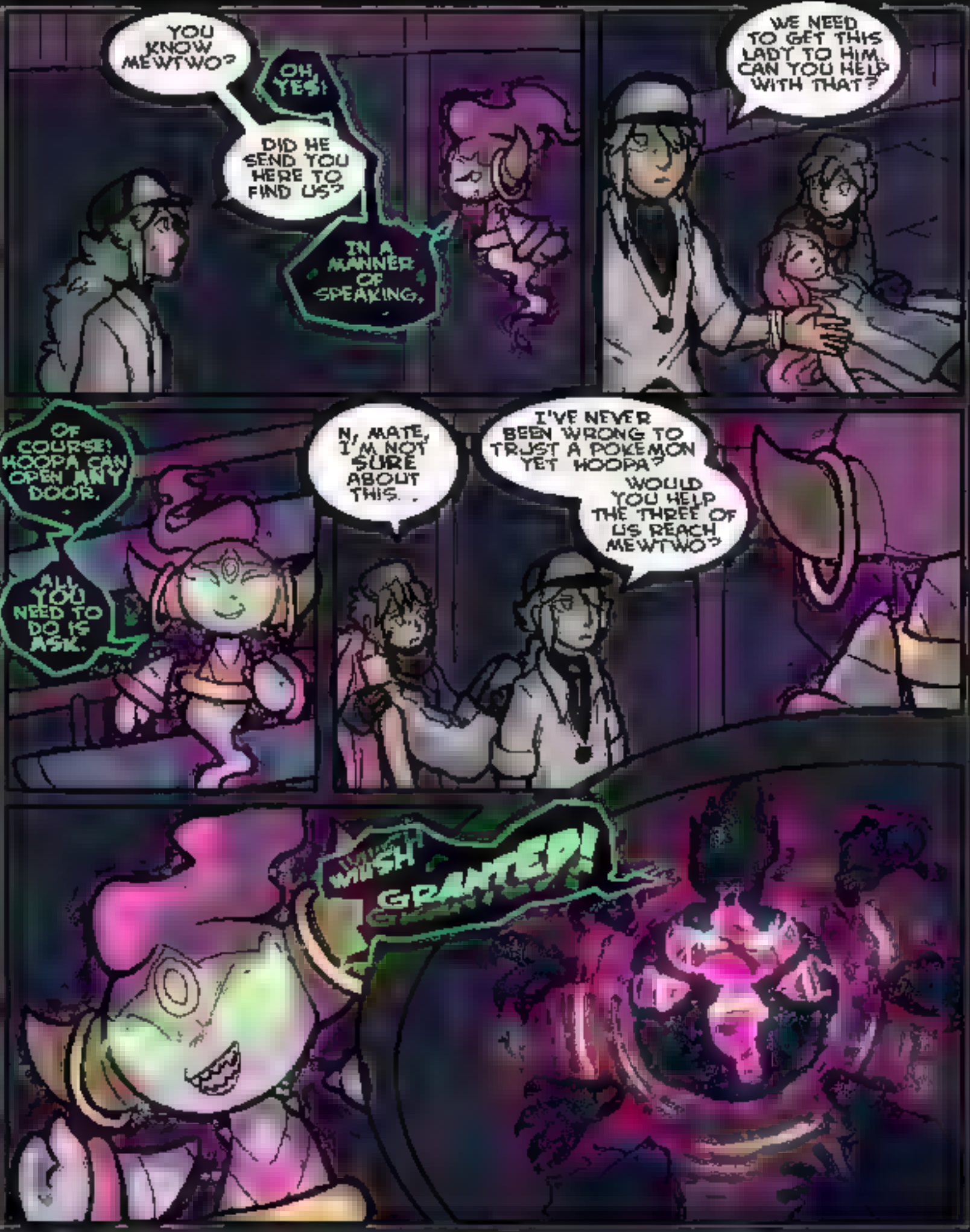
DON'T TELL ME, YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE HIM A PHONE?
HE DOESN'T LIKE
WELL, HE USUALLY CONTACTS ME

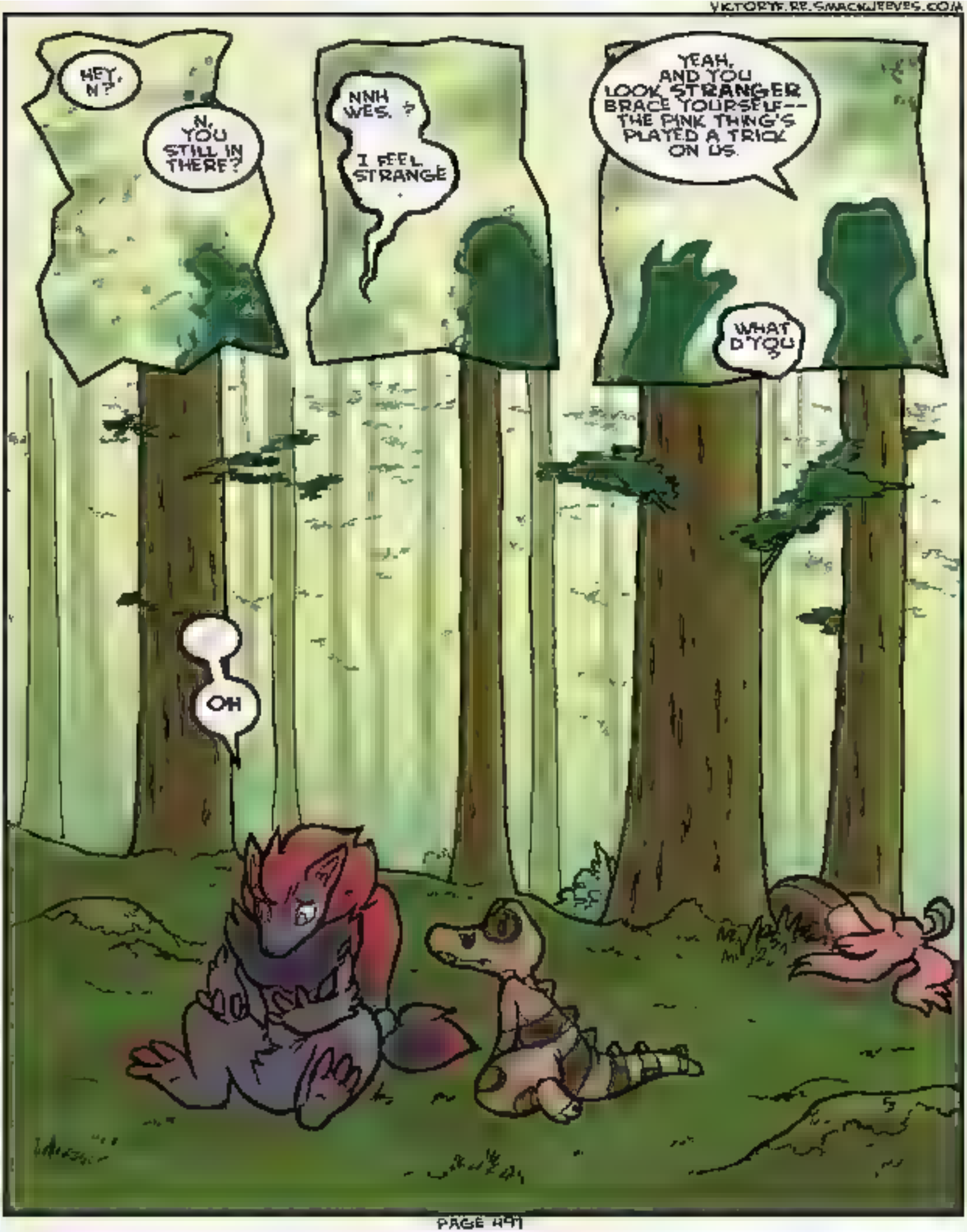
THIS IS WHY PEOPLE USE POKEBALLS, N!

HEE HEE... WHO WANTS MEW-TWO?

SO YOU ARE N. MEW-TWO HAS BEEN THINKING OF YOU.
HE MISSES YOU.
BUT TO LEAVE THAT PLACE ISN'T SO EASY ANY MORE...

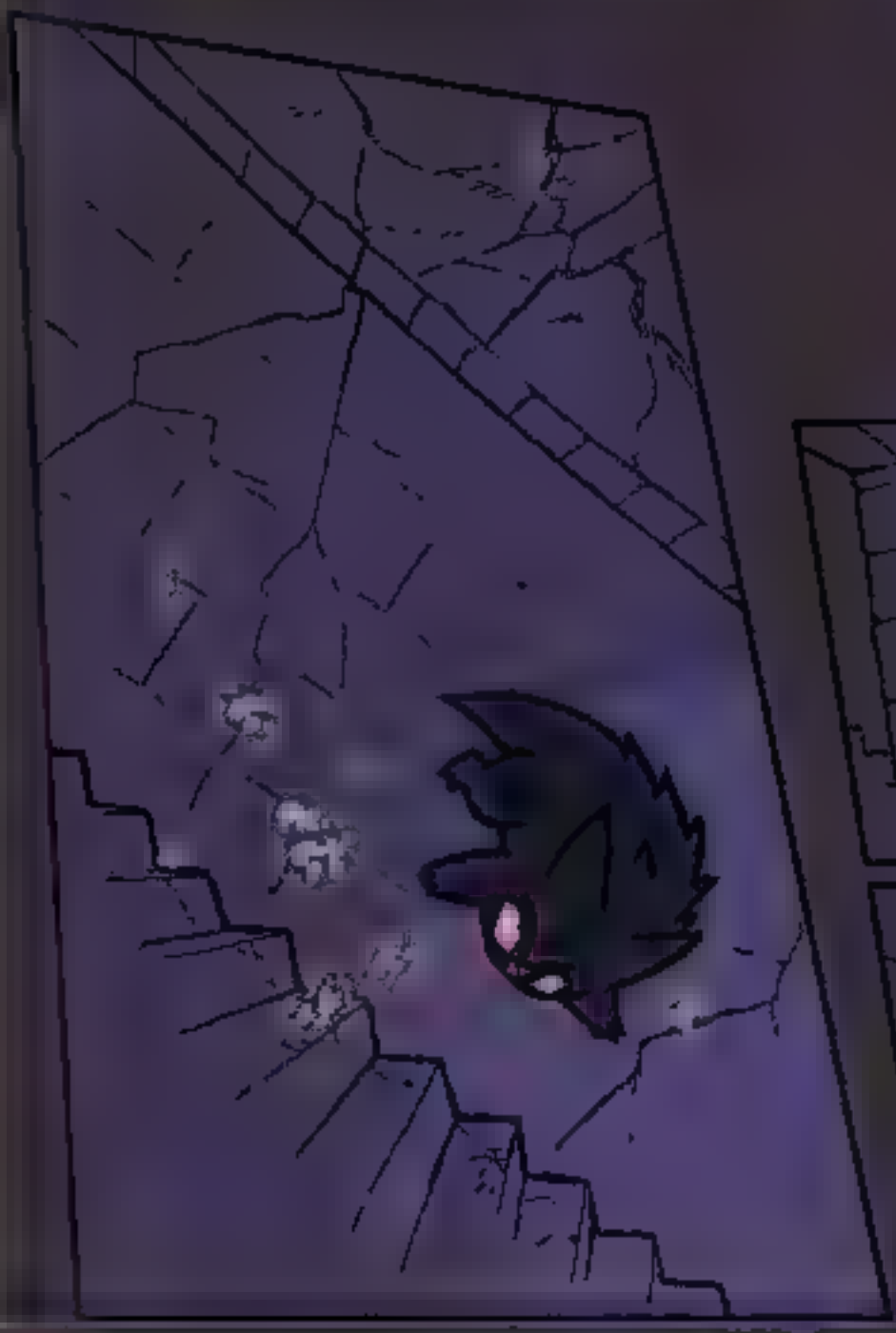

IT-- IT SAID --
--I HEARD WHAT IT SAID. THAT THING'S TALKING IN WORDS.


YOU KNOW MEWTWO?
OH, YES!
DID HE SEND YOU HERE TO FIND US?
IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.
WE NEED TO GET THIS LADY TO HIM. CAN YOU HELP WITH THAT?
OF COURSE! HOOPA CAN OPEN ANY DOOR.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK.
N, MATE, I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS...
I'VE NEVER BEEN WRONG TO TRUST A POKEMON YET HOOPA?
WOULD YOU HELP THE THREE OF US REACH MEWTWO?
WISH GRANTED!


HEY, N?
N, YOU STILL IN THERE?
NNH WES. ?
I FEEL STRANGE
YEAH, AND YOU LOOK STRANGER. BRACE YOURSELF-- THE PINK THING'S PLAYED A TRICK ON US.
WHAT D'YOU
OH

DO IT LIKE SKY TOWER, DO IT LIKE SKY TOWER

BOOM
GUH!



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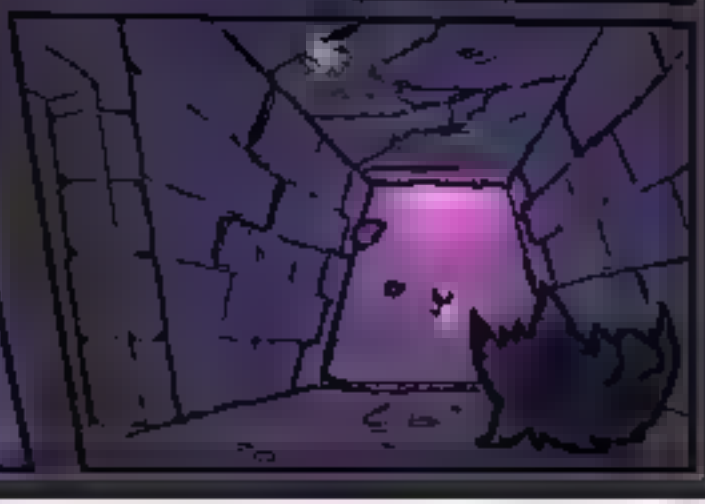

HFF
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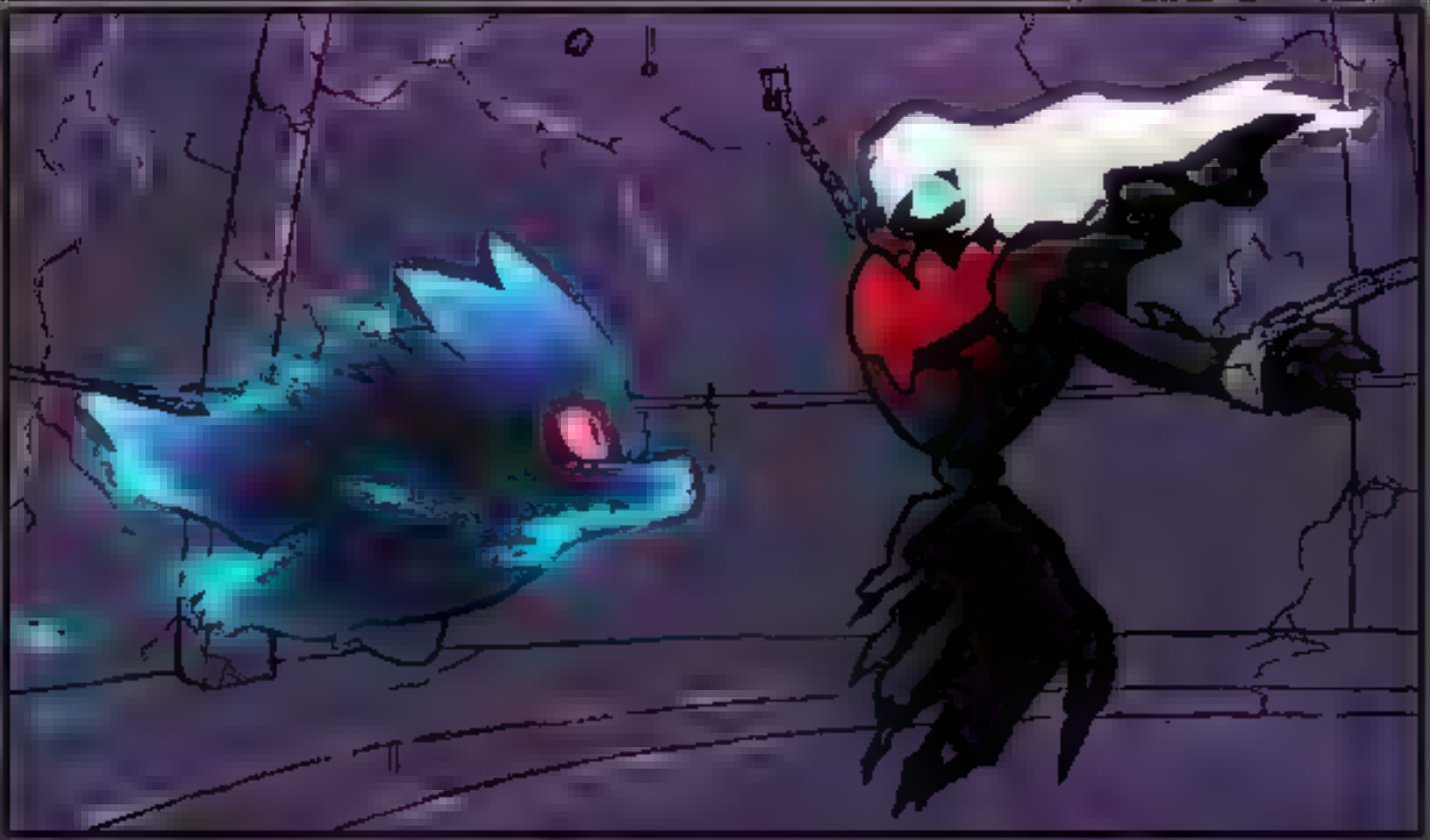
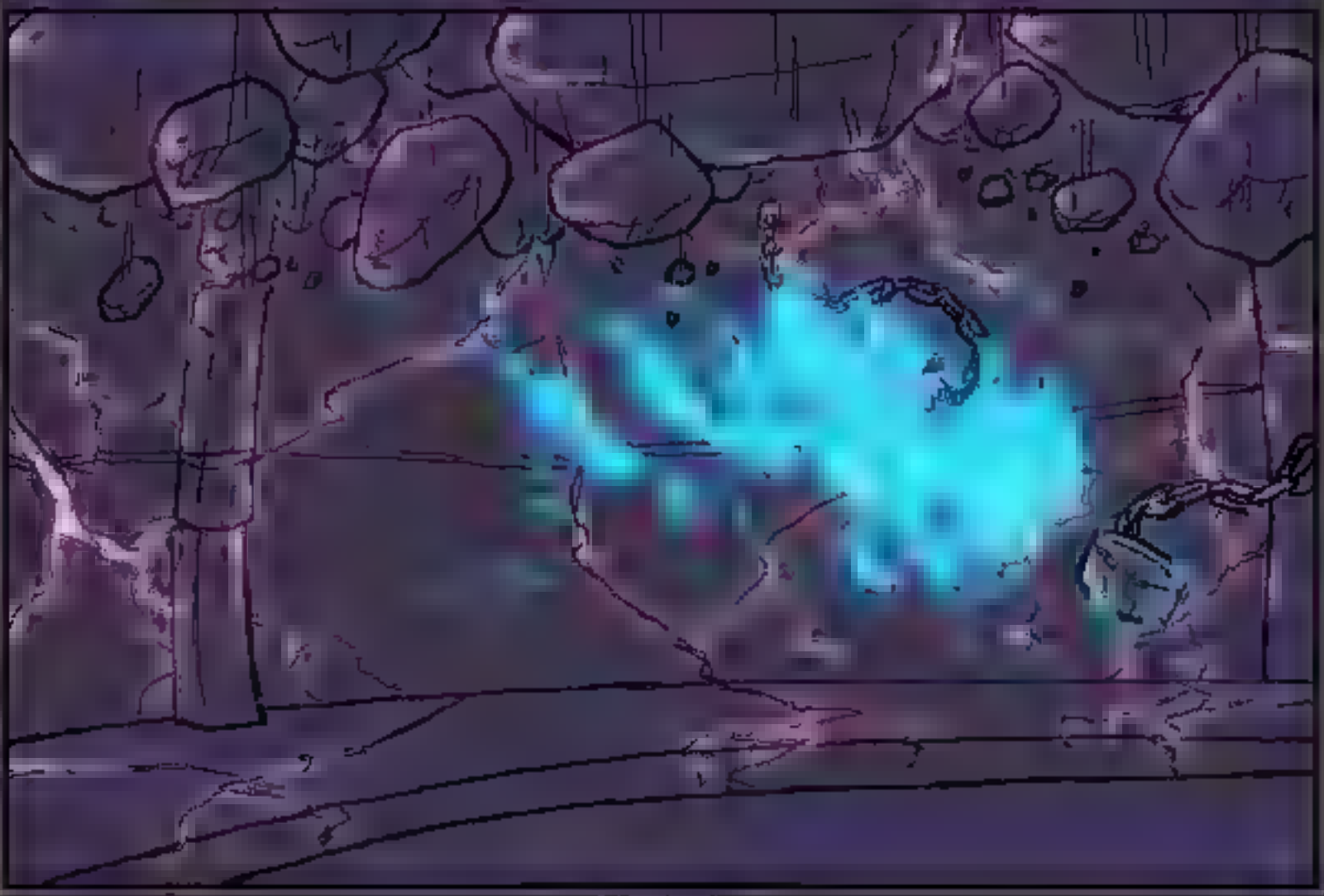
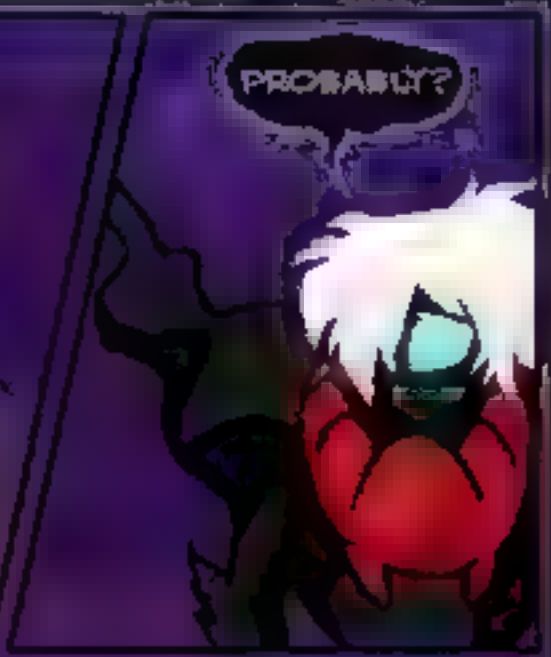
OKAY...
OKAY.
JUST... PLEASE... QUICKLY...
DARKRAI!





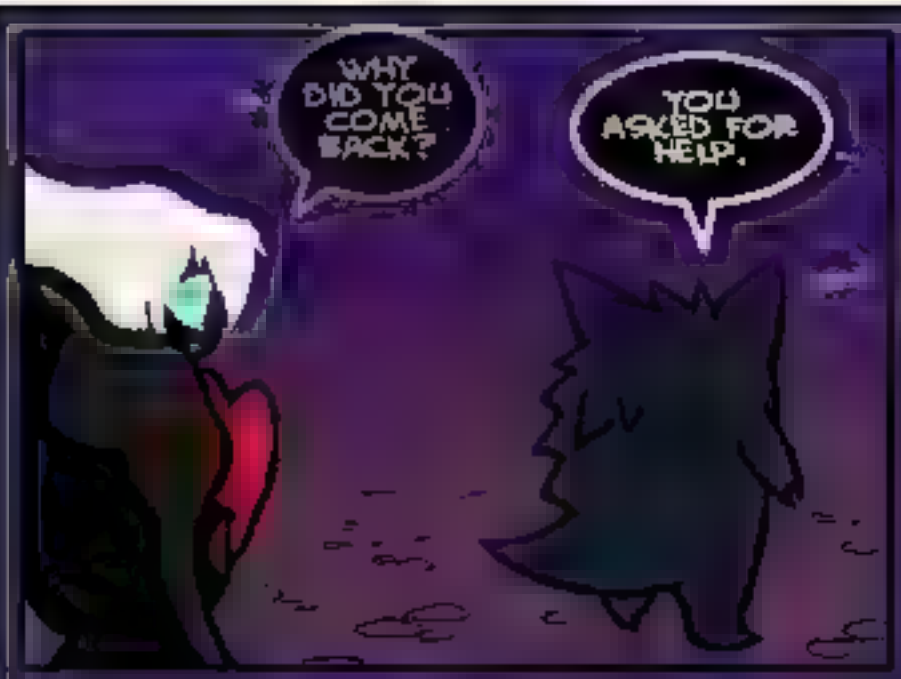


I— PULLED YOU INTO THE "SPIRIT WORLD"...

THERE WASN'T TIME TO DO ANY-THING ELSE.

WE SHOULDN'T STAY STILL TOO LONG--IT'LL ATTRACT ATTENTION. CAN YOU WALK?

OR... FLOAT WHATEVER IT IS YOU DO?


WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
YOU ASKED FOR HELP.

...AND THAT'S IT?

I USED TO BE ON A RESCUE TEAM, BUT WE NEVER DID ANYTHING GOOD.

I GUESS... I JUST WANTED ONE SUCCESSFUL RESCUE ON MY RECORD.
YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE LIGHTS
YEAH, DON'T LOOK AT 'EM. THEY'LL TRY TO LURE YOU IN DEEPER.

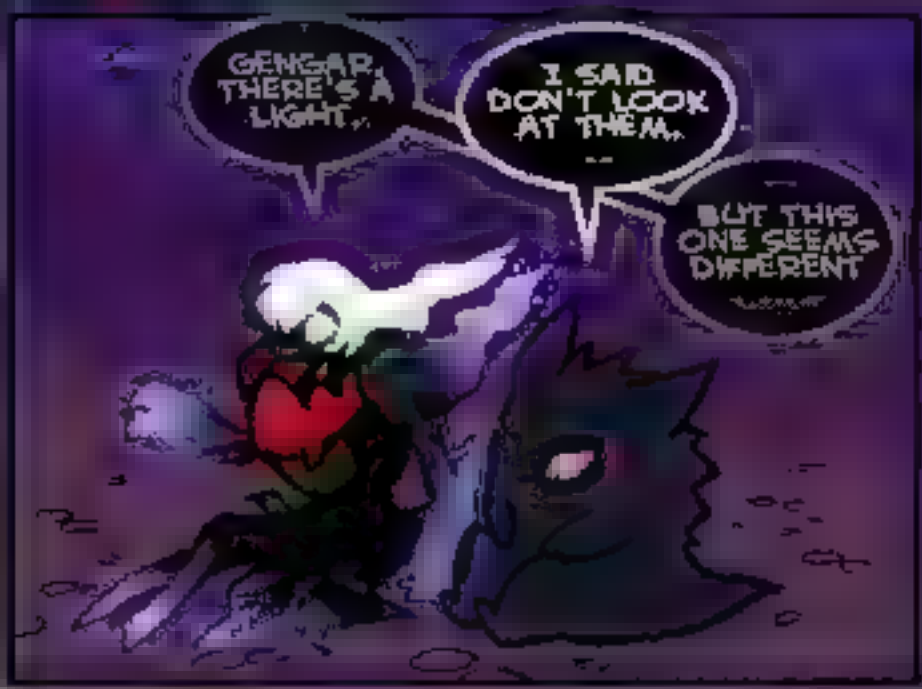
...THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT WAY.

...IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
I'VE ONLY DONE THIS ONCE BEFORE.
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT I'M DOING...
...NO. THIS IS WRONG TOO... AW CRAP. HOW'VE I GOTTEN TURNED AROUND AGAIN?
WE DON'T TIME FOR THIS...
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I COULD HELP?
NOT UNLESS YOU CAN FIND A WAY OUT HALF AN HOUR AGO.
ER... GENGAR...?
I KNOW. I'M... SORRY.
I THINK I'VE MESSED IT ALL UP...

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

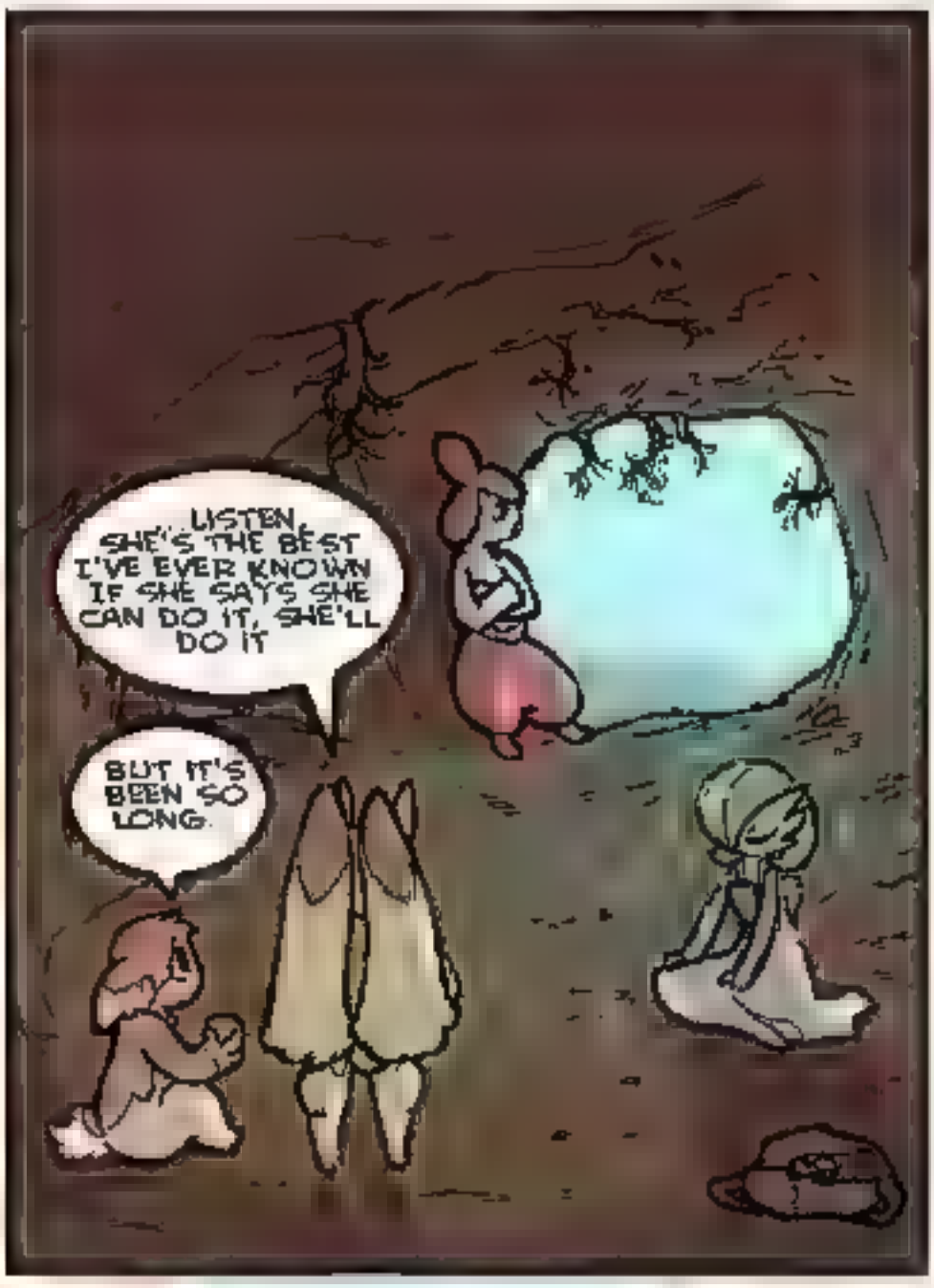
YOU KNOW... I'VE LIVED A LONG TIME...

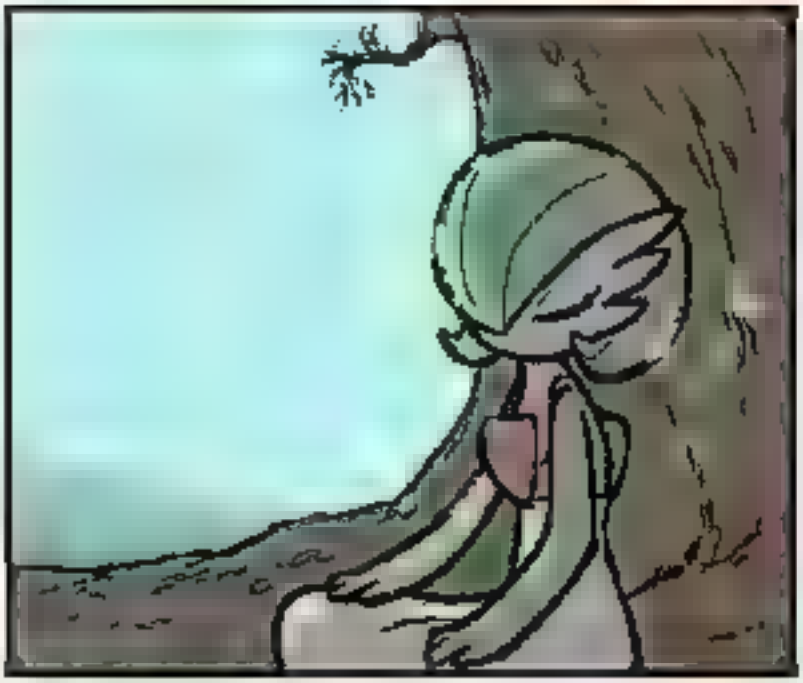
IF I HAVE TO DIE NOW... I'M GLAD I GOT TO MAKE A FRIEND FIRST.
NOT MUCH COMFORT
heh, RIGHT NOW I'LL TAKE WHAT I CAN GET.


GENGAR, THERE'S A LIGHT...
I SAID DON'T LOOK AT THEM...
BUT THIS ONE SEEMS DIFFERENT

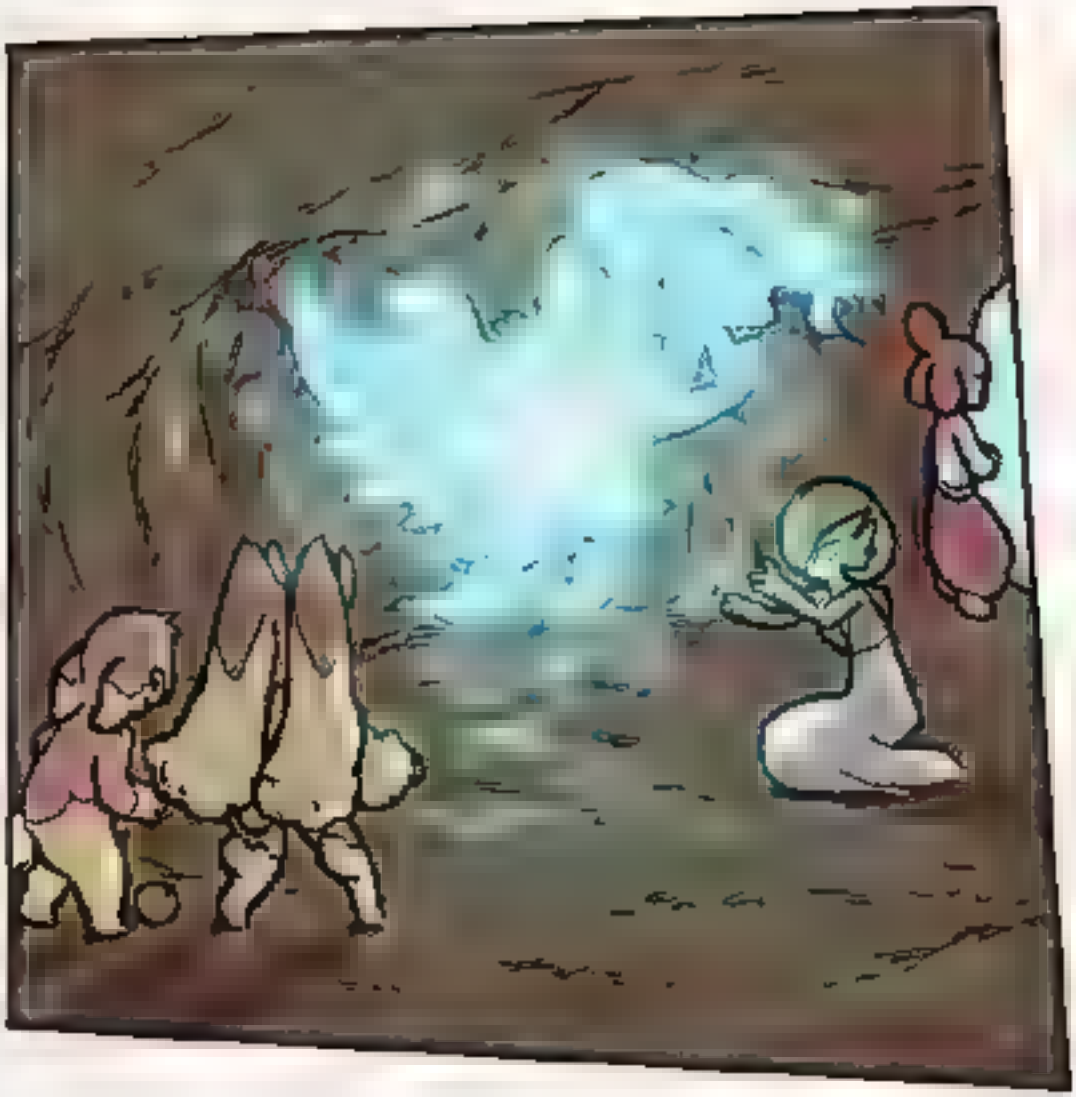
WHA...? GARDEVOIR...?
HUH?
IT IS HER! GARDEVOIR'S TRYING TO FIND US! GET UP, QUICK!

GOTTA STAY FED, KIDDO


LISTEN, SHE'S THE BEST I'VE EVER KNOWN IF SHE SAYS SHE CAN DO IT, SHE'LL DO IT
BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG.



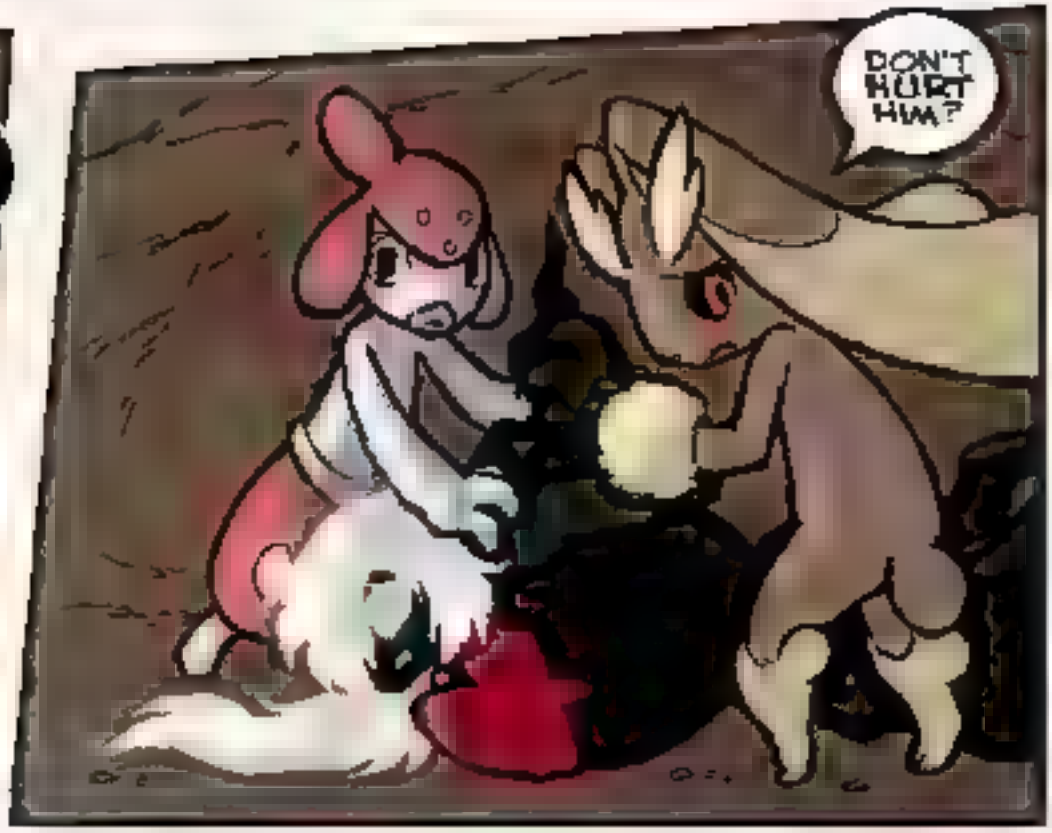
I
HAVE
HIM



DARKRAI!

--TAKE HIM DOWN!

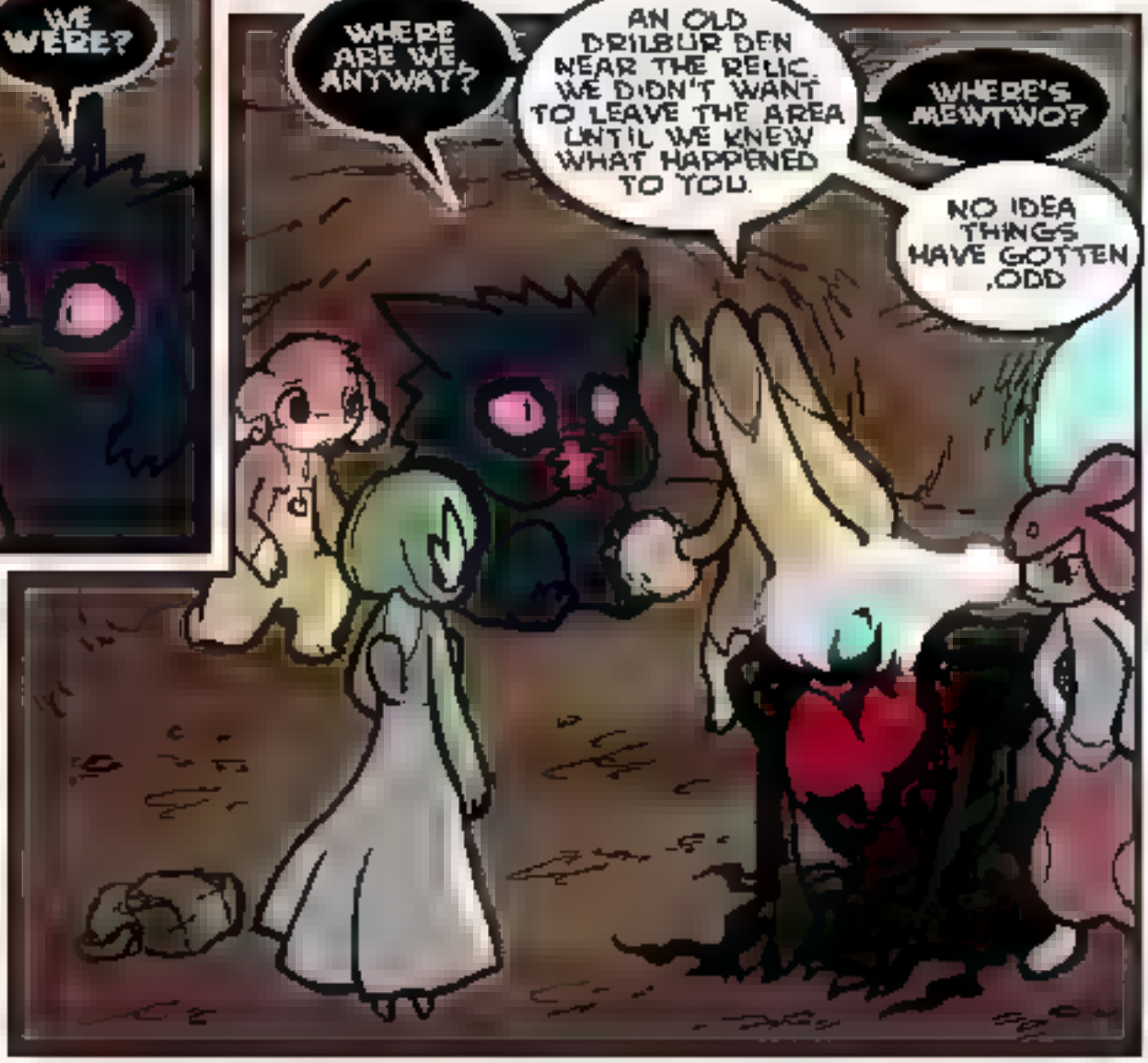
STOP STOP!
DON'T HURT HIM!


DON'T HURT HIM?

STOP.
JUST... GET OFF HIM, OKAY?
HE'S NOT A BAD GUY, I'VE BEEN FINE WITH HIM, AND--

--WHOA. I AM...
SUDDENLY EXTREMELY HUNGRY...

YOU WERE GONE FOR THREE DAYS
WE WERE?


WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY?
AN OLD DRILBUR DEN NEAR THE RELIC. WE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THE AREA UNTIL WE KNEW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.
WHERE'S MEWTWO?
NO IDEA THINGS HAVE GOTTEN ODD

IT WAS SPREADING FAST AT FIRST, BUT IT'S SLOWED WAY DOWN NOW WE'VE GOT AT LEAST ANOTHER DAY BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO

WHAT... IS THAT ...?

IT'S MY FUTURE... THE ONE I TRIED TO MAKE.

IT'S ALL COMING TRUE AFTER ...ALL...

YOU, BACK INSIDE, NOW. AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO ESCAPE--

I...

DON'T WANNA HEAR IT

WHAT'S THE PLAN NOW?

UGH

WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT TOMORROW

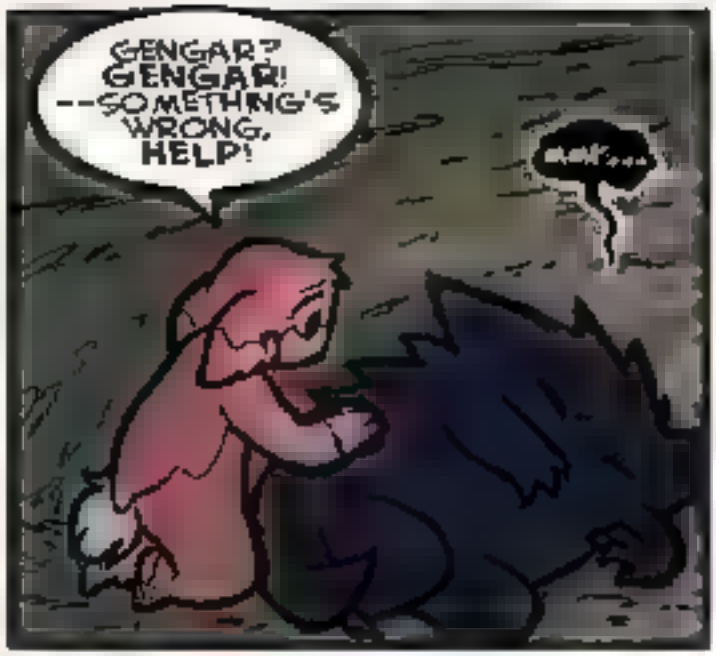
SUITS ME.

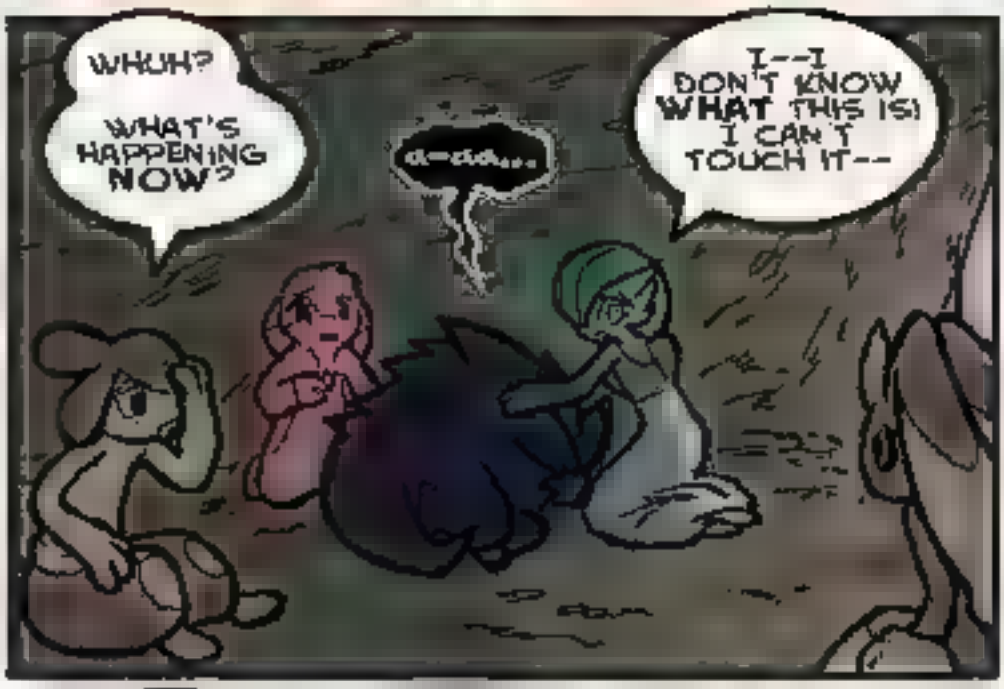
WOW, I HAVE NEVER FELT SO TIRED IN MY LIFE ...

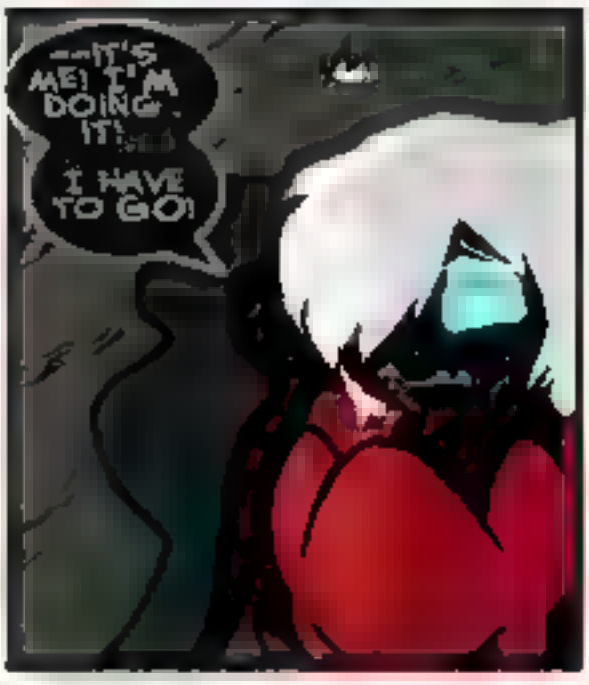
...I CAN BARELY KEEP MY EYES OPEN...

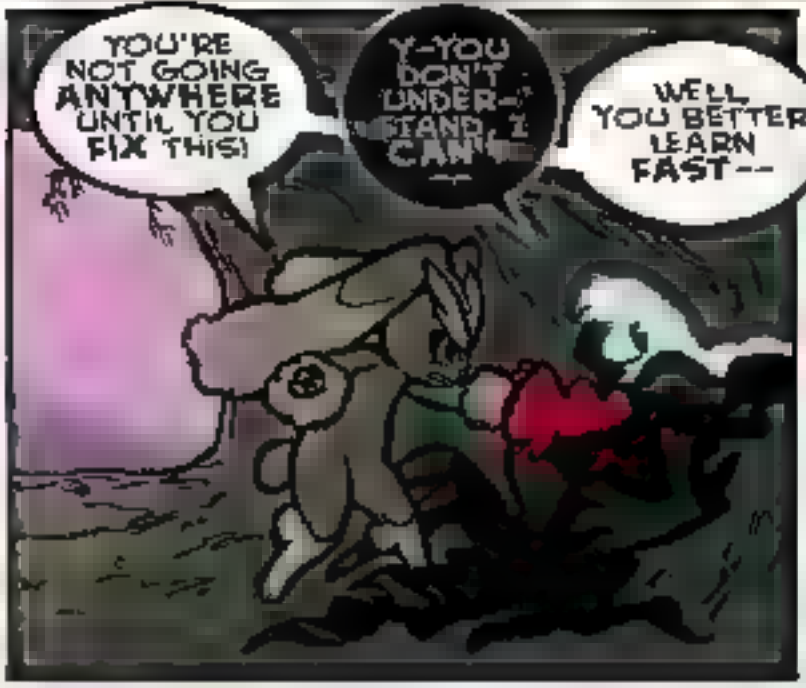
HHUH

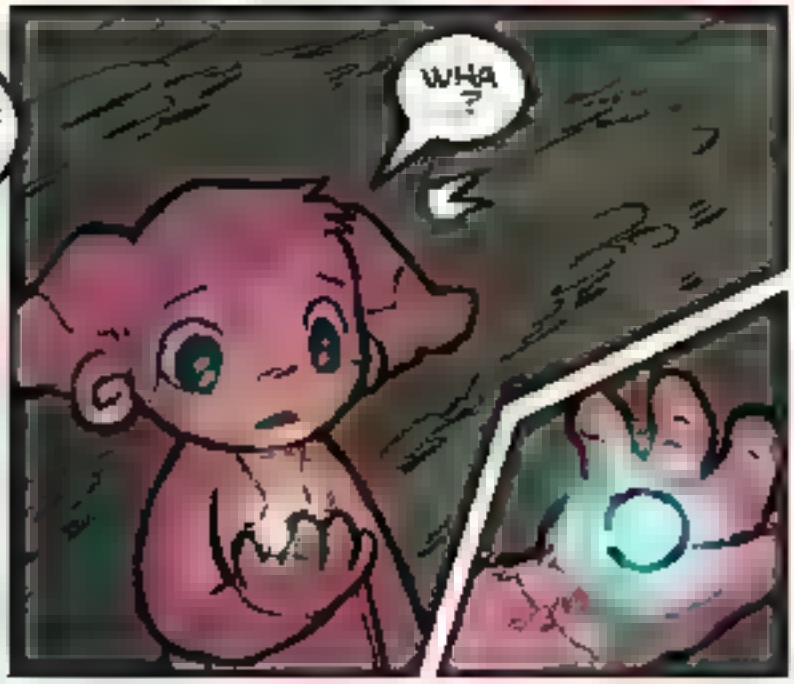
uhm... aa...


GENGAR? GENGAR! --SOMETHING'S WRONG. HELP!
aah...


WHUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
a-aa...
I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS! I CAN'T TOUCH IT--


--IT'S ME! I'M DOING IT! I HAVE TO GO!


YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL YOU FIX THIS!
Y-YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND, I CAN'T--
WELL YOU BETTER LEARN FAST--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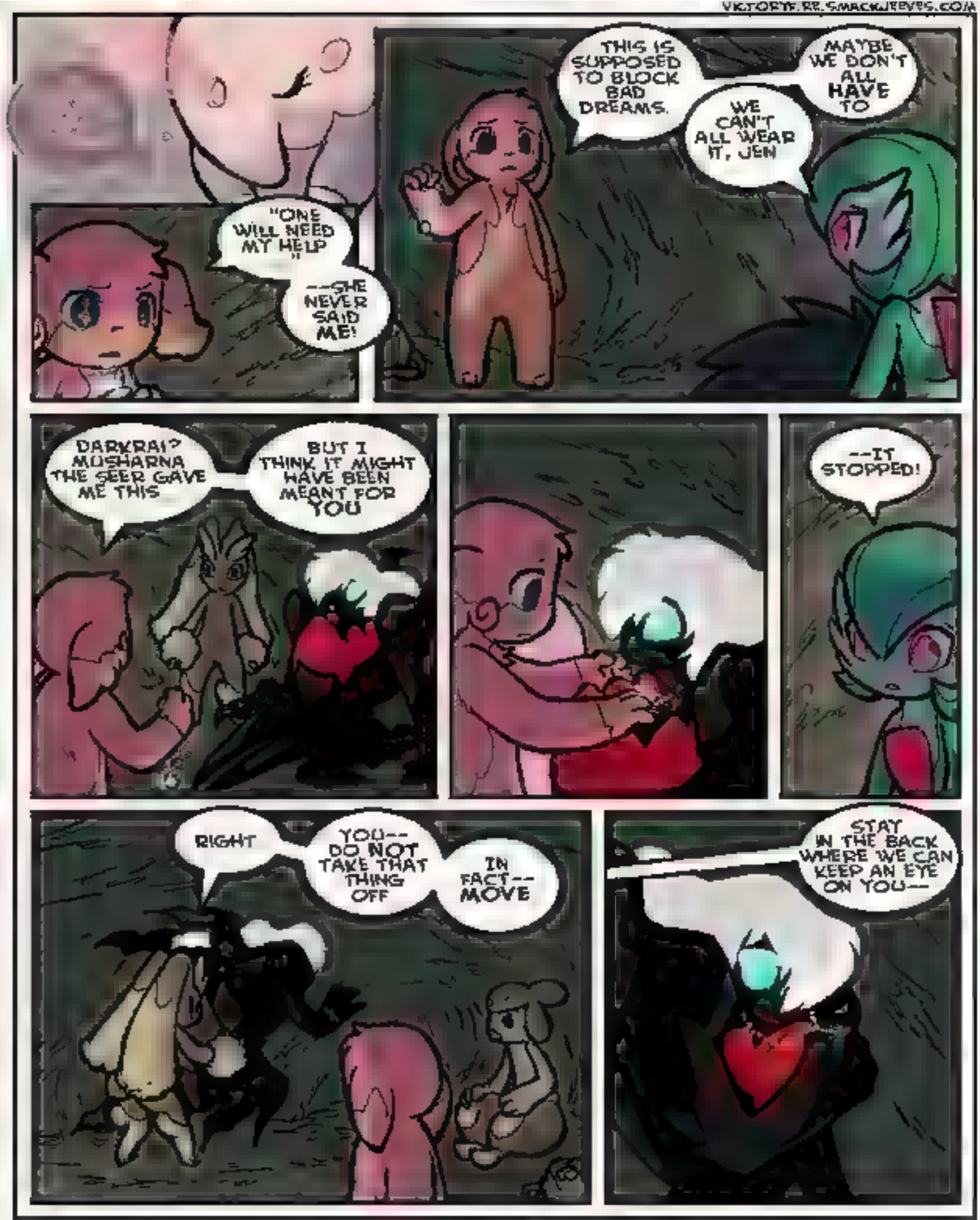
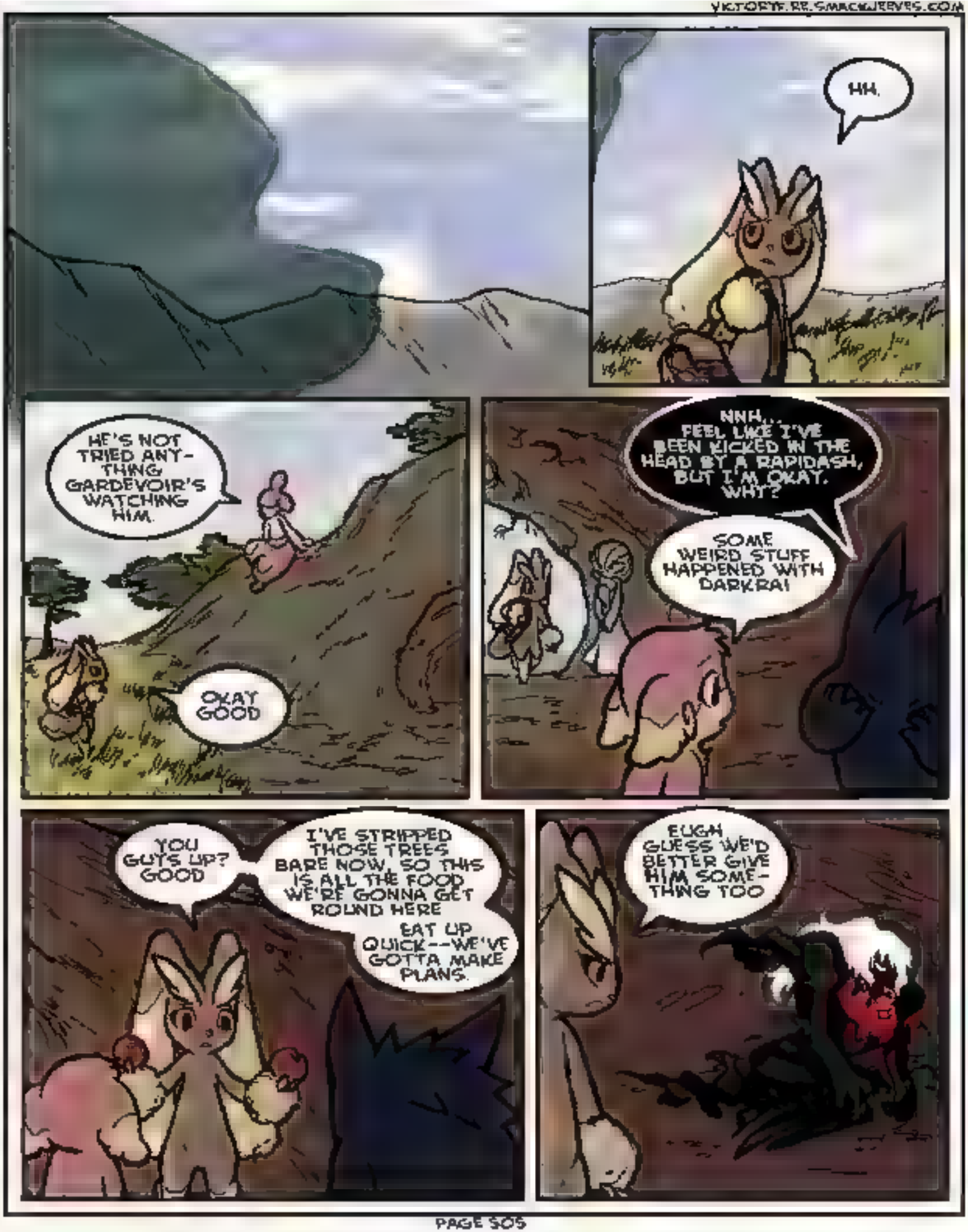
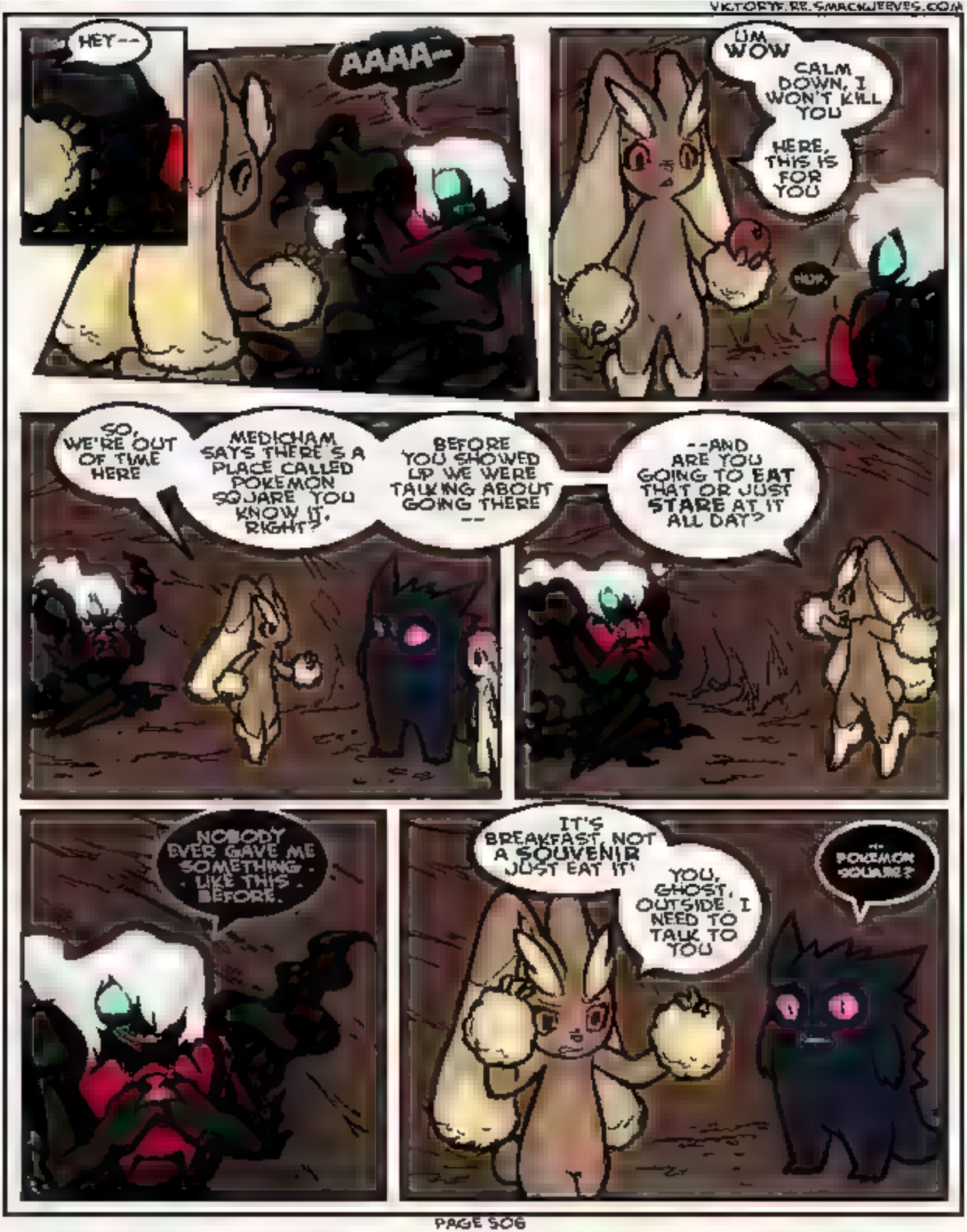

"ONE WILL NEED MY HELP"
--SHE NEVER SAID ME!
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BLOCK BAD DREAMS.
WE CAN'T ALL WEAR IT, JEN
MAYBE WE DON'T ALL HAVE TO
DARKRAI? MUSHARNA THE SEER GAVE ME THIS
BUT I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR YOU
--IT STOPPED!
RIGHT
YOU-- DO NOT TAKE THAT THING OFF
IN FACT-- MOVE
STAY IN THE BACK WHERE WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU--


HH.
HE'S NOT TRIED ANYTHING GARDEVOIR'S WATCHING HIM.
OKAY GOOD
NNH... FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN KICKED IN THE HEAD BY A RAPIDASH, BUT I'M OKAY. WHY?
SOME WEIRD STUFF HAPPENED WITH DARKRAI
YOU GUYS UP? GOOD
I'VE STRIPPED THOSE TREES BARE NOW, SO THIS IS ALL THE FOOD WE'RE GONNA GET ROUND HERE
EAT UP QUICK--WE'VE GOTTA MAKE PLANS.
EUGH GUESS WE'D BETTER GIVE HIM SOMETHING TOO


HEY--
AAAA--
UM WOW
CALM DOWN, I WON'T KILL YOU
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU
SO, WE'RE OUT OF TIME HERE
MEDICHAM SAYS THERE'S A PLACE CALLED POKEMON SQUARE YOU KNOW IT, RIGHT?
BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GOING THERE --
--AND ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THAT OR JUST STARE AT IT ALL DAY?
NOBODY EVER GAVE ME SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
IT'S BREAKFAST, NOT A SOUVENIR JUST EAT IT!
YOU, GHOST, OUTSIDE. I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
POKEMON SQUARE?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TALL, DARK AND SPOOKY?

HE GONE CRAZY OR WHAT?

HUF.

LITTLE BIT, I EXPECT. ANYONE WOULD HAVE...

WE USED YOUR BADGE EARLIER TO SEND A MESSAGE TO TREASURE TOWN, BUT NOTHING'S COME BACK. THAT'S NOT NORMAL.

IF THE THREE OF US HEAD THERE TO CHECK IT OUT, THAT LEAVES YOUR TEAM TO GET HIM TO POKEMON SQUARE

CAN YOU DO THAT?

MY TEAM?

UH, DUH? YOU AND THE KID?

YOU'VE GOT FOCUS BLAST, AND SHE'S GOT DISARMING VOICE

YOU TWO ARE THE BEST EQUIPPED TO TAKE HIM OUT IF THERE'S A PROBLEM.

THERE WON'T BE--

LISTEN, OKAY?

YOU TRUST HIM. I GET IT

BUT THIS GUY NEARLY DESTROYED THE WORLD ONCE BEFORE, AND HE'S CLEARLY NOT ALL THERE RIGHT NOW

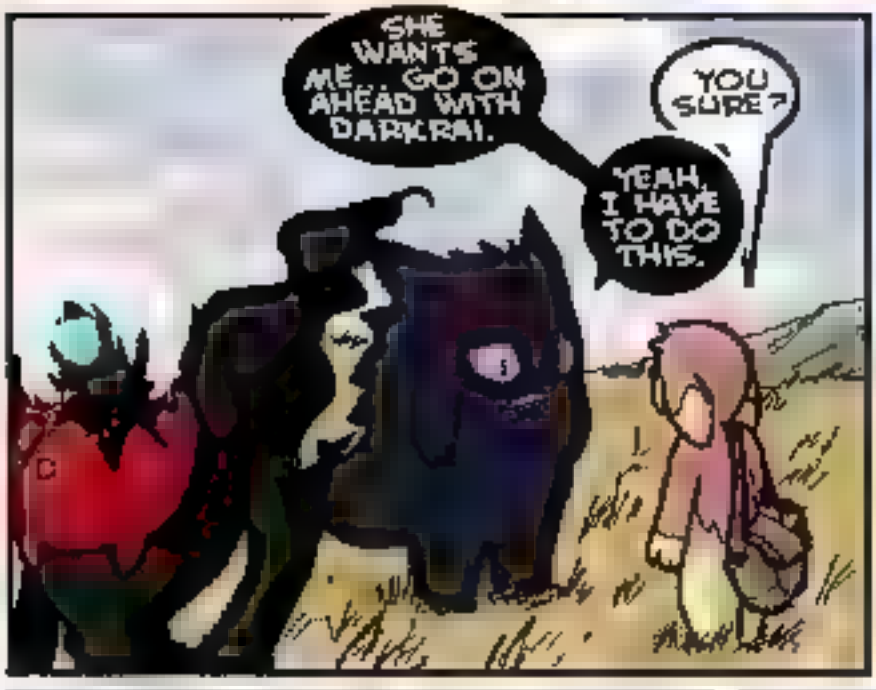
SO IF YOU'RE TAKING HIM, PROMISE YOU'LL BE SUPER CAREFUL

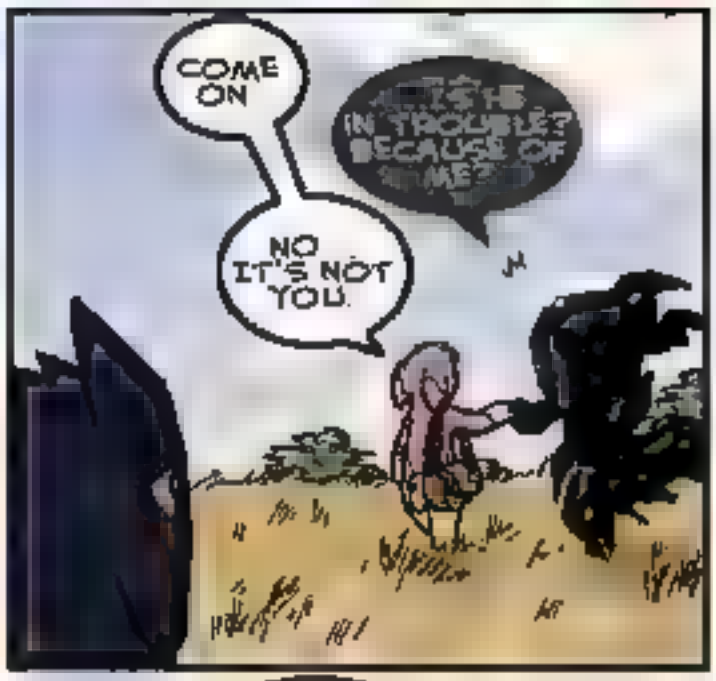
I... PROMISE.

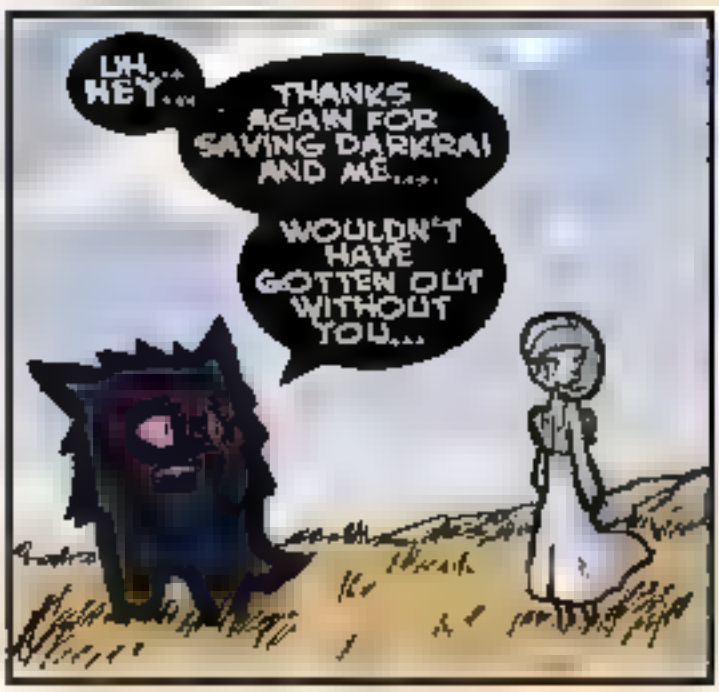
BYE!
MEETCHA AT THE SQUARE!

.....
.. ..
...

GARDEVOIR'S COMING OVER HERE
HH


SHE WANTS ME... GO ON AHEAD WITH DARKRAI.
YOU SURE?
YEAH, I HAVE TO DO THIS.


COME ON
IS HE IN TROUBLE? BECAUSE OF ME?
NO IT'S NOT YOU.


UH... HEY...
THANKS AGAIN FOR SAVING DARKRAI AND ME...
WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OUT WITHOUT YOU...

WE'VE MET BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
A-AT THE SQUARE? YEAH, HEH... LONG TIME AGO...
BEFORE THAT

LOOK
I...

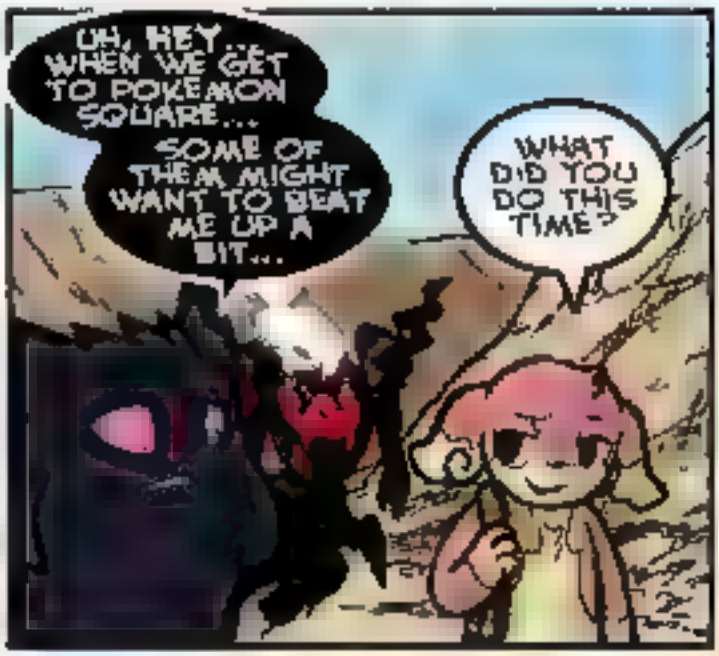
I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN EVER

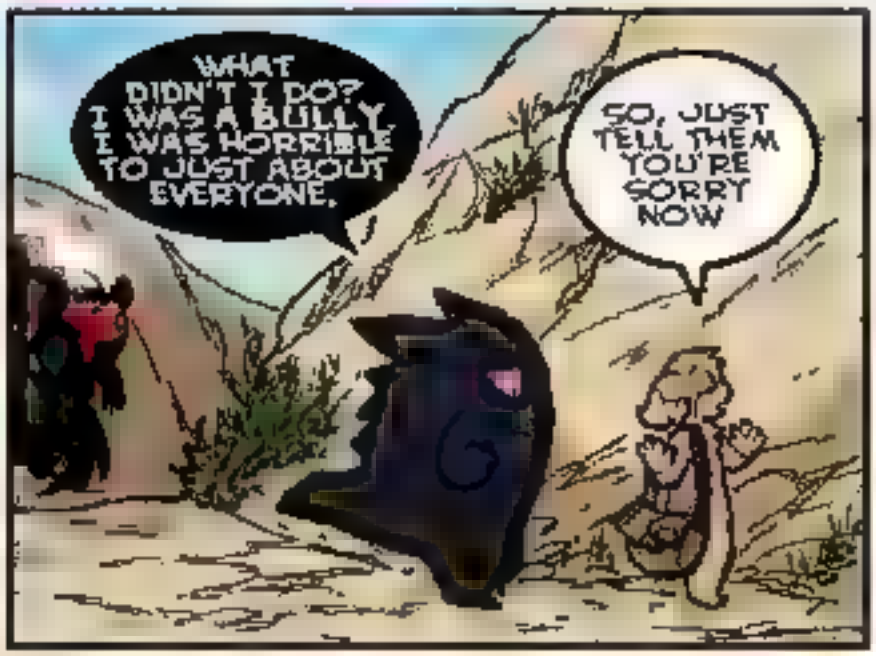
SOMEONE HURT ME VERY BADLY ONCE
BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN OF YOU, YOU AREN'T THAT PERSON

SO I WANTED TO ASK... CAN WE START OVER?
I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU AS A FRIEND

I... S-SURE. IF YOU WANT TO...
DO YOU WANT TO?
THAT'D BE... NICE.

THEN, GOOD LUCK. STAY SAFE
AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE SQUARE.

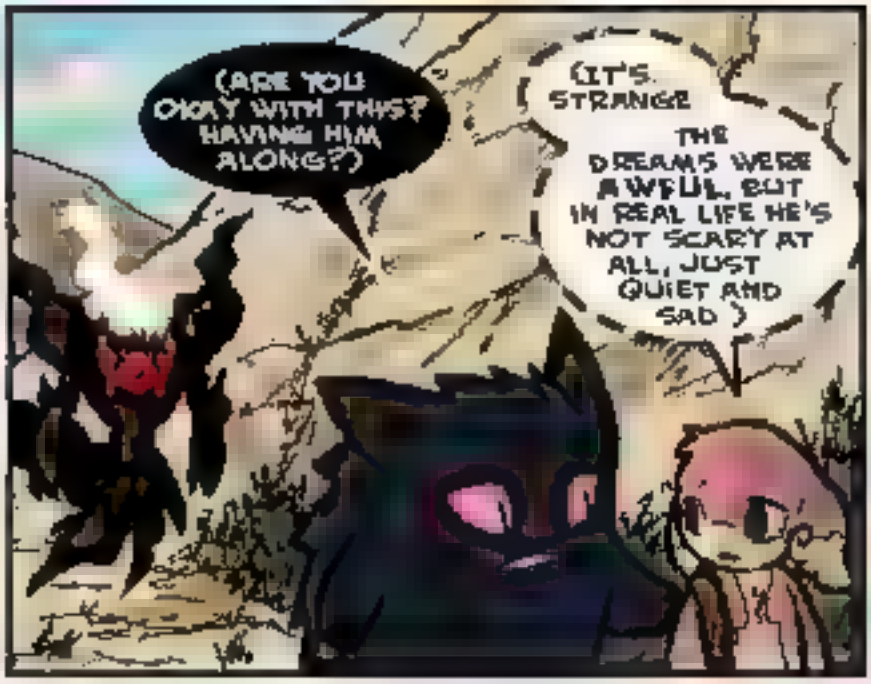

UH, HEY... WHEN WE GET TO POKEMON SQUARE....
SOME OF THEM MIGHT WANT TO BEAT ME UP A BIT...
WHAT DID YOU DO THIS TIME?


WHAT DIDN'T I DO? I WAS A BULLY. I WAS HORRIBLE TO JUST ABOUT EVERYONE.
SO, JUST TELL THEM YOU'RE SORRY NOW

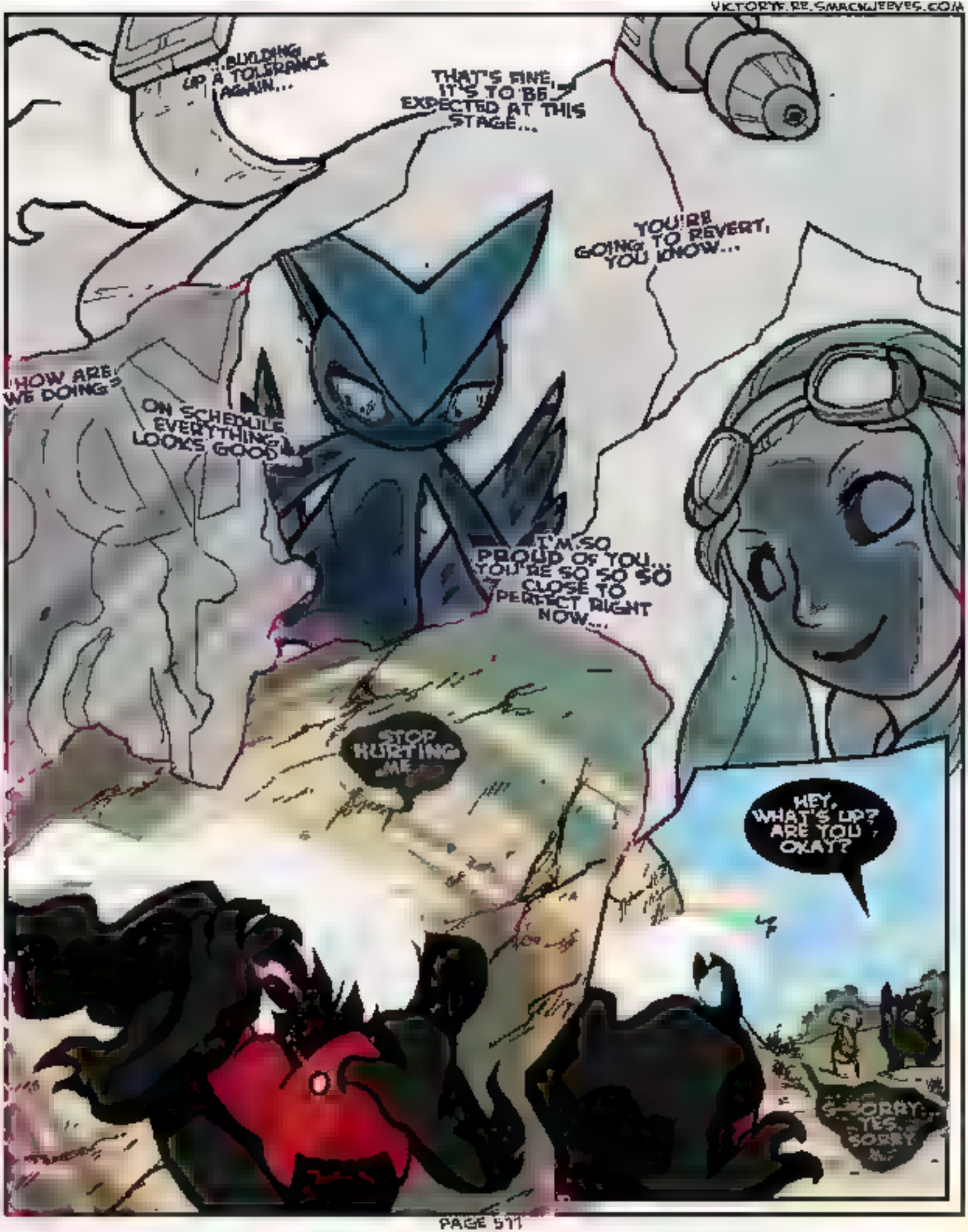
I DOUBT SAYING "SORRY" WILL JUST FIX EVERYTHING UP...

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

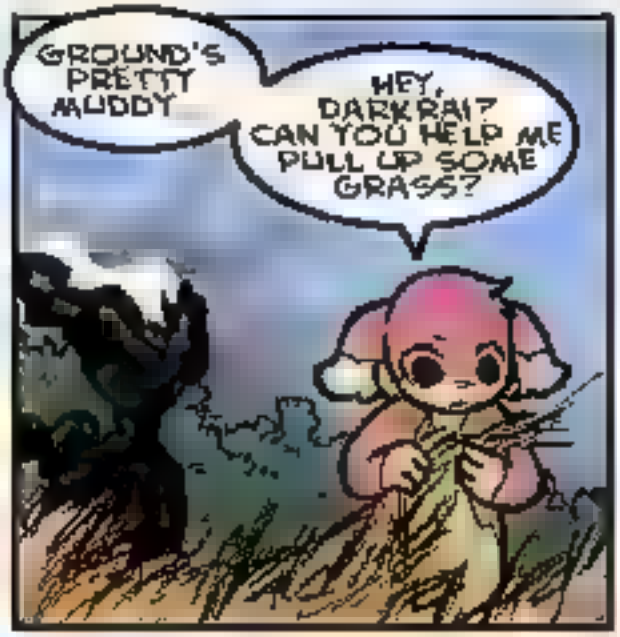
POINT TAKEN.
...ALSO, OW.
HEHEH


(ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS? HAVING HIM ALONG?)
(IT'S STRANGE THE DREAMS WERE AWFUL, BUT IN REAL LIFE HE'S NOT SCARY AT ALL, JUST QUIET AND SAD.)

(I THINK THERE MAY BE ANOTHER SIDE TO HIM...)


...BUILDING UP A TOLERANCE AGAIN...
THAT'S FINE, IT'S TO BE EXPECTED AT THIS STAGE...
YOU'RE GOING TO REVERT, YOU KNOW...
HOW ARE WE DOING?
ON SCHEDULE EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU... YOU'RE SO SO SO CLOSE TO PERFECT RIGHT NOW...
STOP HURTING ME
HEY, WHAT'S UP? ARE YOU OKAY?
SORRY... YES SORRY

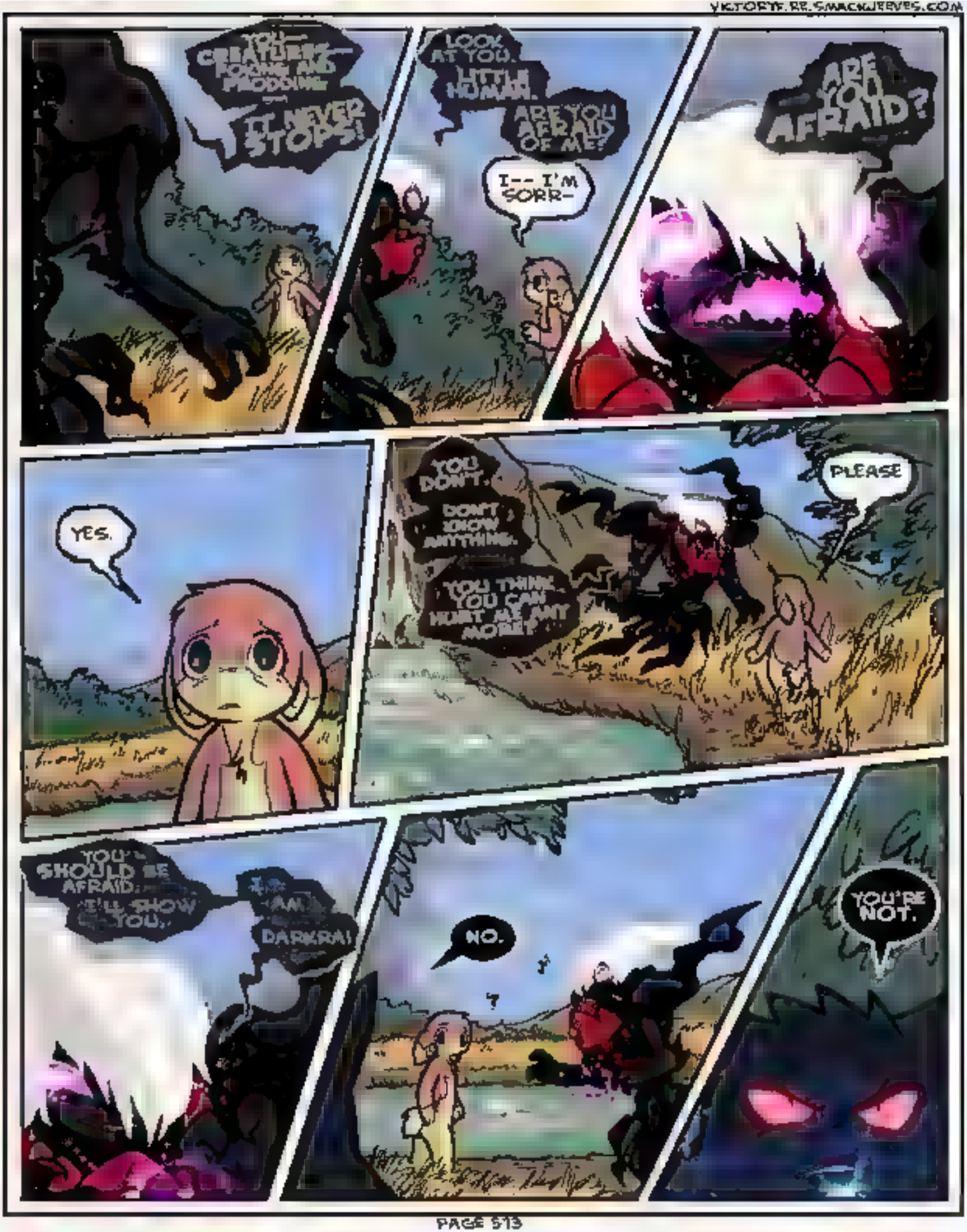
HOW MANY APPLES DO WE HAVE LEFT?
UH, JUST TWO
HAND ME THE BAG AND I'LL GO GRAB SOME BERRIES FROM THE WOODS.


GROUND'S PRETTY MUDDY
HEY, DARKRAI? CAN YOU HELP ME PULL UP SOME GRASS?

DARKRAI?

CAN YOU HELP ME --

STOP TELLING ME WHAT TO DO!


YOU— CREATURE— POKING AND PRODDING— IT NEVER STOPS!
LOOK AT YOU. LITTLE HUMAN.
ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME?
I-- I'M SORR-
ARE YOU AFRAID?
YES.
YOU DON'T.
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
YOU THINK YOU CAN HURT US ANY MORE?
PLEASE
YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID.
I'LL SHOW YOU.
DARKRA!
NO.
YOU'RE NOT.

KTHOOM
HOLY CRAP, I HIT HIM!
Y-YOU SURE DID
OH CRAP, I HOPE I DIDN'T KILL HIM---
DARKRA!
DARKRA!!
I CAN'T SEE HIM ANY-WHERE!
GENGAR, OVER HERE!
GHHK
KLUH

YOU CAN REALLY SEE IT?
KIND OF.
IS IT THERE NOW?

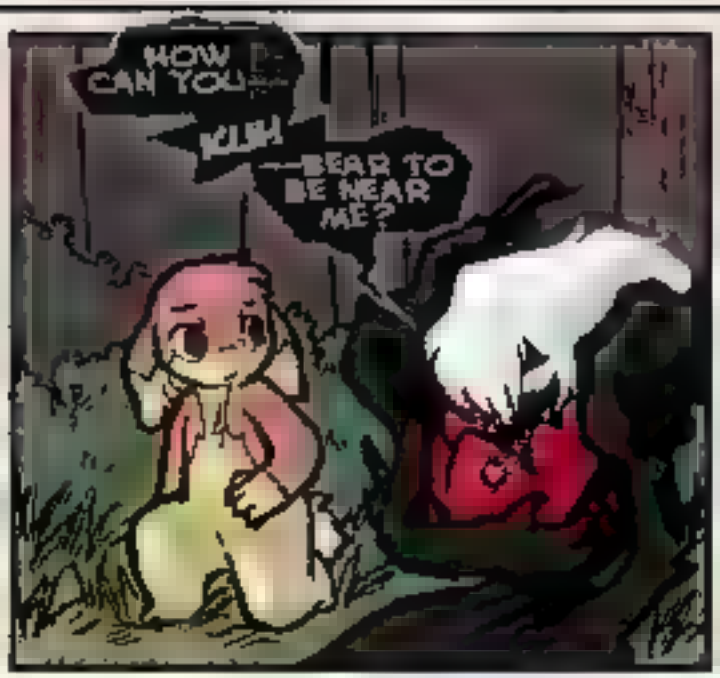
IT'S ALWAYS THERE, BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S REALLY FAINT.
...WHY WASN'T I PAYING MORE ATTENTION?

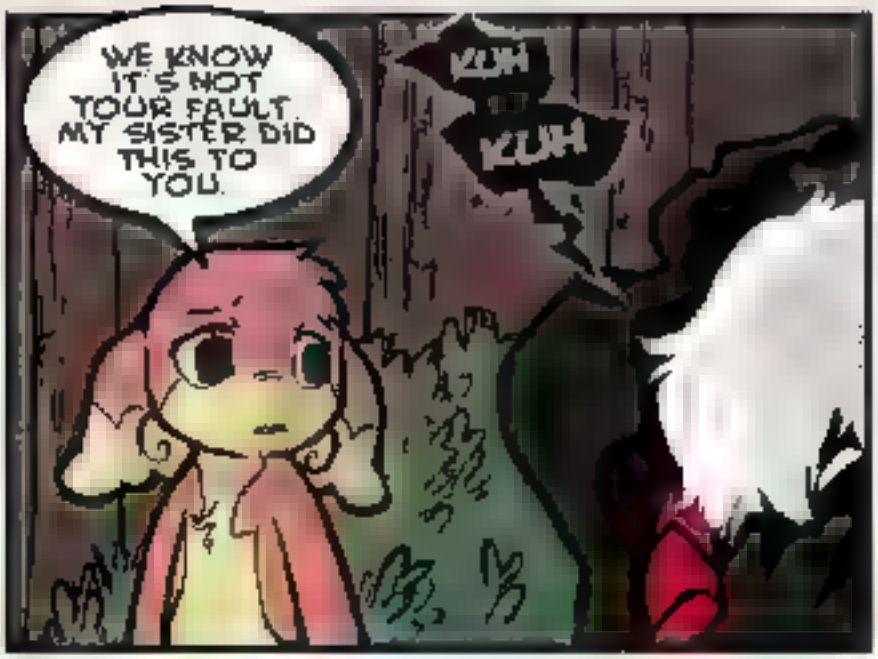
IF THERE'S TROUBLE IN TREASURE TOWN, WE CAN'T CALL FOR HELP.
AND THE SQUARE IS DAYS AWAY... I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN HANDLE THIS BY OUR-SELVES...

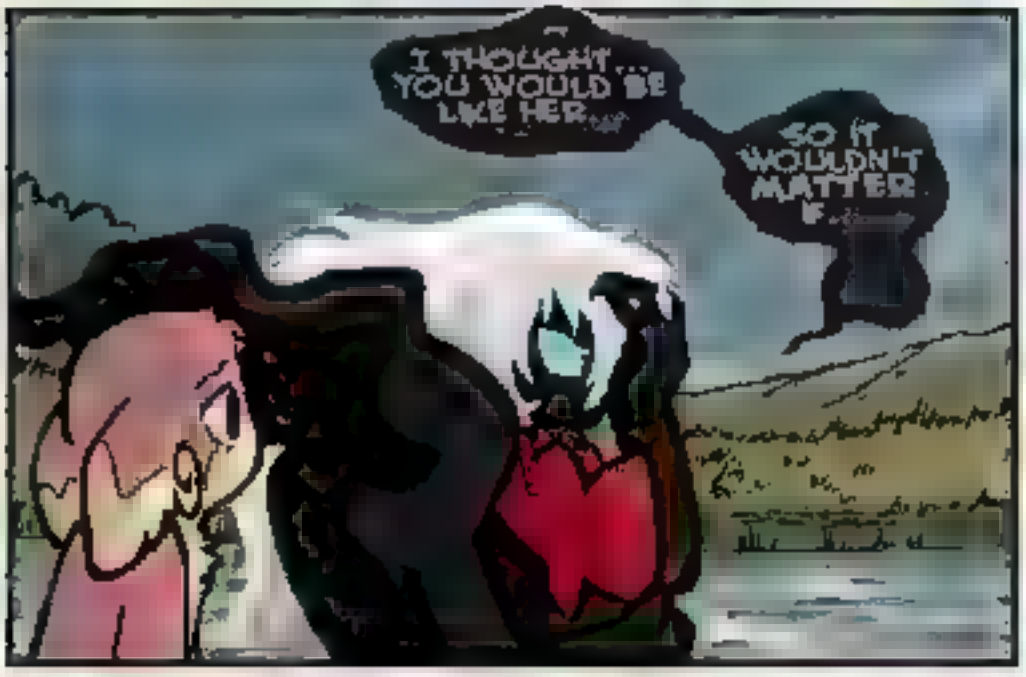
YOU SHOULD GO GET THOSE BERRIES.
WHAT? I'M NOT LEAVING YOU ALONE WITH HIM!

IN THE RELIC, MEWTWO SAID "IT FEEDS ON NEGATIVE EMOTIONS" I BET HE'S FEELING PRETTY BAD RIGHT NOW
IF WE START TREATING HIM LIKE HE'S VICIOUS, IT'LL MAKE IT WORSE, WON'T IT?

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, YOU YELL, OKAY? I'LL BE BACK HERE IN A FLASH.
OKAY


HOW CAN YOU
KUH
--BEAR TO BE NEAR ME?


WE KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. MY SISTER DID THIS TO YOU.
KUH
KUH

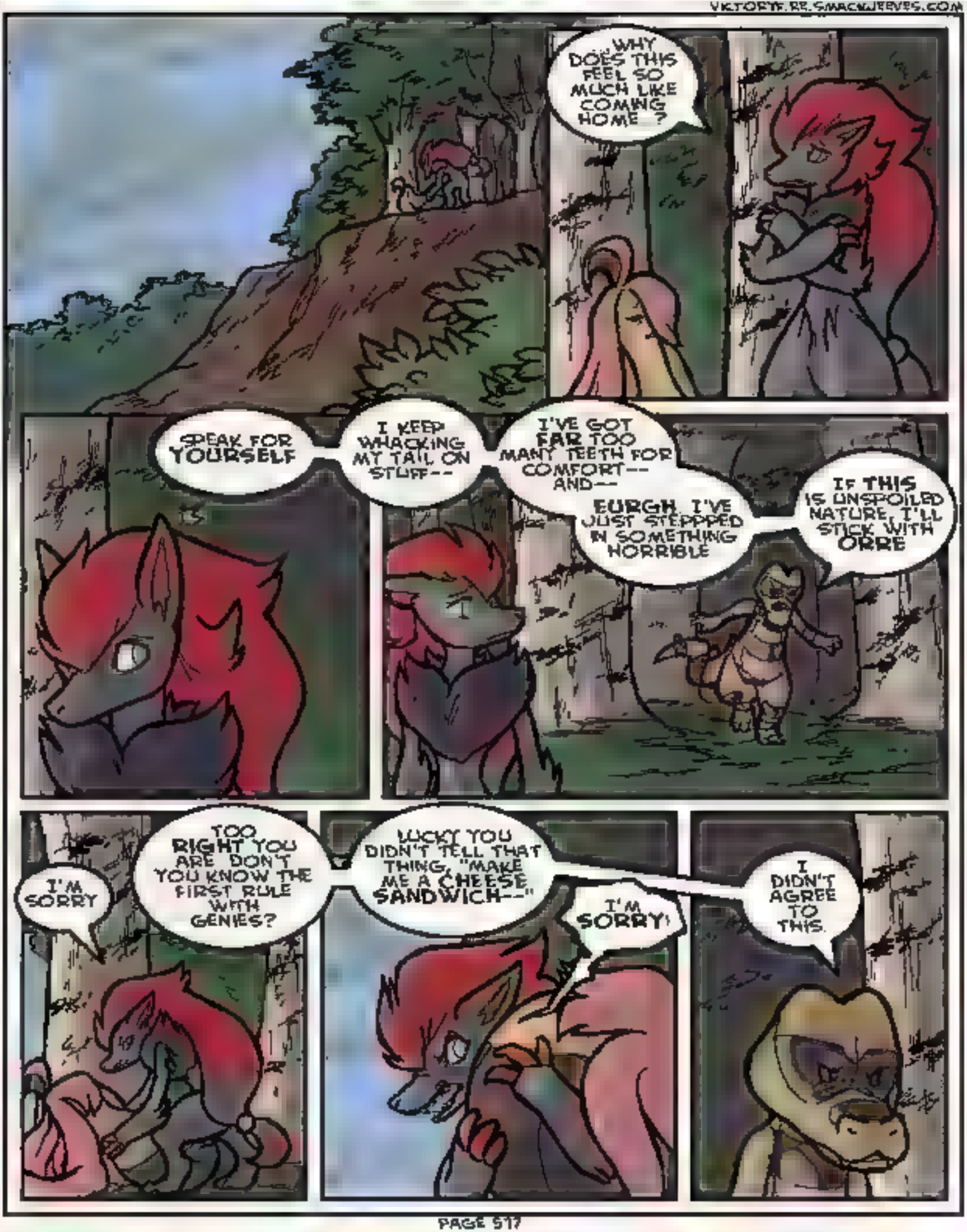

I THOUGHT... YOU WOULD BE LIKE HER...
SO IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF...

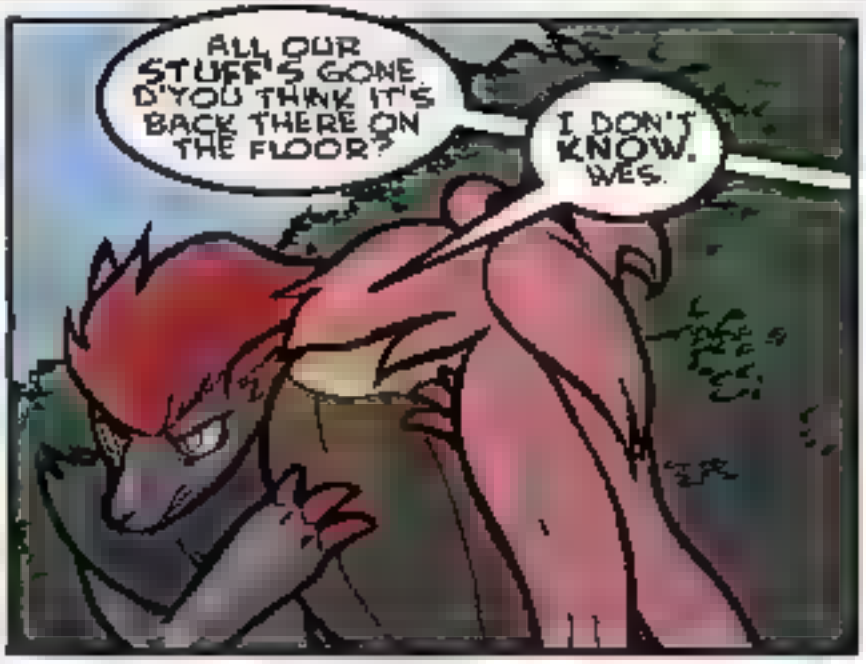
I'M SORRY I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS MESS.

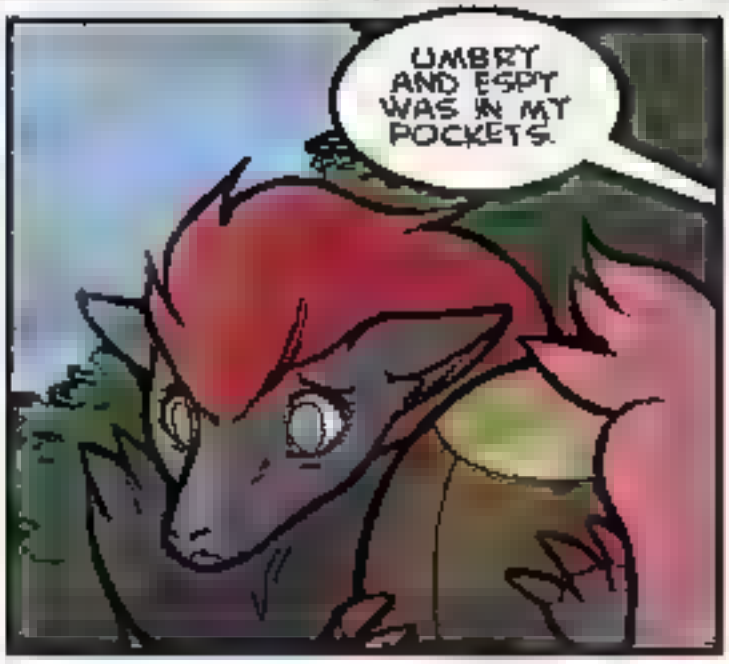
CAN I JUST-- IT'S OKAY--

--YOU GOT SOME PONDWEED ON YOU.

THERE YOU GO

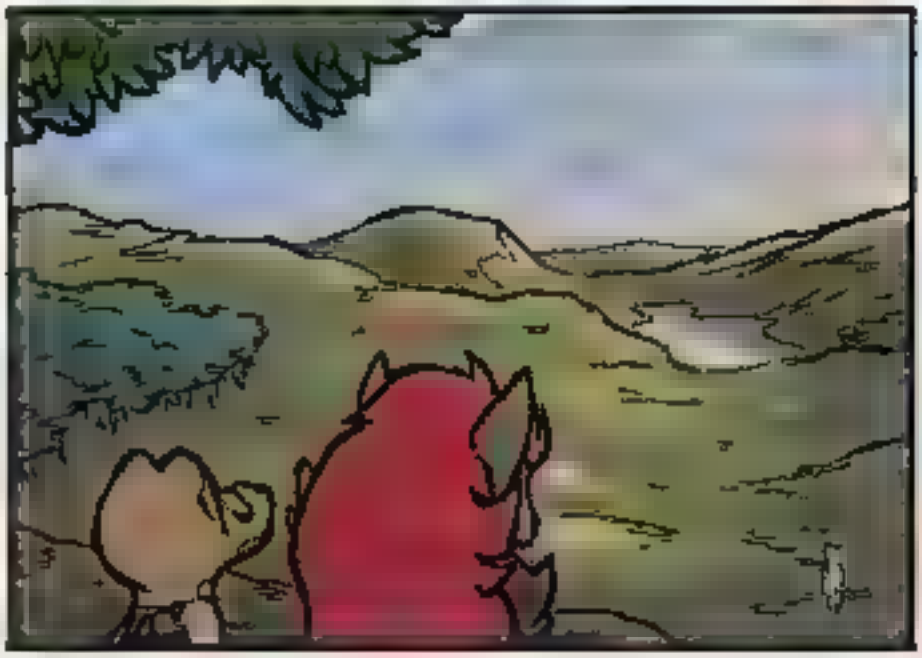

WHY DOES THIS FEEL SO MUCH LIKE COMING HOME ?
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF
I KEEP WHACKING MY TAIL ON STUFF--
I'VE GOT FAR TOO MANY TEETH FOR COMFORT-- AND--
EURGH. I'VE JUST STEPPPED IN SOMETHING HORRIBLE
IF THIS IS UNSPOILED NATURE, I'LL STICK WITH ORRE
I'M SORRY
TOO RIGHT YOU ARE DON'T YOU KNOW THE FIRST RULE WITH GENIES?
LUCKY YOU DIDN'T TELL THAT THING, "MAKE ME A CHEESE SANDWICH--"
I'M SORRY!
I DIDN'T AGREE TO THIS.


ALL OUR STUFF'S GONE. D'YOU THINK IT'S BACK THERE ON THE FLOOR?
I DON'T KNOW. WES.


UMBRY AND ESPY WAS IN MY POCKETS.

OI, N--
--I'M SORRY! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT NOW!
JUST LAY OFF ME FOR FIVE MINUTES--

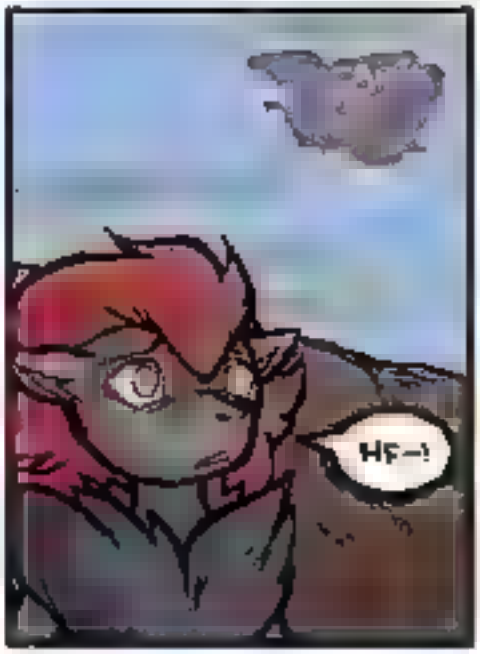
LOOK
THAT'S HIM, ISN'T IT?



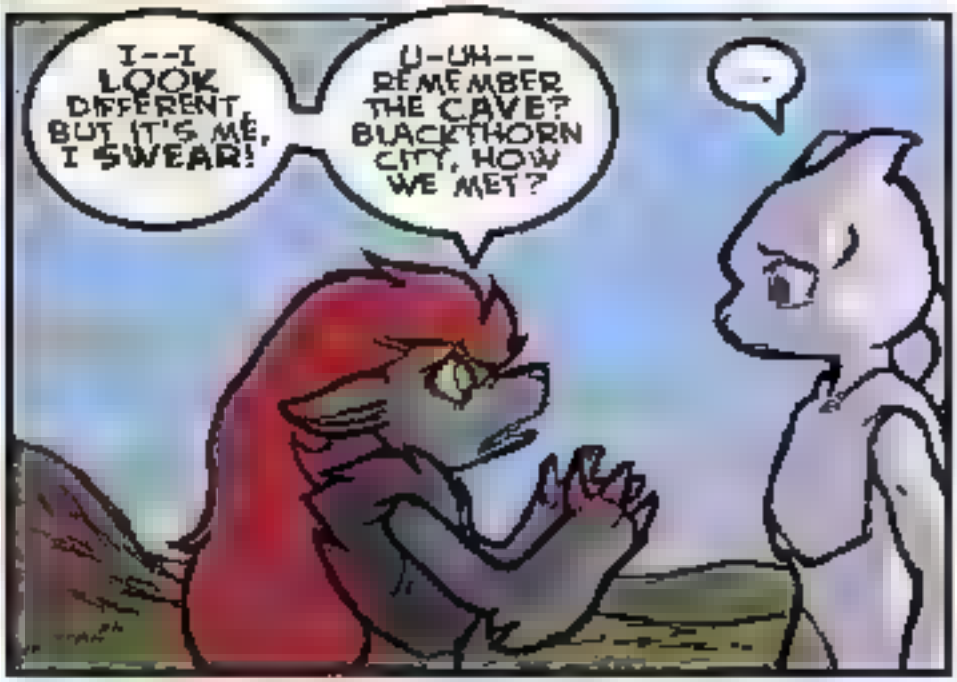
WHY'S HE WALKING?
WHAT ELSE IS HE GONNA DO, FLY?
WELL-- YES.

MEWTWO!
MEWTWO, HOLD UP!

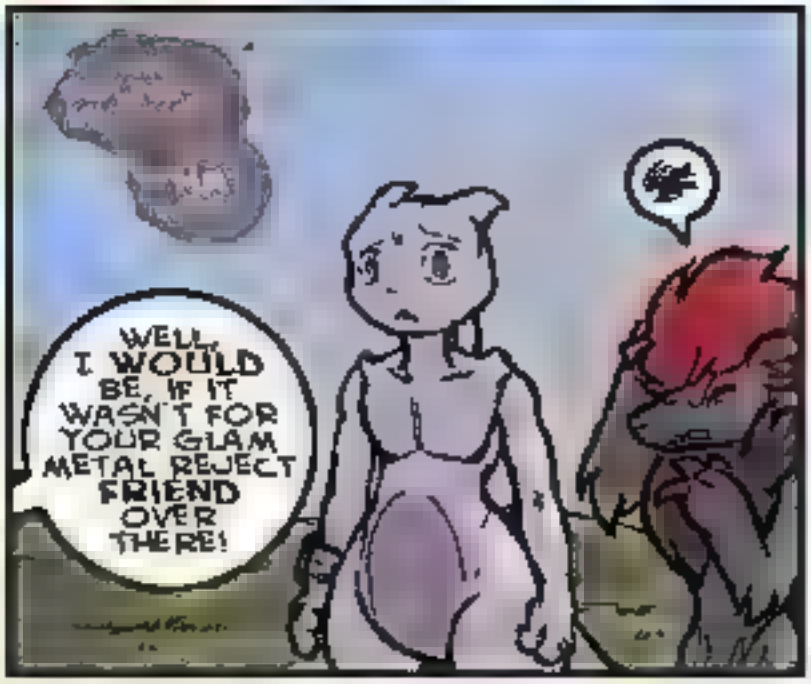
IT'S ME, N!
EHH?


HF-!

I'M A DARK TYPE


I--I LOOK DIFFERENT, BUT IT'S ME, I SWEAR!
U-UH-- REMEMBER THE CAVE? BLACKTHORN CITY, HOW WE MET?

IT'S FINE
LEAVE ME TO HAUL THE PUMPKIN LADY THEN
NO NEED TO HELP ME OR ANYTHING
NO WORRIES

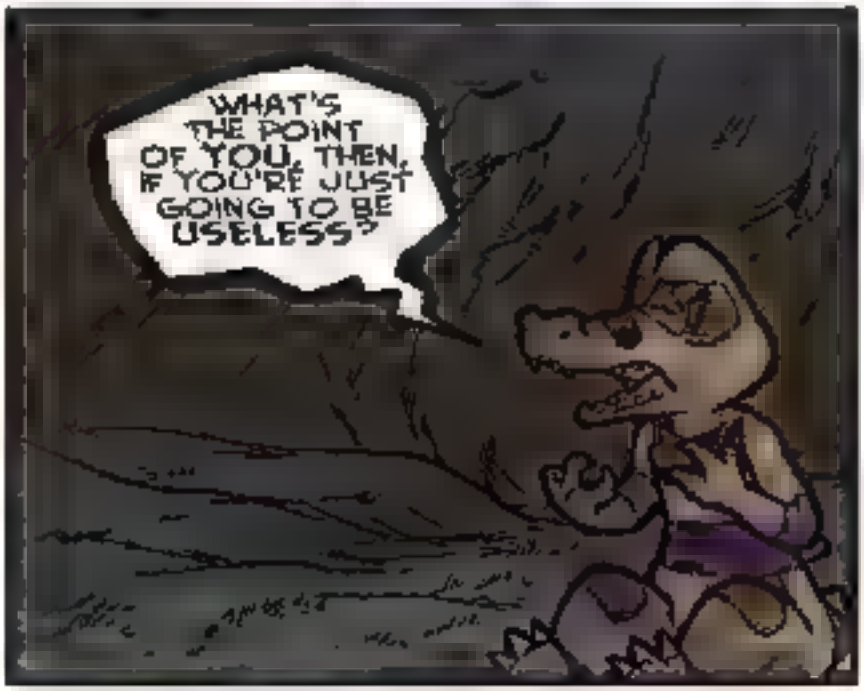

WELL, I WOULD BE, IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR GLAM METAL REJECT FRIEND OVER THERE!

GAH!

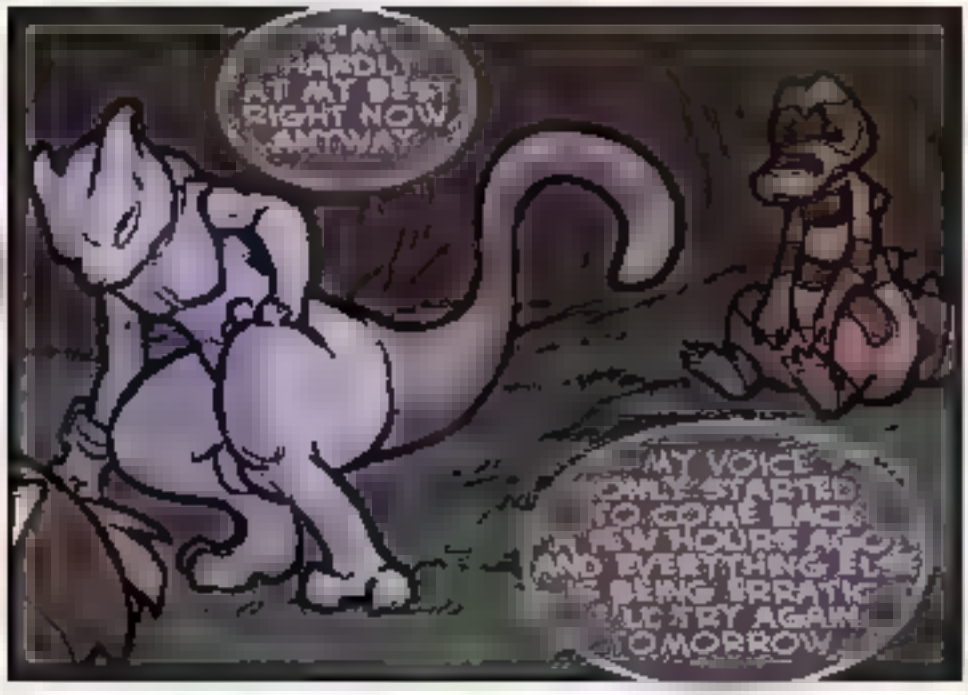
WAS THAT A DROG NEAR?
NO I BROKE THE STICK. CAVEMEN CAN DO THIS-- WHY CAN'T I?

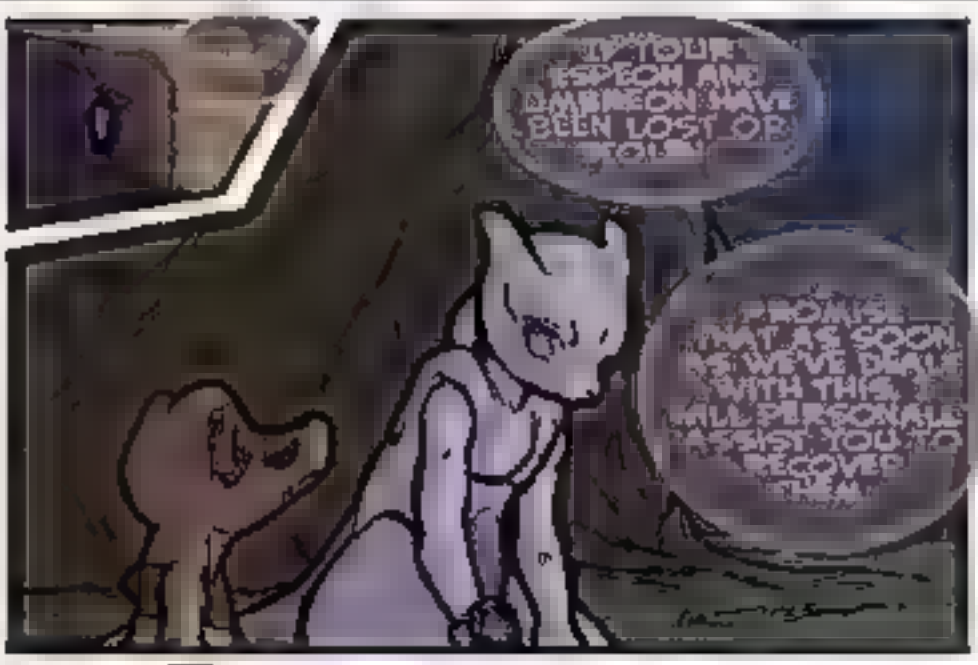
LEAVE TANKA CAMPFIRE WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE, BUT THE LACK OF IT WON'T KILL US

HOW ABOUT YOU, ANY LUCK?
hmh
WELL, SHE'S STILL IN SOMEWHERE!
WHATEVER'S BEEN DONE TO HER IT'S DARK... I CAN'T TOUCH


WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOU, THEN, IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BE USELESS?

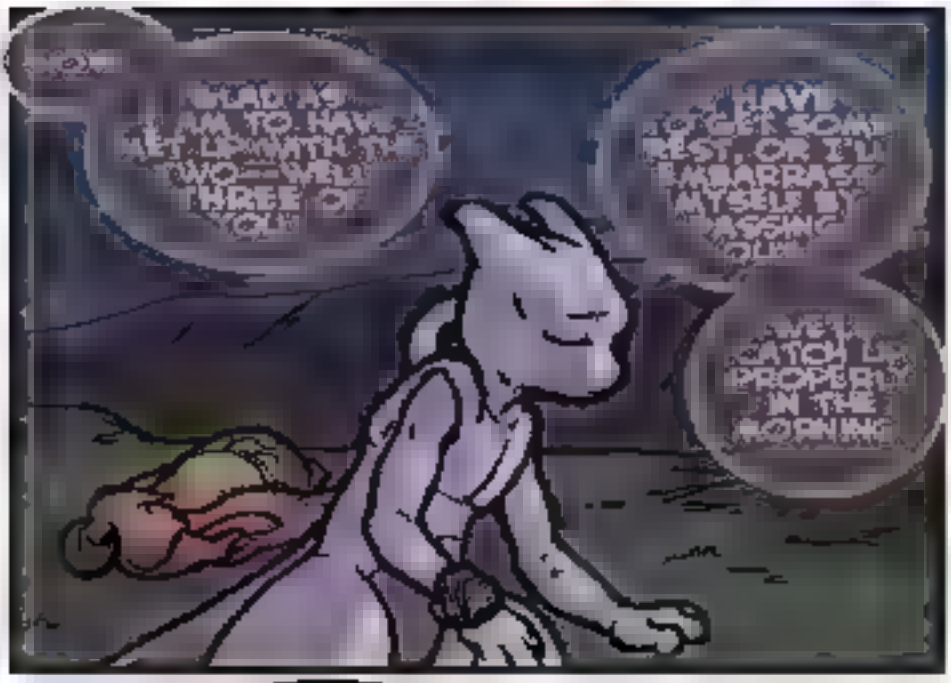
I'VE HAD A VERY STRESSFUL DAY. I'LL OVERLOOK THAT ONE.
BUT PLEASE DON'T SNAP AT ME AGAIN.

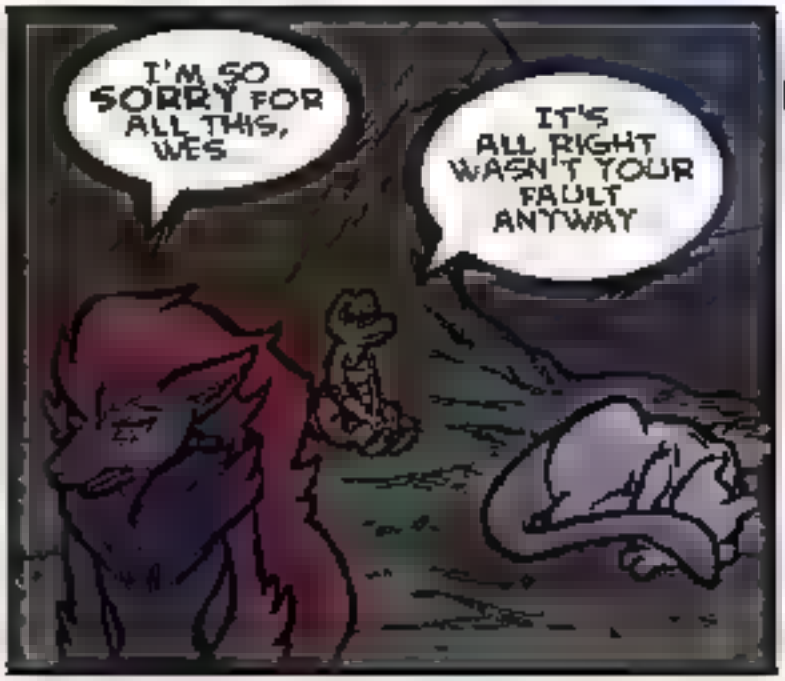

I'M HARDLY AT MY BEST RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY.
MY VOICE JUST STARTED TO COME BACK A FEW HOURS AGO AND EVERYTHING ELSE IS BEING ERRATIC. I'LL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.

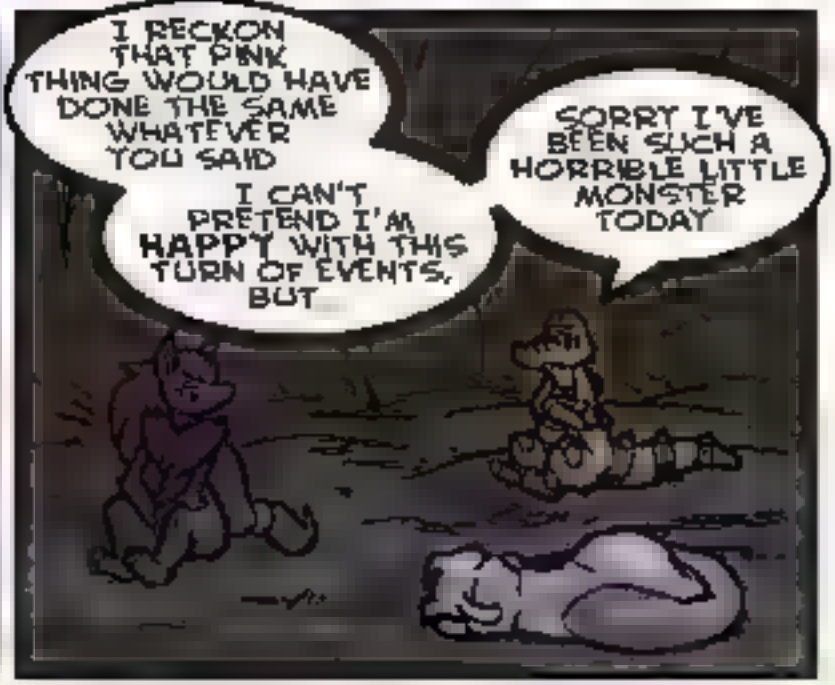

IF YOUR ESPEON AND DAMEON HAVE BEEN LOST OR STOLEN
PROMISE THAT AS SOON AS WE'VE DEALT WITH THIS, I'LL PERSONALLY ASSIST YOU TO RECOVER THEM.

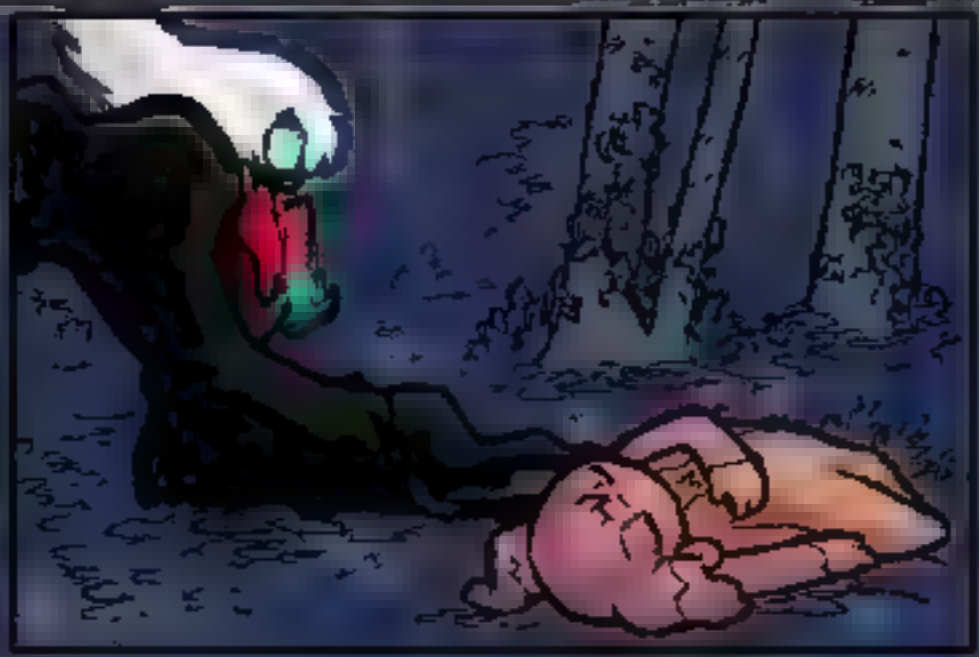
Y-- WOW.
ARE YOU SURE?
WOULDN'T SAY IT IF I DIDN'T MEAN IT.

I'LL HOLD YOU TO THAT PROMISE, THEN
THANKS.


GLAD AS I AM TO HAVE MET UP WITH THE TWO — WELL, THREE OF YOU
I'M HAVING TO GET SOME REST, OR I'LL EMBARRASS MYSELF BY PASSING OUT.
WE'LL CATCH UP PROPERLY IN THE MORNING.

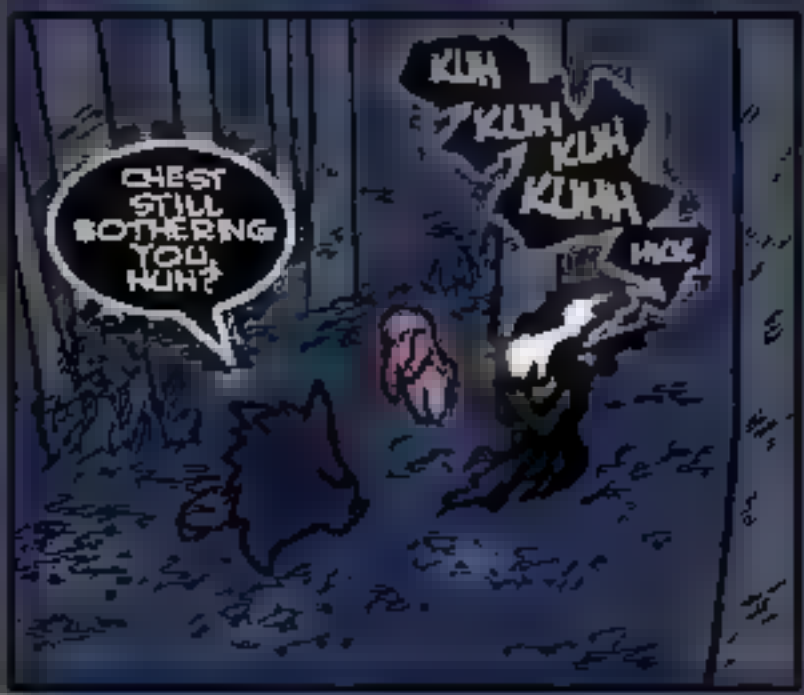

I'M SO SORRY FOR ALL THIS, WES
IT'S ALL RIGHT WASN'T YOUR FAULT ANYWAY


I RECKON THAT PINK THING WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME WHATEVER YOU SAID
I CAN'T PRETEND I'M HAPPY WITH THIS TURN OF EVENTS, BUT
SORRY I'VE BEEN SUCH A HORRIBLE LITTLE MONSTER TODAY

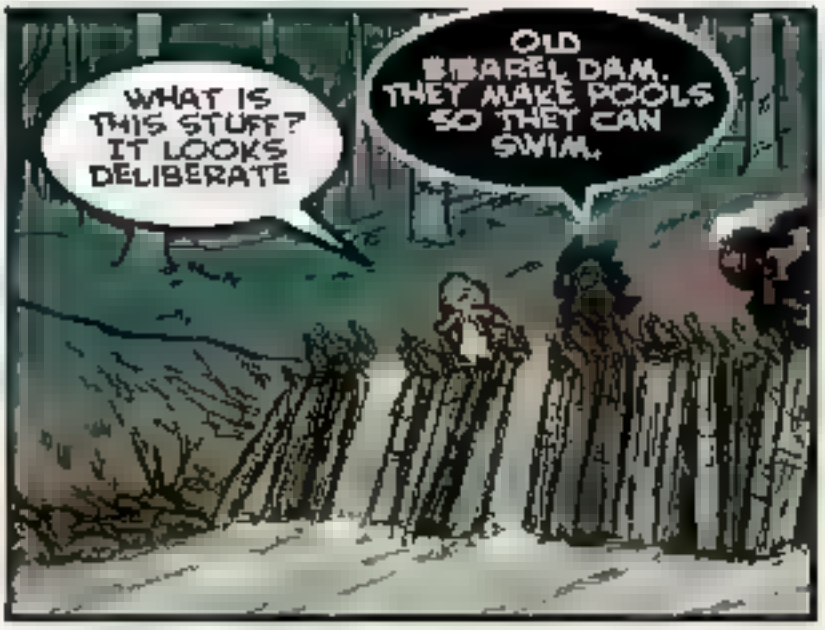


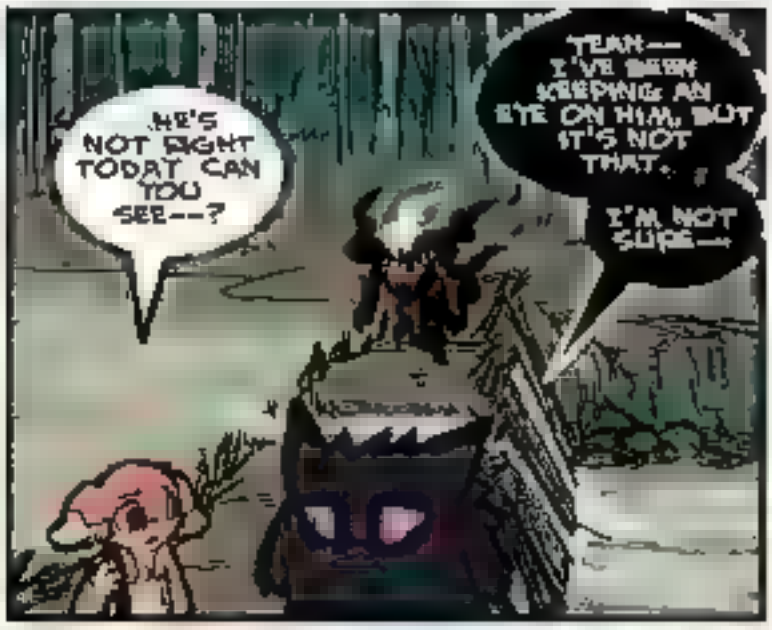
I— I'M NOT TRYING TO—
I KNOW. YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT, CAN YOU? IT HAPPENS BY ITSELF IF PEOPLE FALL ASLEEP NEAR YOU.

I'M SORR—
GHK

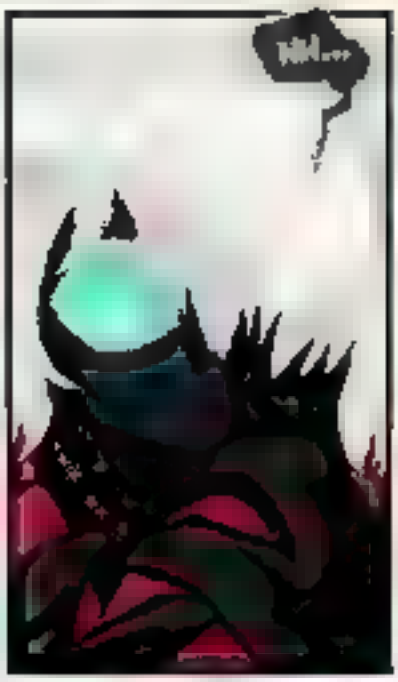

CHEST STILL BOTHERING YOU, HUH?
KUH
KUH
KUH
KUHH
HKK

SERIOUSLY. ARE YOU OKAY?
HH
HH
Y-YES.
SORRY


WHAT IS THIS STUFF? IT LOOKS DELIBERATE
OLD BEAVER DAM. THEY MAKE POOLS SO THEY CAN SWIM.

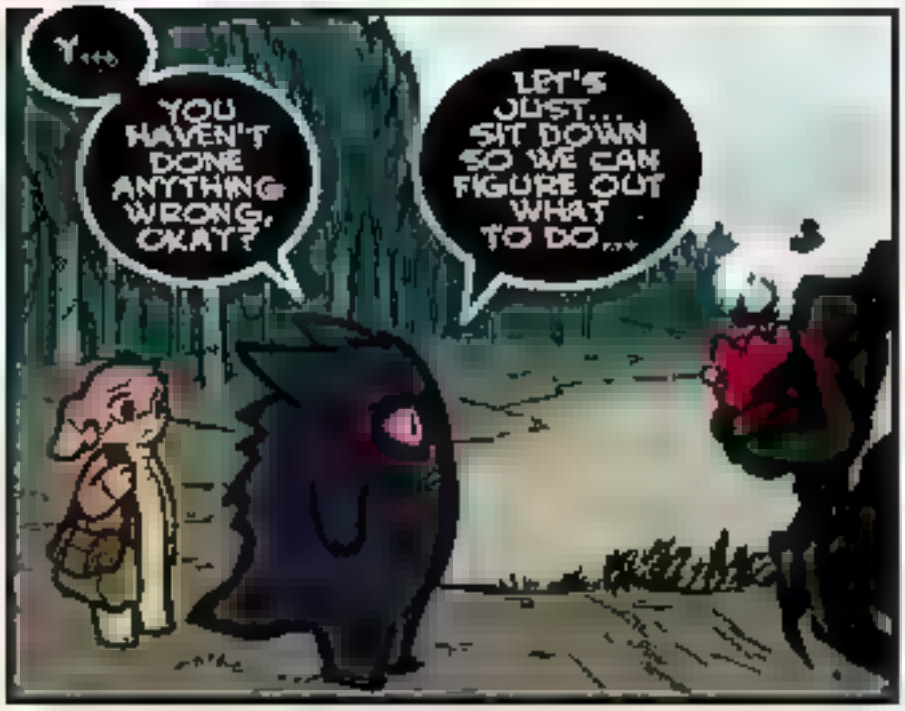

HE'S NOT RIGHT TODAY. CAN YOU SEE--?
YEAH-- I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM, BUT IT'S NOT THAT...
I'M NOT SURE--

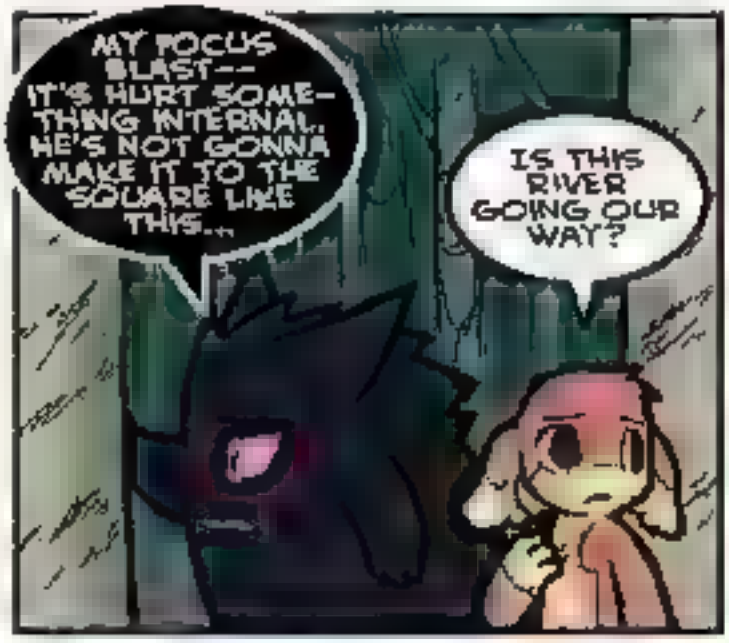
GHK-- KLIH KLIH KLIH GHK

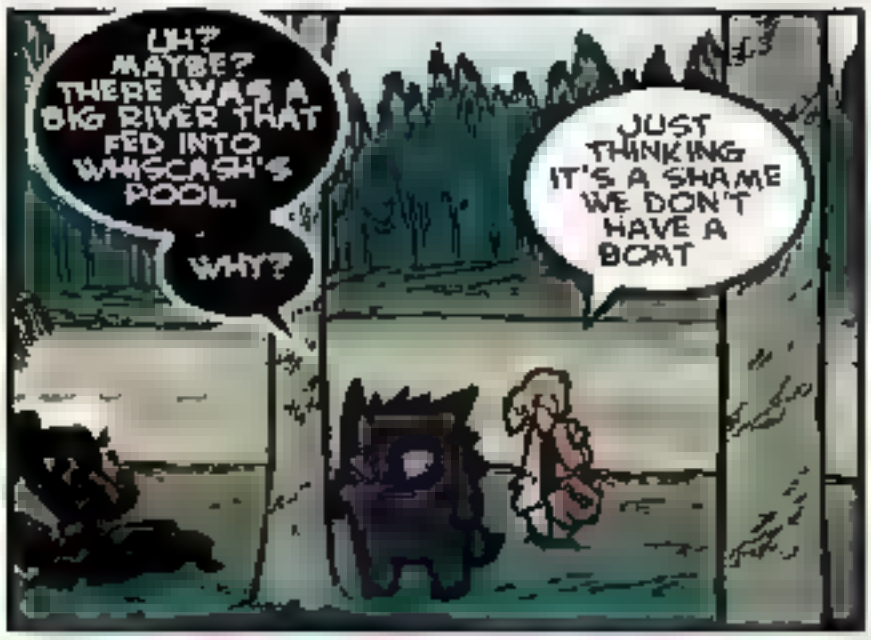

HH...

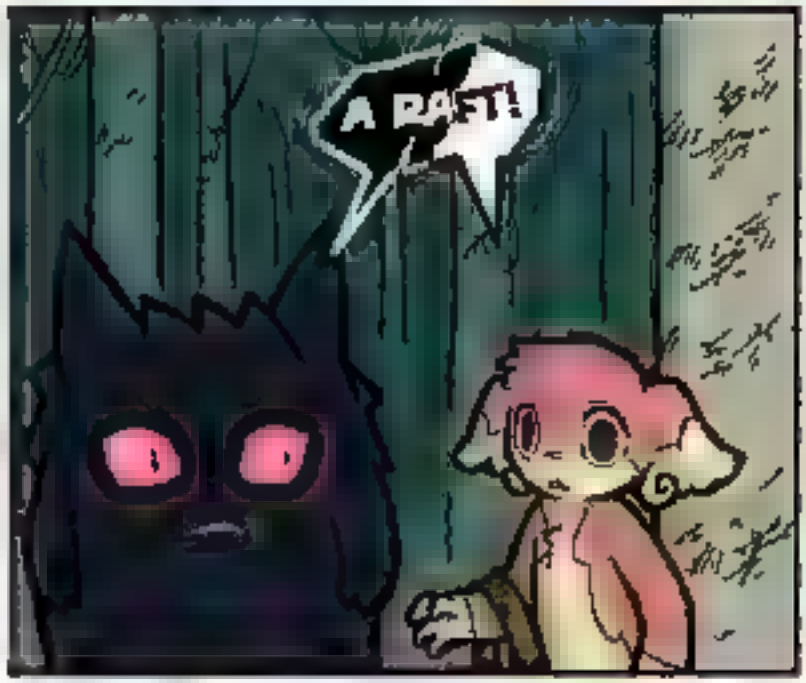
HEY-- DID THAT JUST COME OUT OF YOU?

PLEASE I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

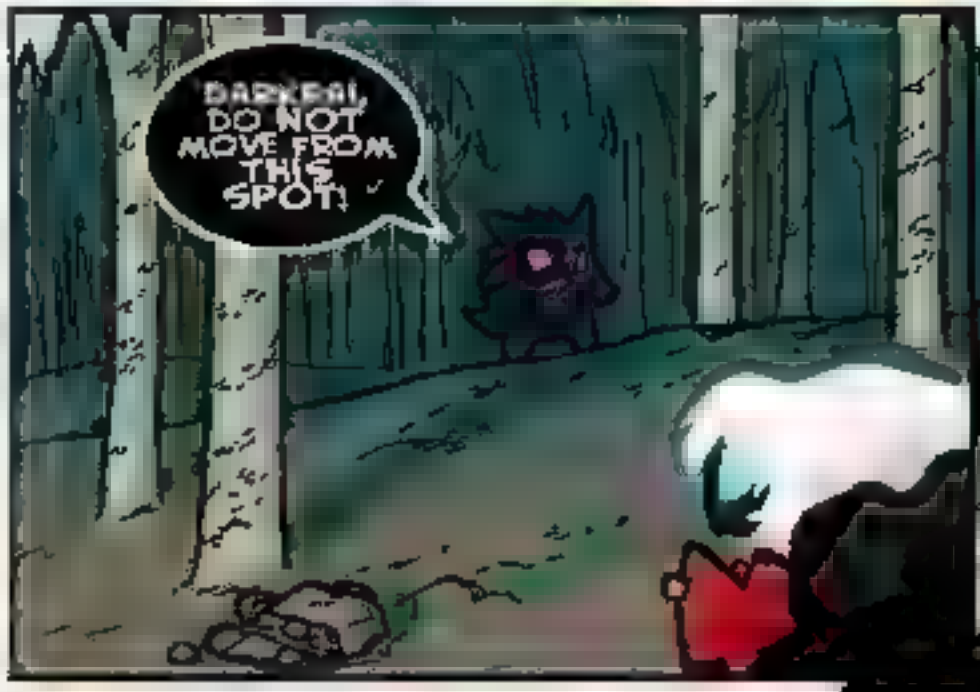

Y...
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG, OKAY?
LET'S JUST... SIT DOWN SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO...


MY FOCUS BLAST-- IT'S HURT SOMETHING INTERNAL. HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT TO THE SQUARE LIKE THIS...
IS THIS RIVER GOING OUR WAY?

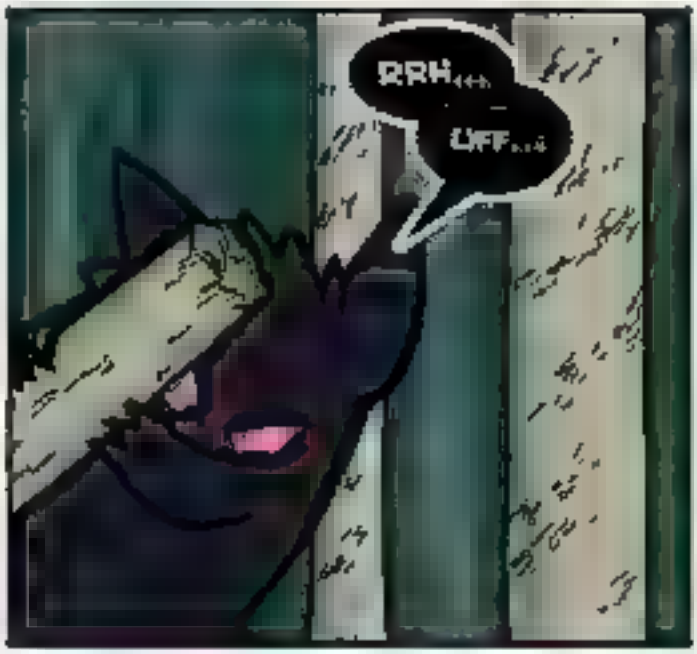

UH? MAYBE? THERE WAS A BIG RIVER THAT FED INTO WHISCASH'S POOL.
WHY?
JUST THINKING IT'S A SHAME WE DON'T HAVE A BOAT

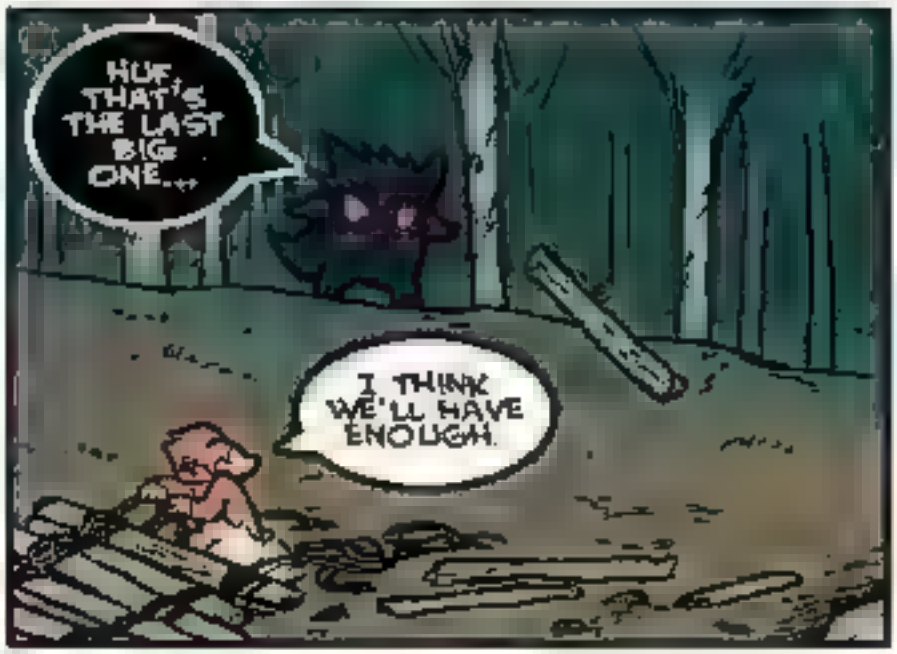

A RAFT!

I'LL GET WOOD FROM THE DAM!
THERE'S VINES IN THE FOREST!

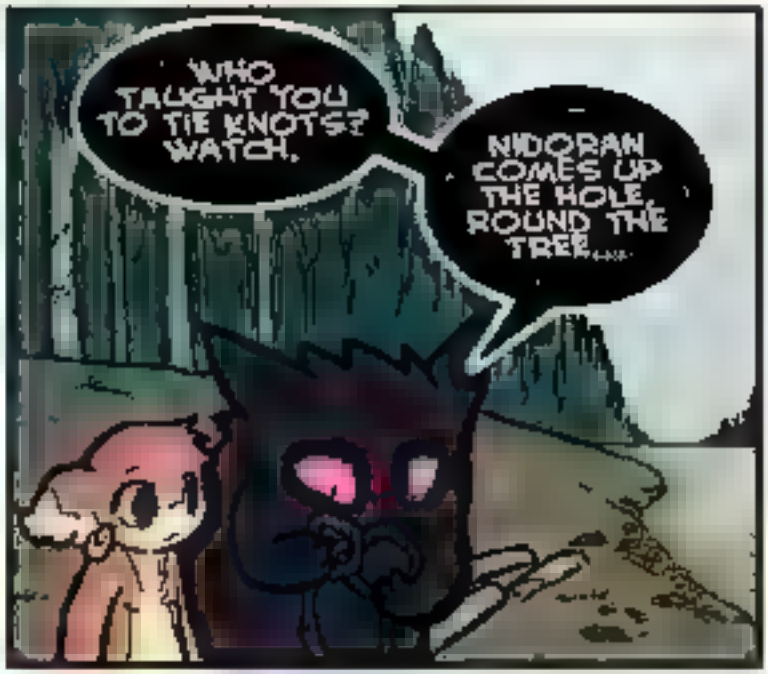

DARKEAI DO NOT MOVE FROM THIS SPOT!

WUH WHERE ARE Y--?
okay

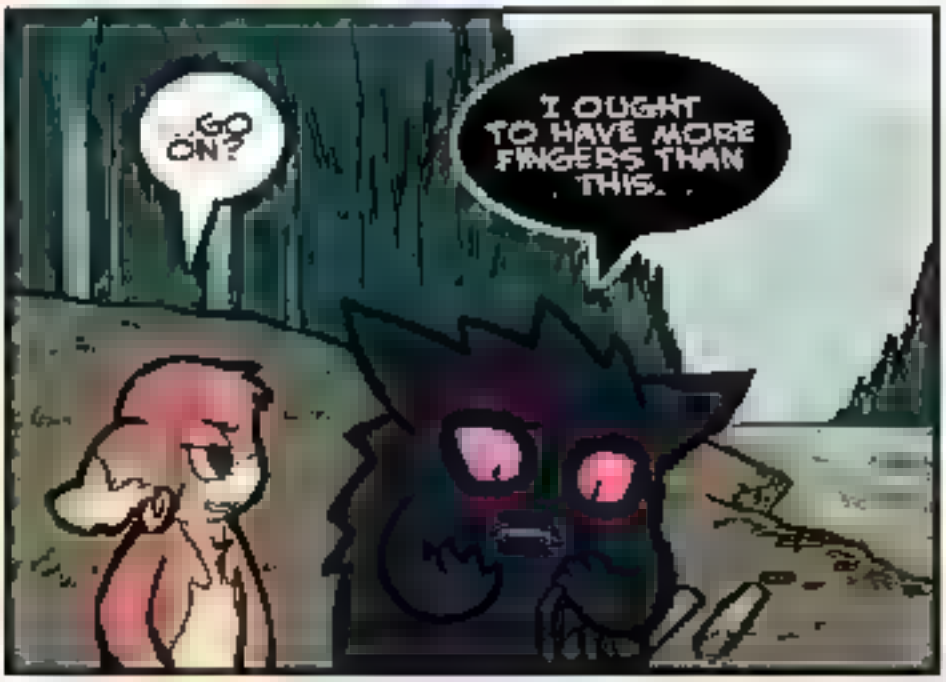

RRH...
UFF...


HUF THAT'S THE LAST BIG ONE...
I THINK WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO THERE?
TIE IT?


WHO TAUGHT YOU TO TIE KNOTS? WATCH.
NIDORAN COMES UP THE HOLE, ROUND THE TREE...

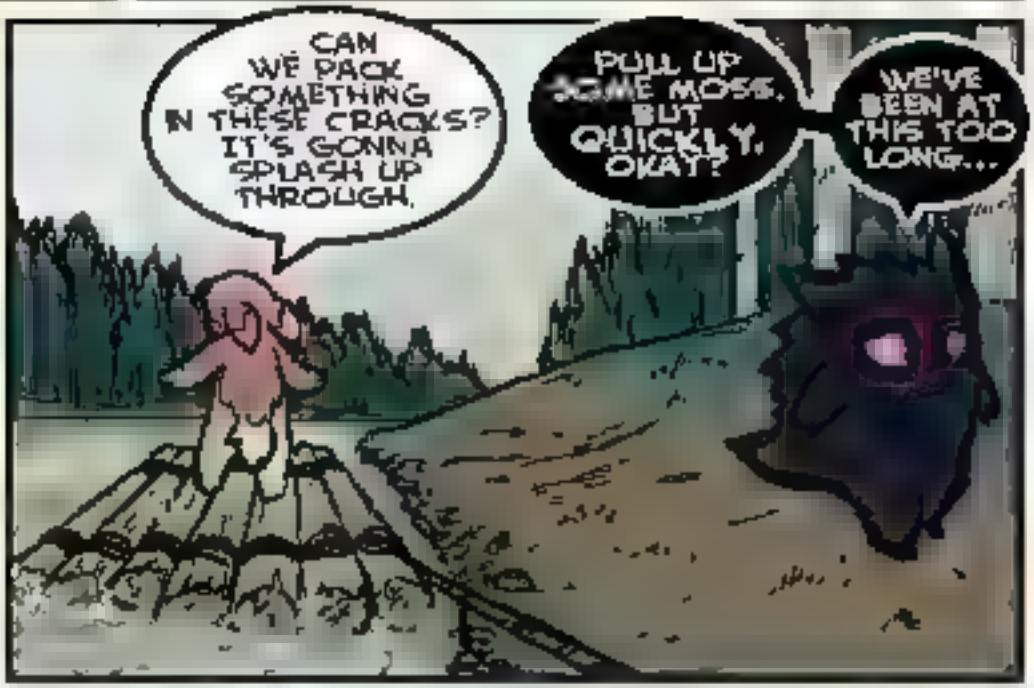
UP THE...
UH...
ROUND THE...

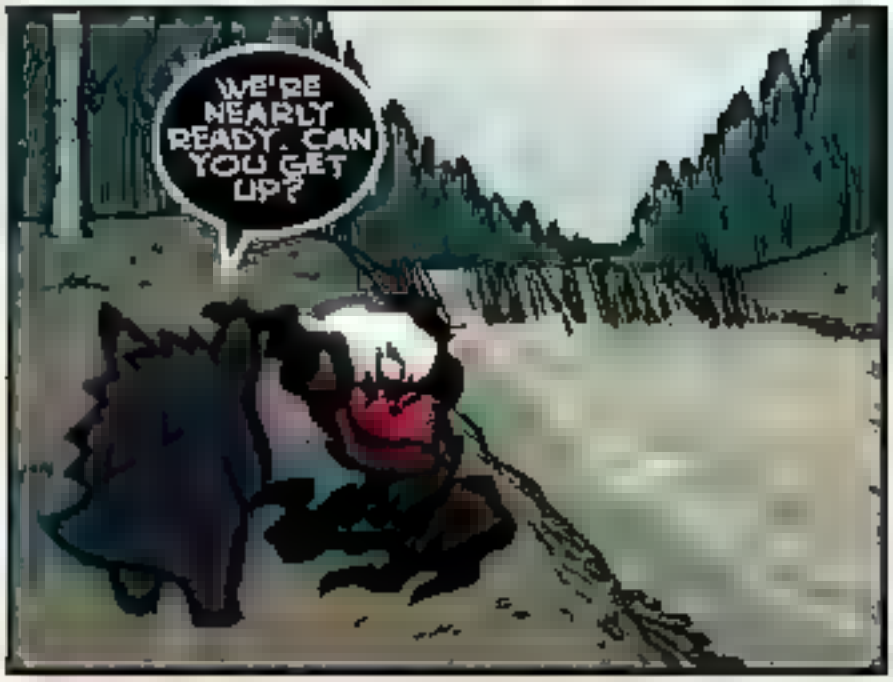

...GO ON?
I OUGHT TO HAVE MORE FINGERS THAN THIS.

IT NEEDS A NAME. IT'S UNLUCKY TO LAUNCH A SHIP WITHOUT A NAME.
HOW ABOUT "SINKSALOT"?

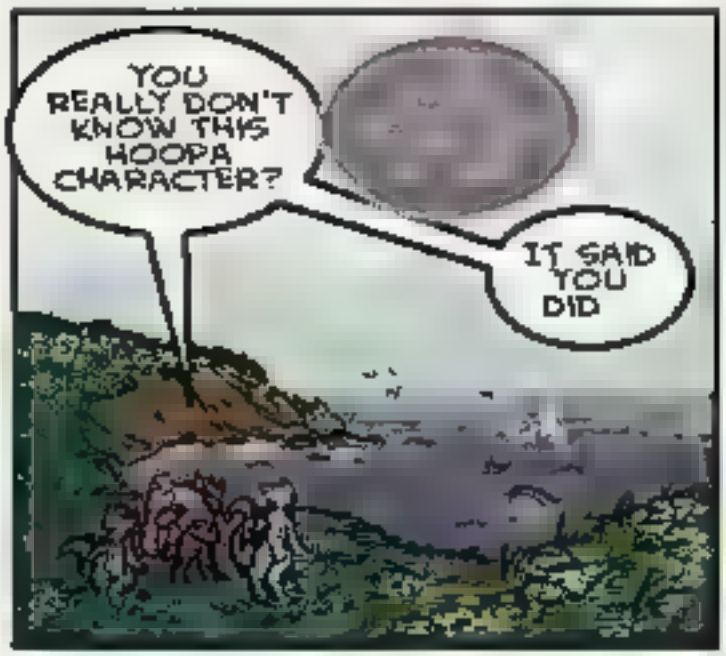
IT WON'T SINK.
LOOK.

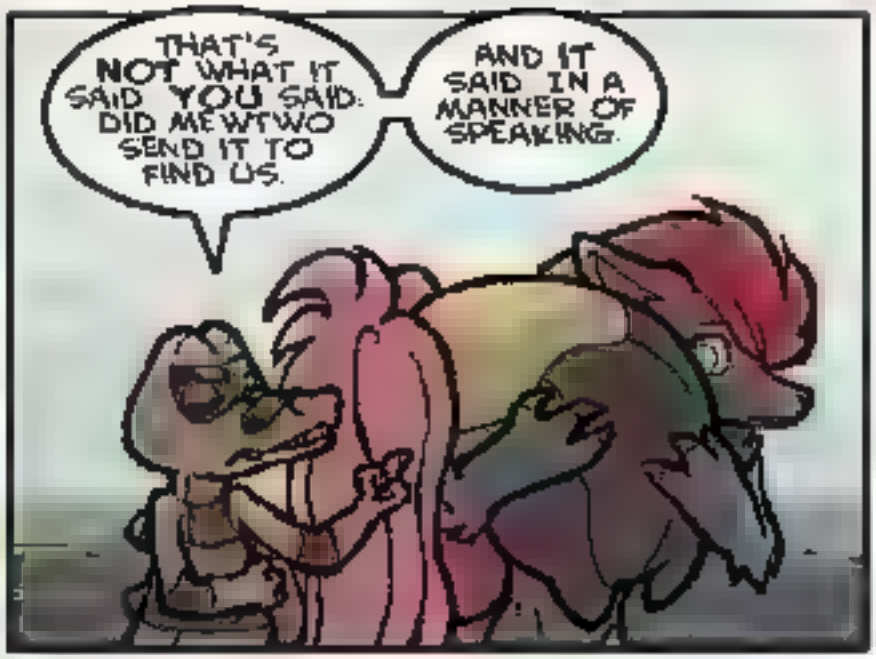
WUP


CAN WE PACK SOMETHING IN THESE CRACKS? IT'S GONNA SPLASH UP THROUGH.
PULL UP SOME MOSS, BUT QUICKLY, OKAY?
WE'VE BEEN AT THIS TOO LONG...

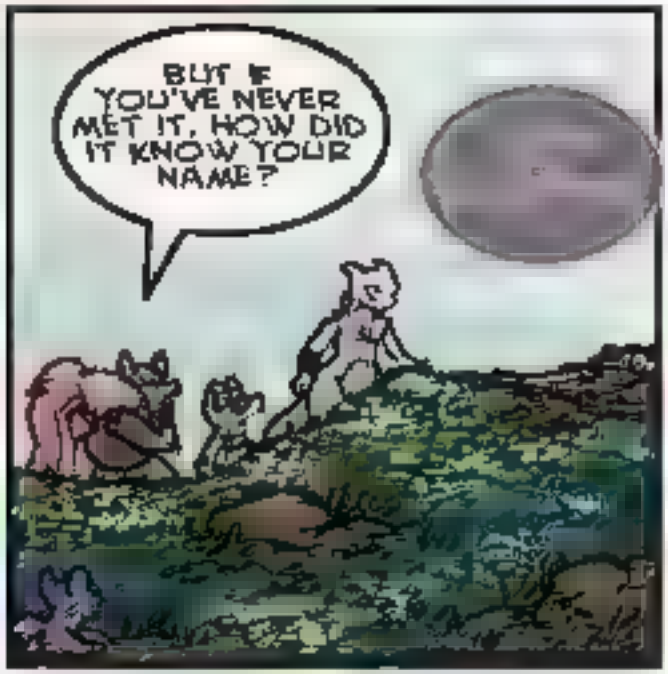

WE'RE NEARLY READY. CAN YOU GET UP?

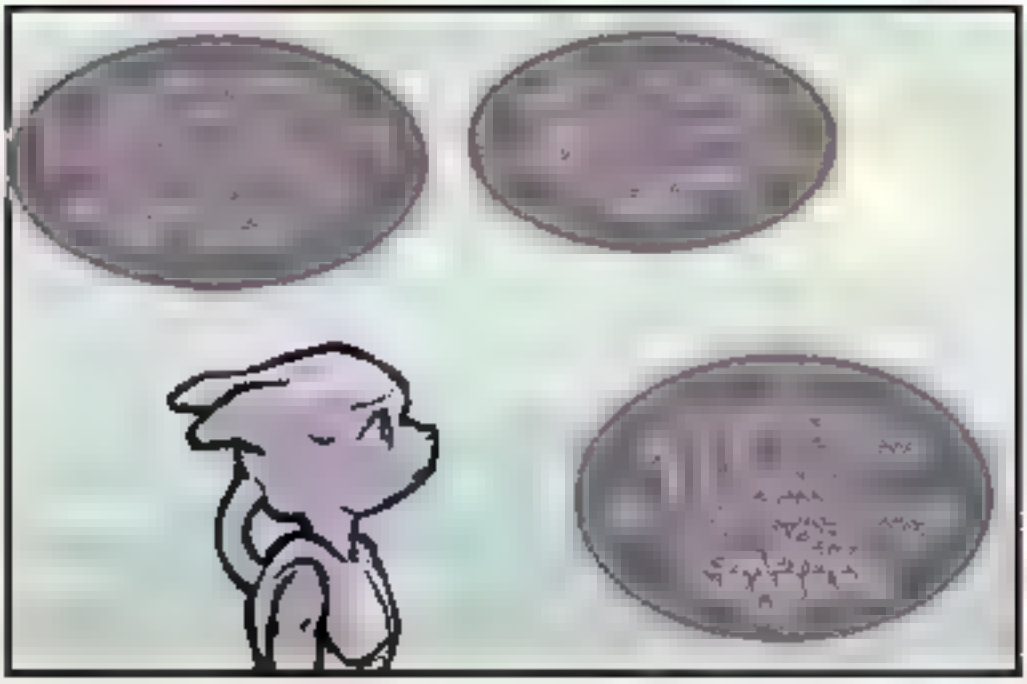
GAHK—


YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW THIS HOOPA CHARACTER?
IT SAID YOU DID


THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAID YOU SAID: DID ME WTWO SEND IT TO FIND US.
AND IT SAID IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.

I'M TELLING YOU, MATE, IT WAS A GENIE.

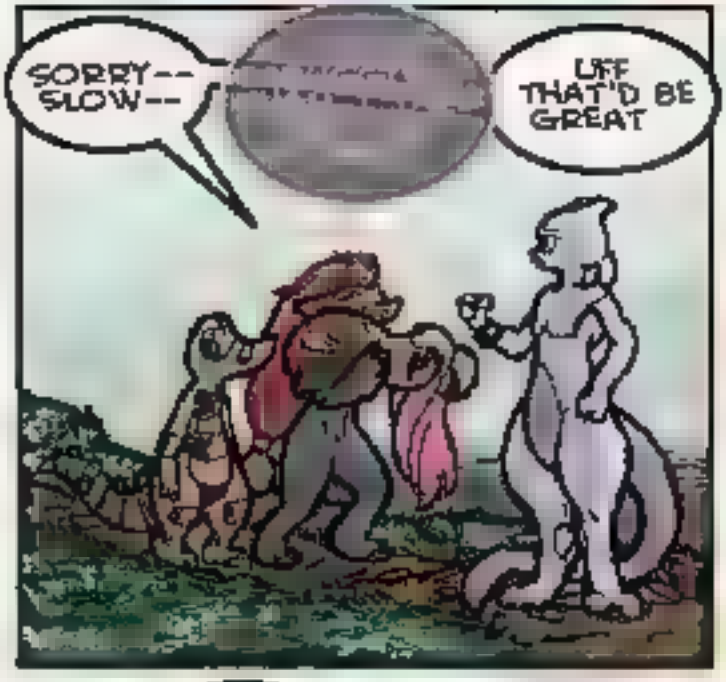

BUT IF YOU'VE NEVER MET IT, HOW DID IT KNOW YOUR NAME?

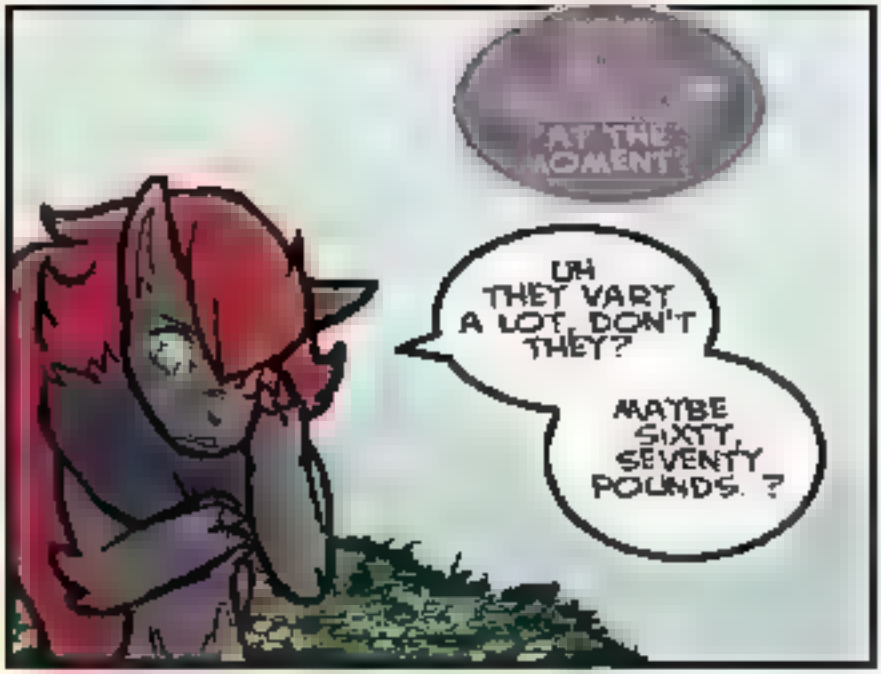


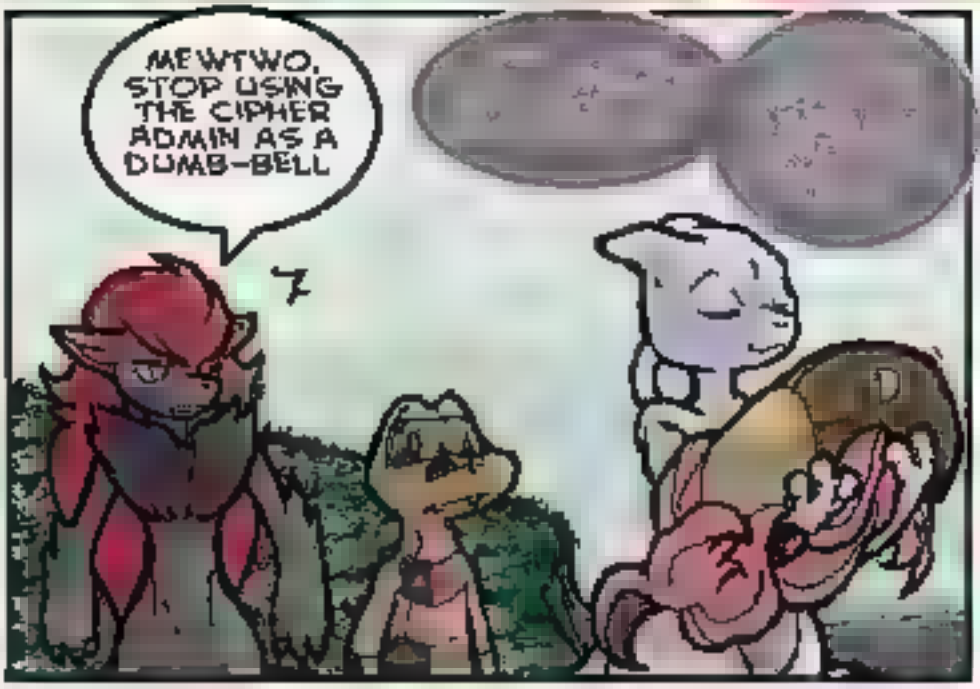
SO IS THIS THING ON OUR SIDE OR NOT?

WHERE ARE WE GOING, ANYWAY?

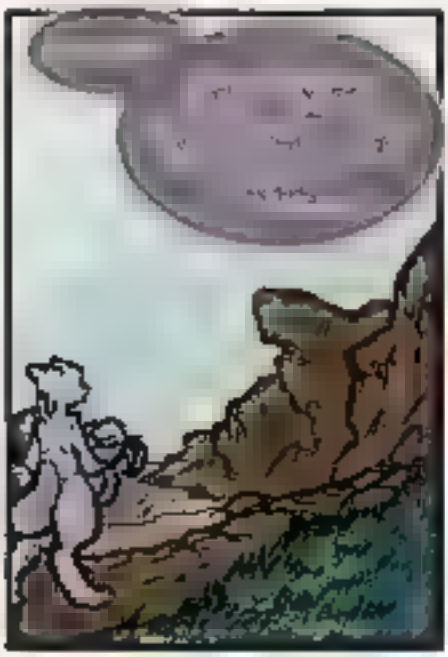
THERE ARE TOWNS HERE? WITH PEOPLE?


SORRY-- SLOW--
UFF THAT'D BE GREAT


AT THE MOMENT?
UH THEY VARY A LOT, DON'T THEY?
MAYBE SIXTY, SEVENTY POUNDS...?


MEWTWO, STOP USING THE CIPHER ADMIN AS A DUMB-BELL
Z

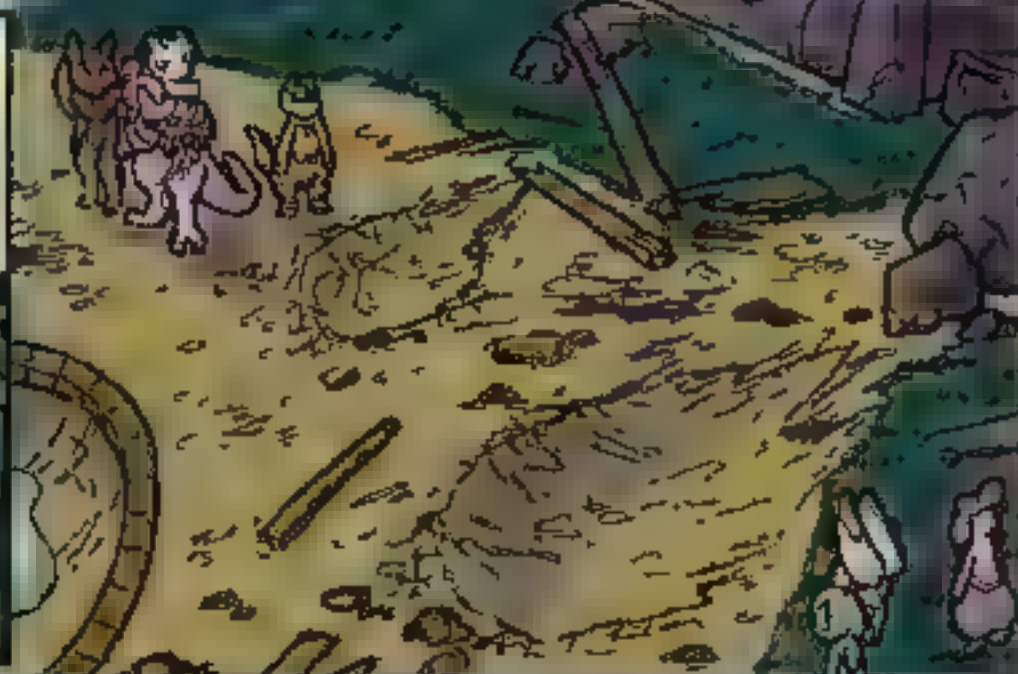
YEAH, AND THAT'S CLEARLY DIFFERENT

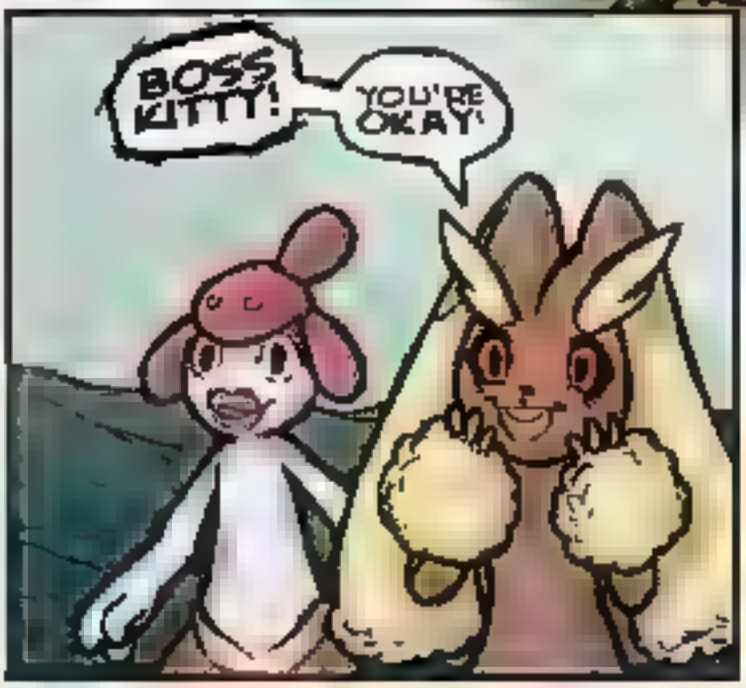


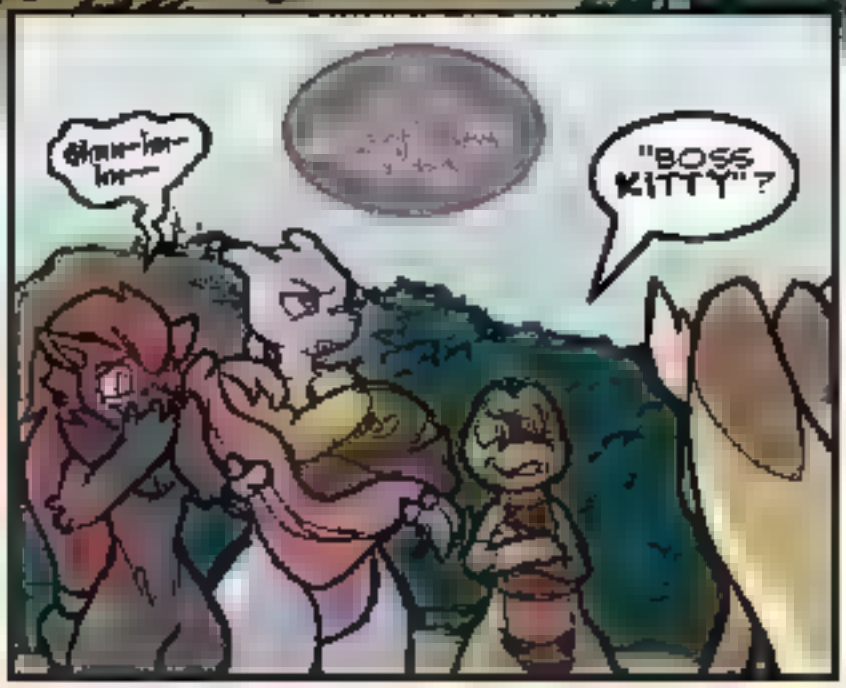
I'M GUESSING IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE THAT

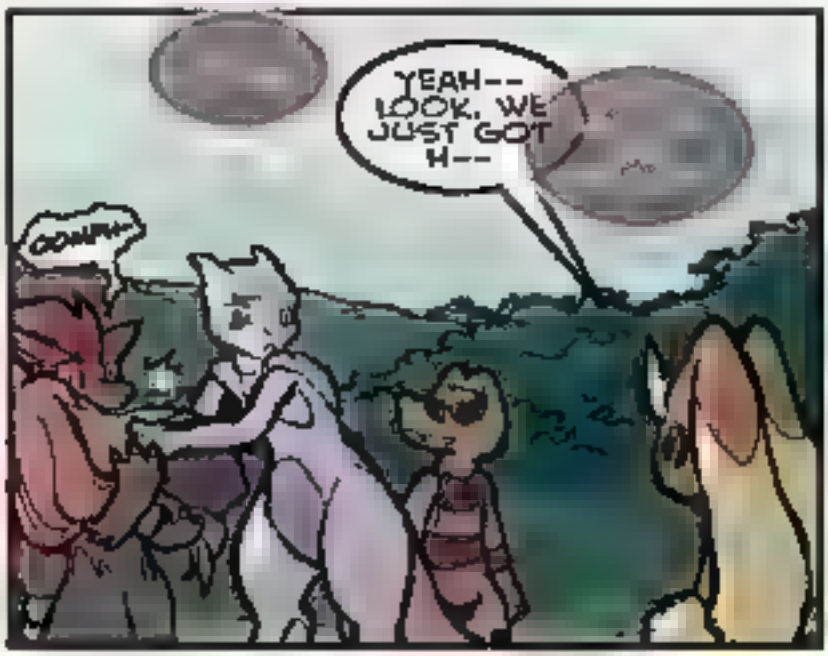
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

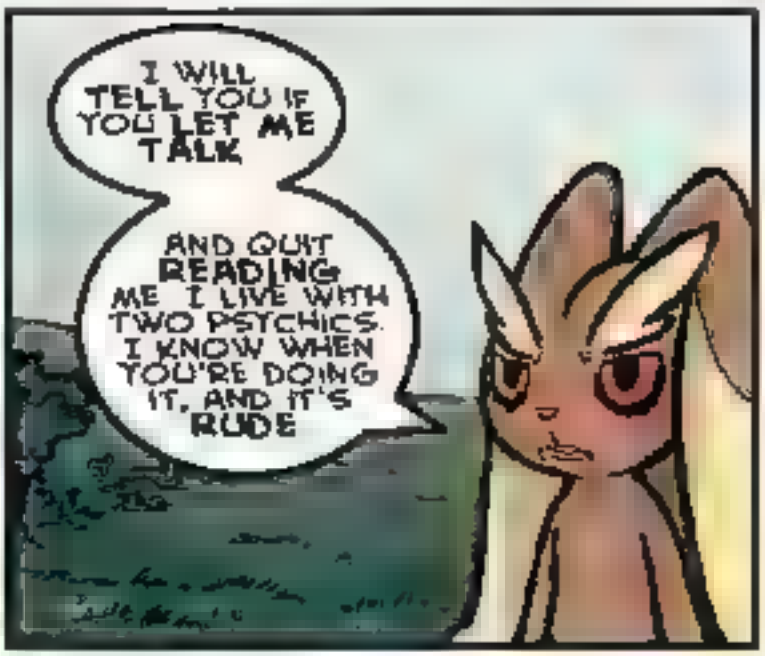
THERE'S SOME, UH, POKEMON COMING THIS WAY
THEY FRIENDS OF YOURS?

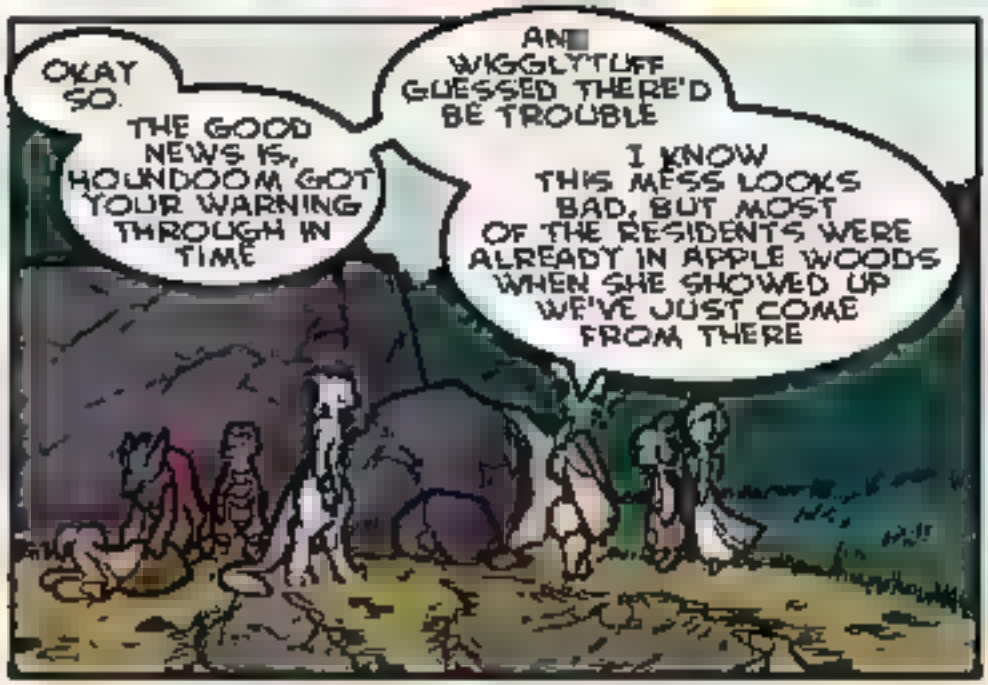


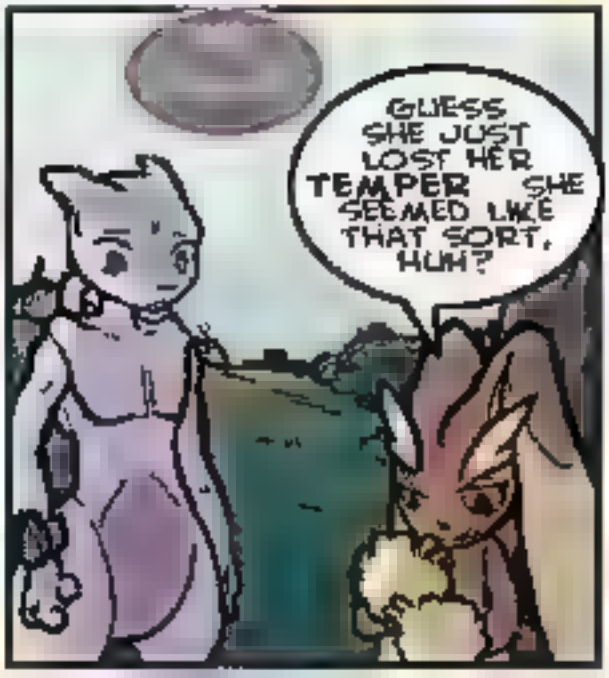

BOSS KITTY!
YOU'RE OKAY!

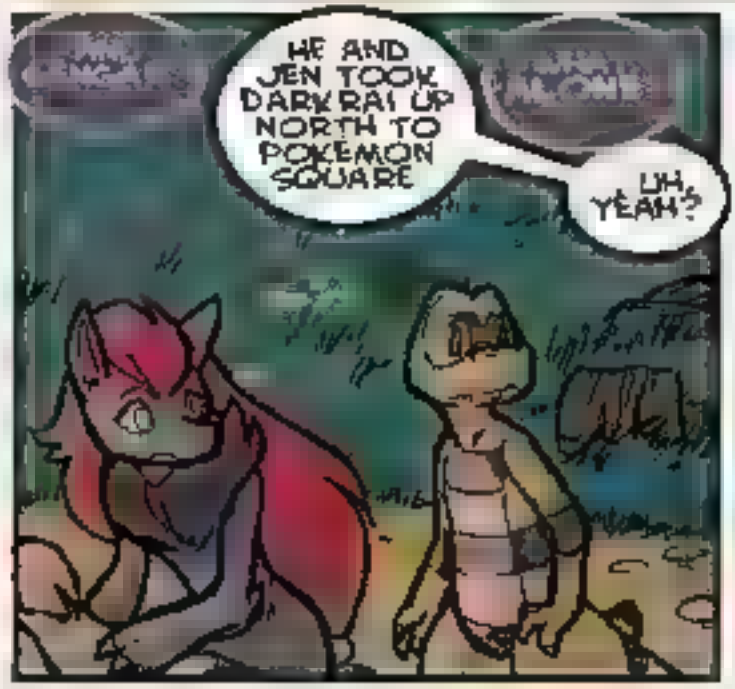

"BOSS KITTY"?

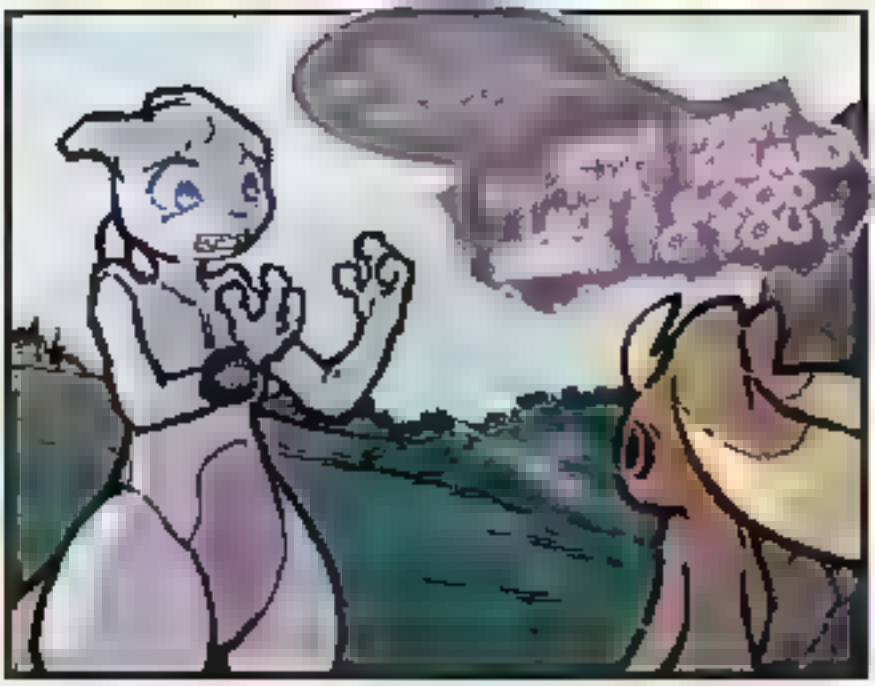

OOMPH
YEAH-- LOOK, WE JUST GOT H--

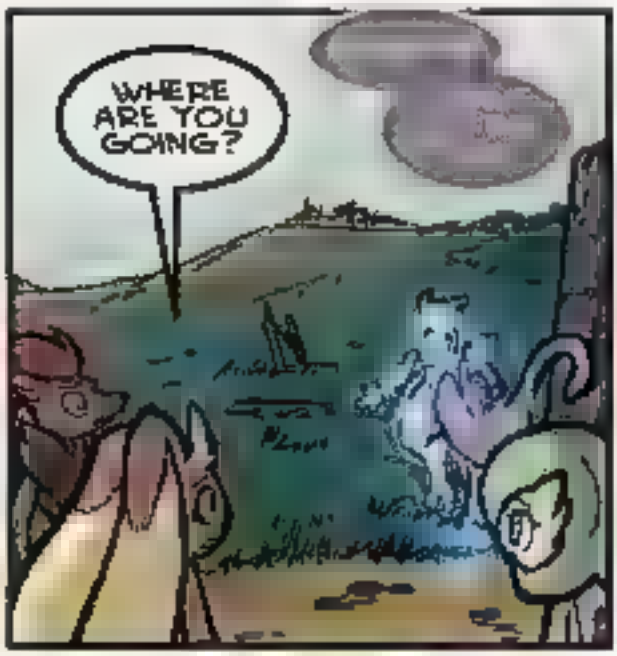

I WILL TELL YOU IF YOU LET ME TALK
AND QUIT READING ME I LIVE WITH TWO PSYCHICS. I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DOING IT, AND IT'S RUDE


OKAY SO.
THE GOOD NEWS IS, HOUNDOOM GOT YOUR WARNING THROUGH IN TIME
AN WIGGLYTUFF GUESSED THERE'D BE TROUBLE
I KNOW THIS MESS LOOKS BAD, BUT MOST OF THE RESIDENTS WERE ALREADY IN APPLE WOODS WHEN SHE SHOWED UP WE'VE JUST COME FROM THERE

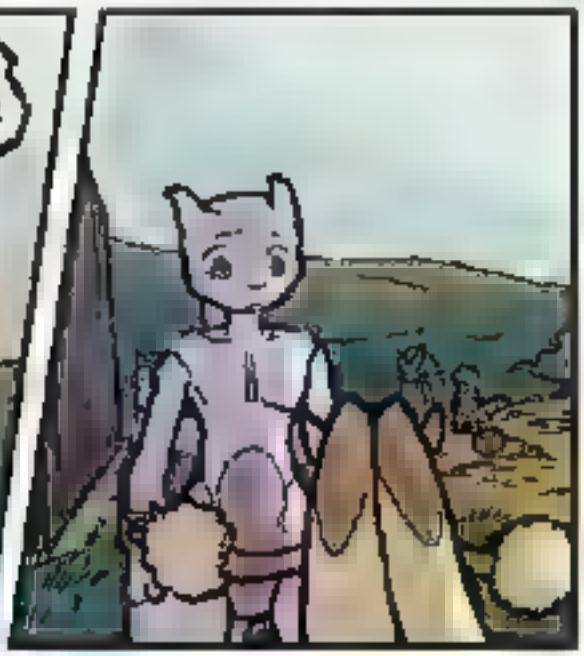

GUESS SHE JUST LOST HER TEMPER SHE SEEMED LIKE THAT SORT, HUH?


HE AND JEN TOOK DARKRAI UP NORTH TO POKEMON SQUARE
UH, YEAH?

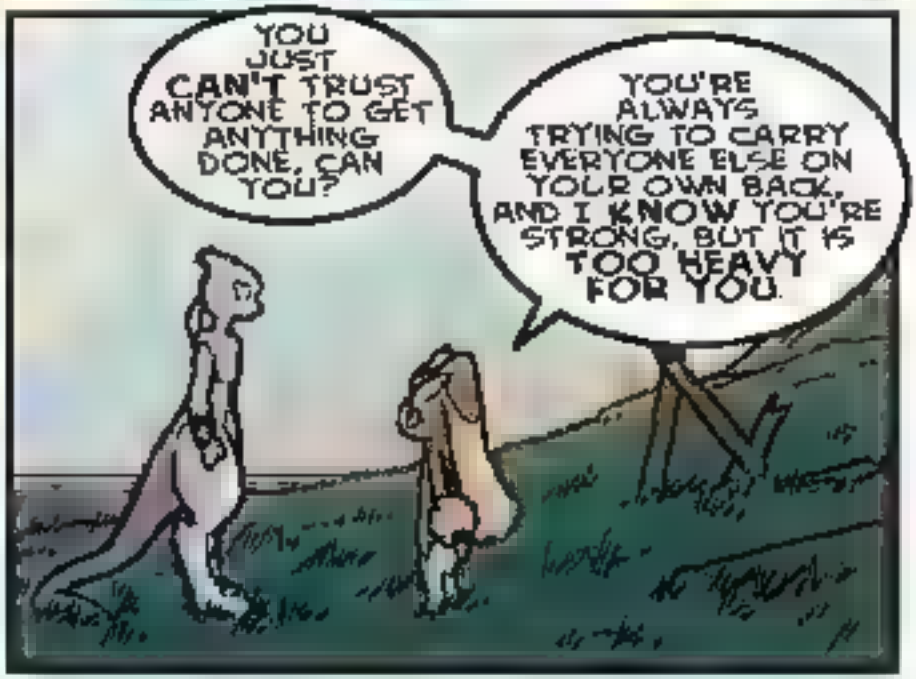


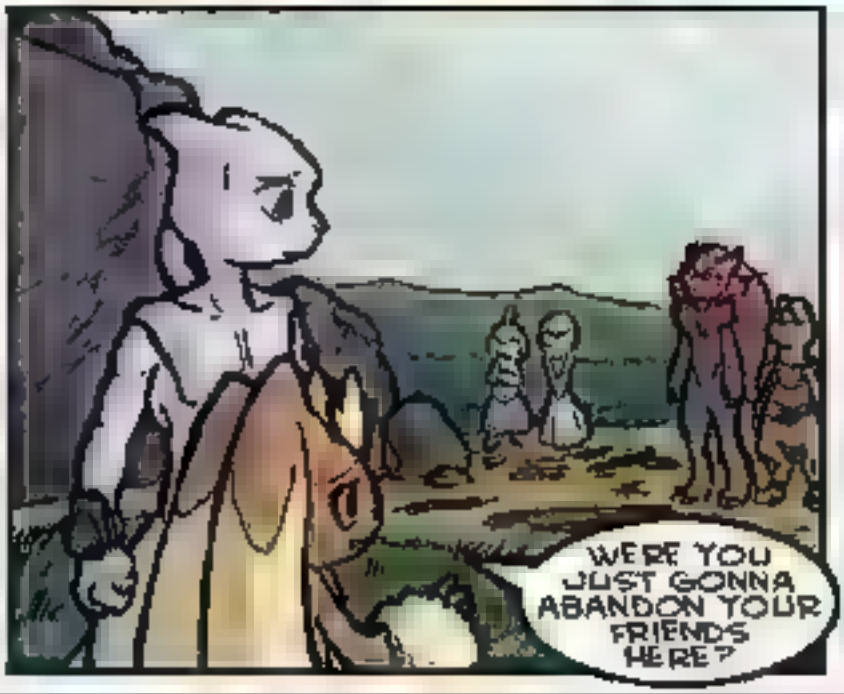

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

NO, YOU DON'T!

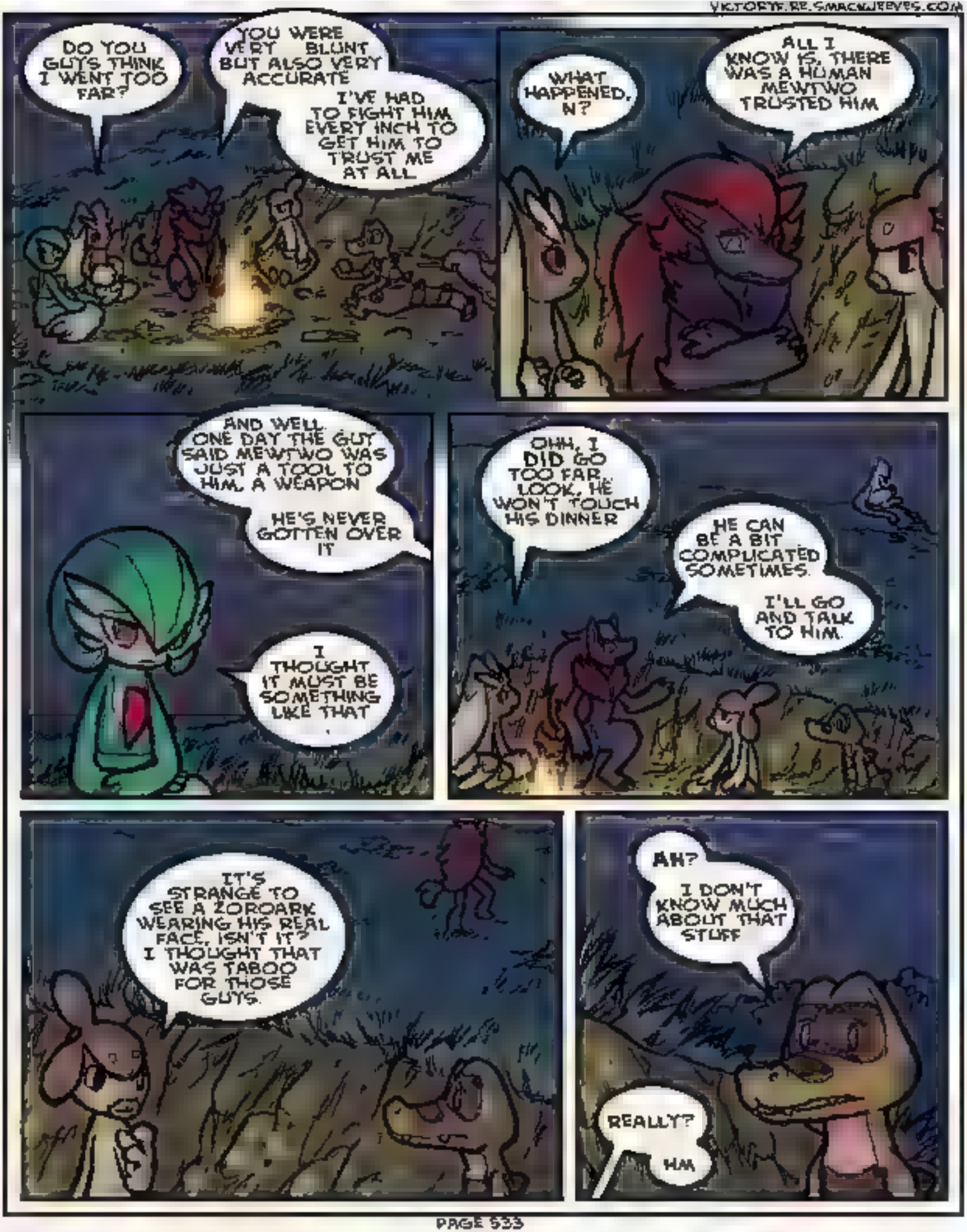


BOSS KITTY
WHO HURT YOU SO BADLY?


YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST ANYONE TO GET ANYTHING DONE, CAN YOU?
YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO CARRY EVERYONE ELSE ON YOUR OWN BACK, AND I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG, BUT IT IS TOO HEAVY FOR YOU.

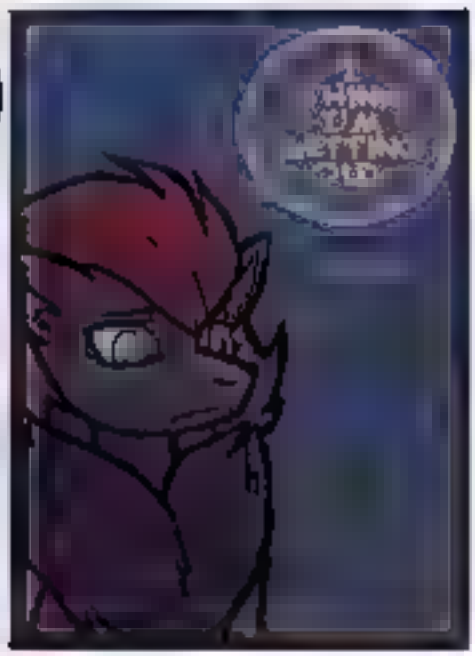

WERE YOU JUST GONNA ABANDON YOUR FRIENDS HERE?

IT'LL BE DARK SOON LET'S ALL FIND SOMEWHERE TO REST UP
OKAY?

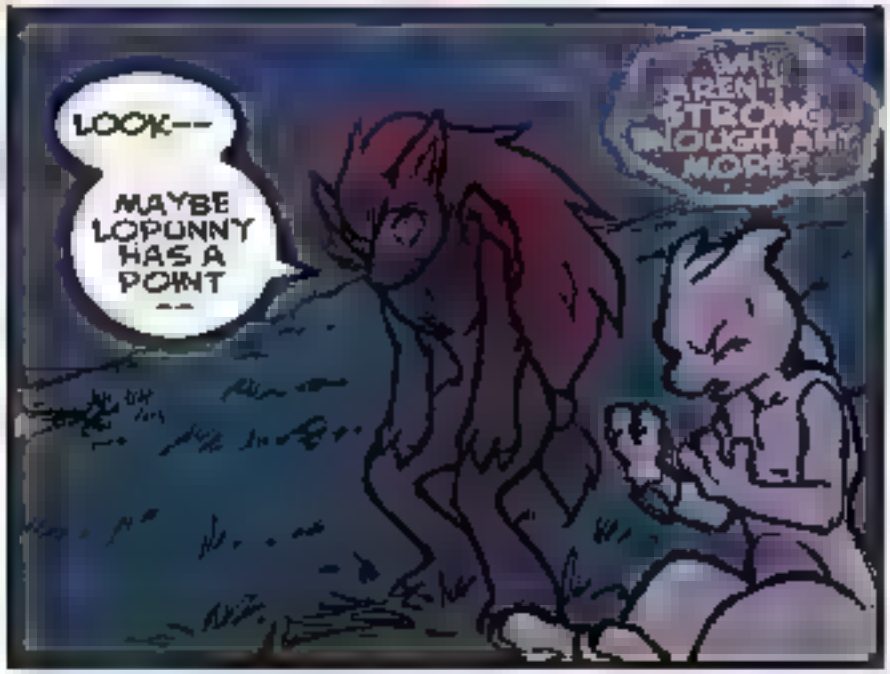

DO YOU GUYS THINK I WENT TOO FAR?
YOU WERE VERY BLUNT BUT ALSO VERY ACCURATE
I'VE HAD TO FIGHT HIM EVERY INCH TO GET HIM TO TRUST ME AT ALL
WHAT HAPPENED, N?
ALL I KNOW IS, THERE WAS A HUMAN MEWTWO TRUSTED HIM
AND WELL, ONE DAY THE GUY SAID MEWTWO WAS JUST A TOOL TO HIM, A WEAPON
HE'S NEVER GOTTEN OVER IT
I THOUGHT IT MUST BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT
OHH, I DID GO TOO FAR, LOOK, HE WON'T TOUCH HIS DINNER
HE CAN BE A BIT COMPLICATED SOMETIMES.
I'LL GO AND TALK TO HIM.
IT'S STRANGE TO SEE A ZOROARK WEARING HIS REAL FACE, ISN'T IT? I THOUGHT THAT WAS TABOO FOR THOSE GUYS.
AH?
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THAT STUFF
REALLY?
HM

YOUR FRIENDS WANT TO KNOW IF "BOSS KITTY" IS OKAY
ONE WARNING: DON'T START
rwwl.

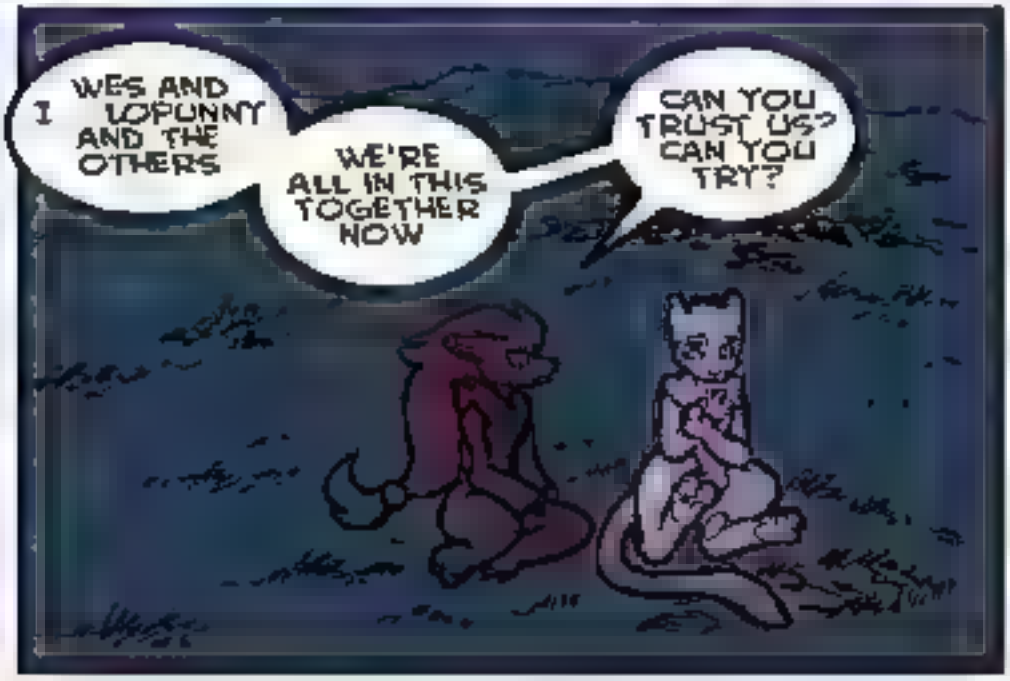
WHAT, THEY'RE NOT YOUR FRIENDS? THEY SEEM TO LIKE YOU



I CAN'T THE SITUATION
EVERYTHING I'VE TRIED TO DO HERE HAS GONE


LOOK--
MAYBE LOPUNNY HAS A POINT --
WE AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH ANY MORE?

BECAUSE SOME THINGS ARE TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON TO HANDLE
NO MATTER HOW STRONG HE IS

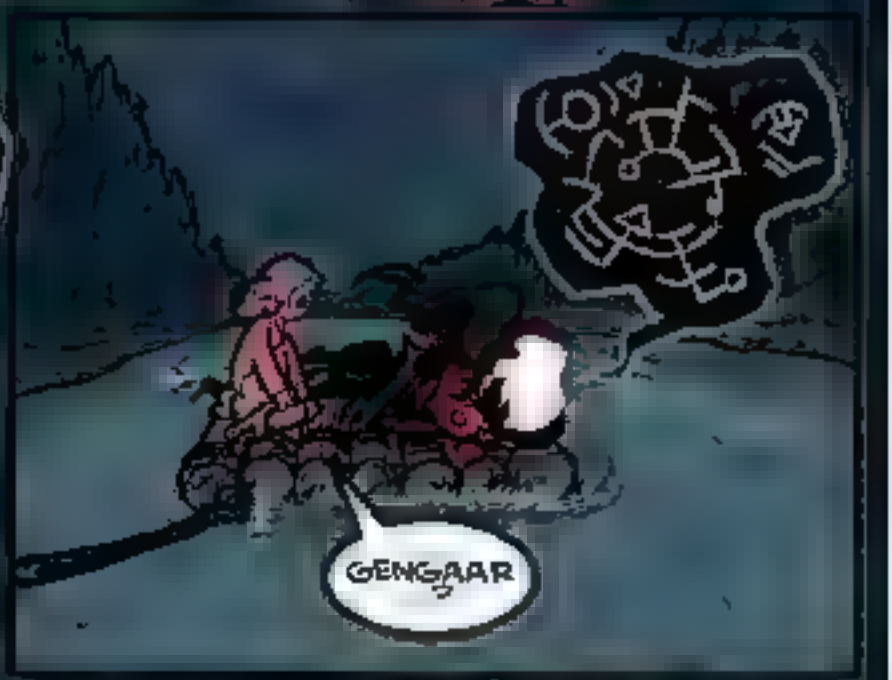

I WES AND LOPUNNY AND THE OTHERS
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER NOW
CAN YOU TRUST US? CAN YOU TRY?

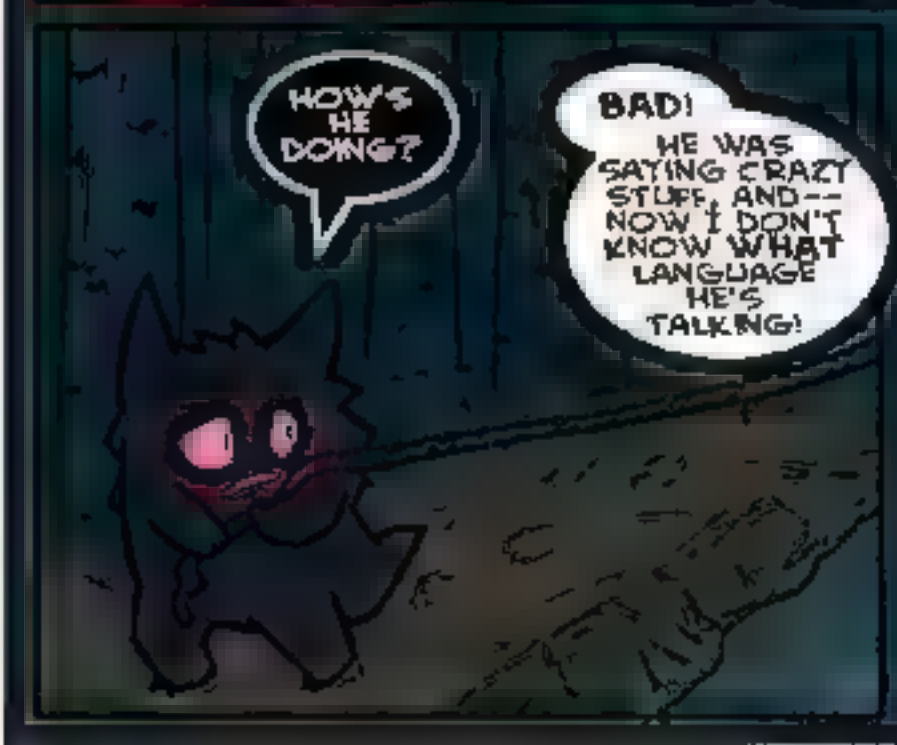
HUFF
HUFF
HNNH--!

DON'T...
HURT
NO MORE

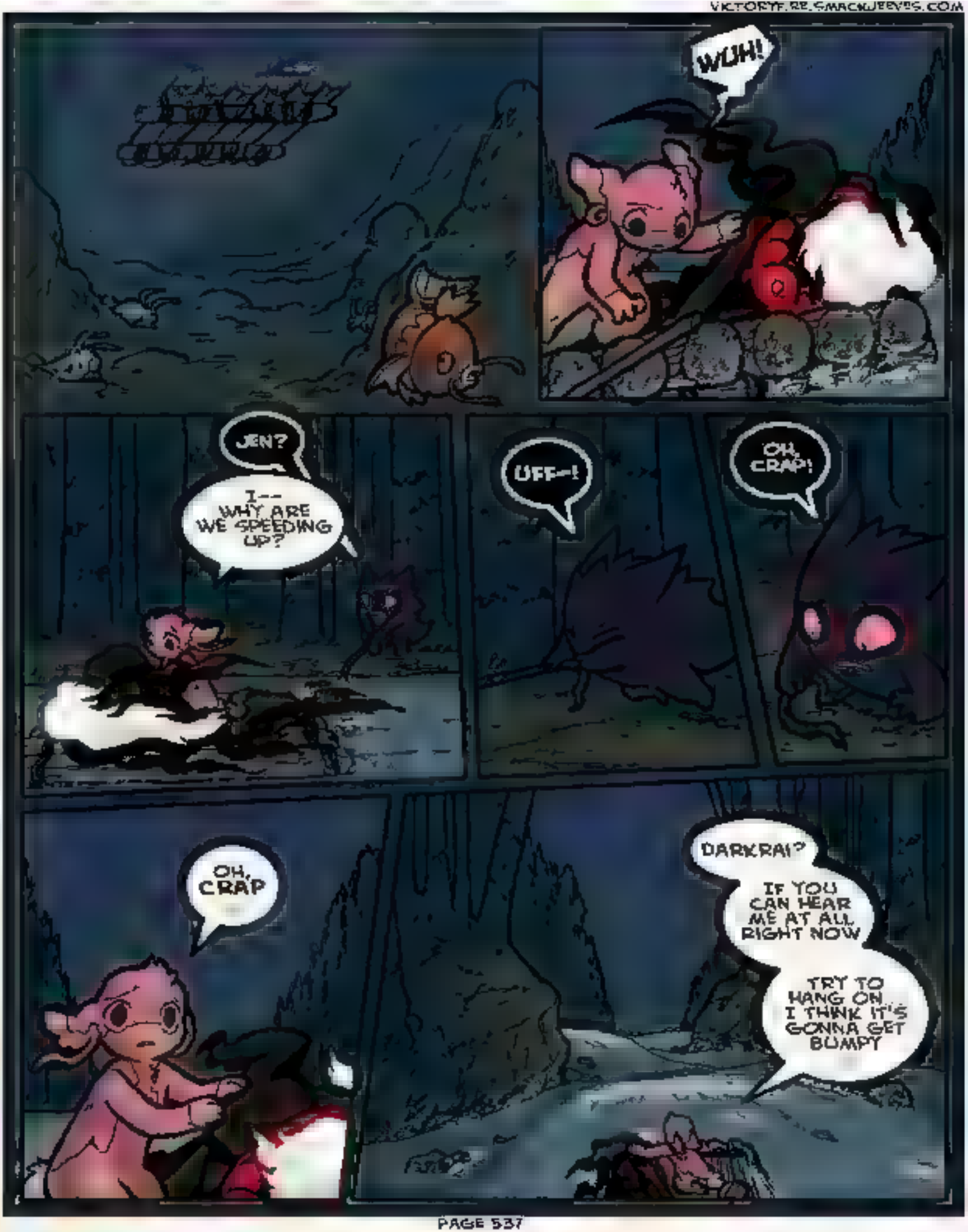
MISS...
PLEASE

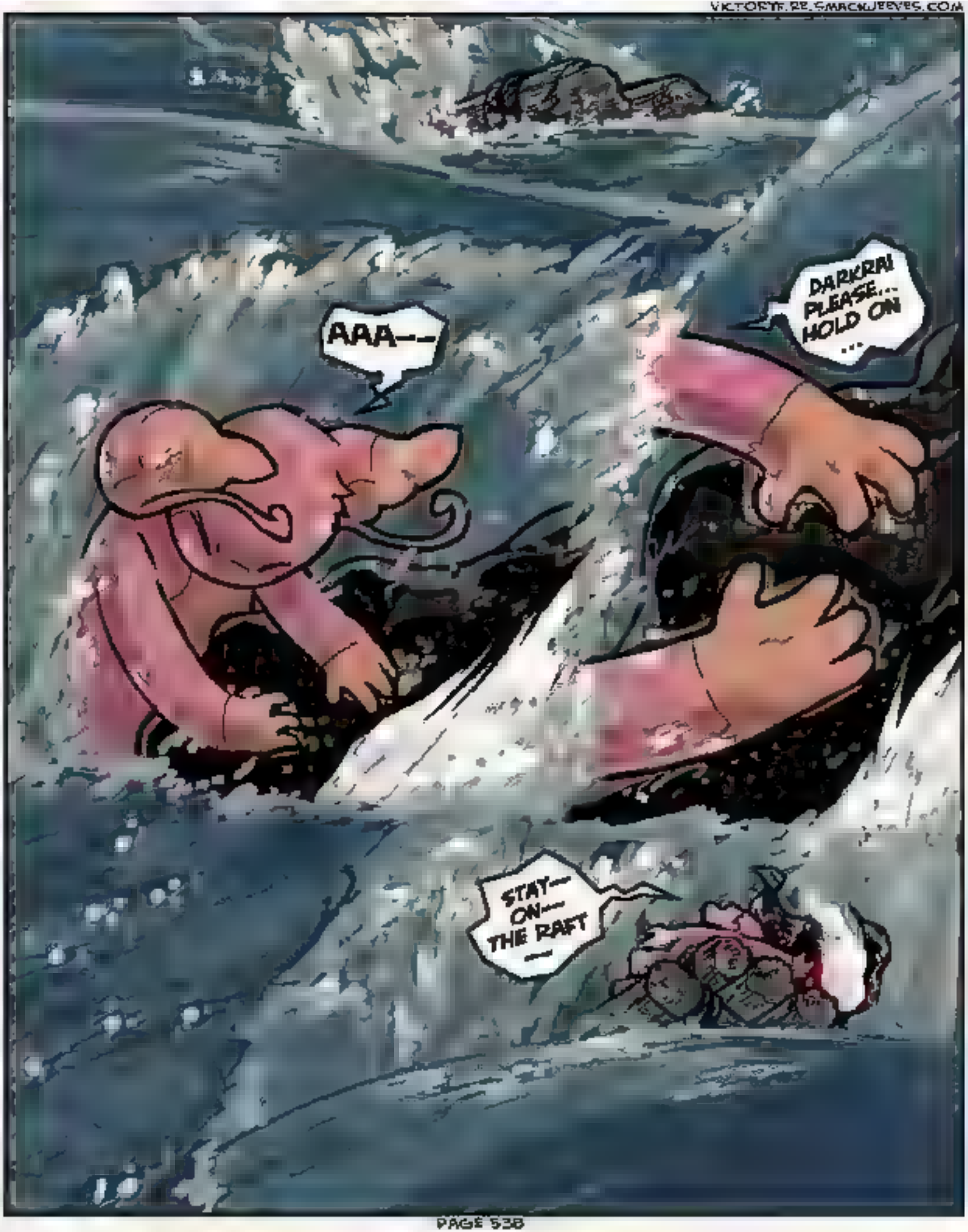
I'M NOT LOVRINA
MISS...?
I'M NOT HER!

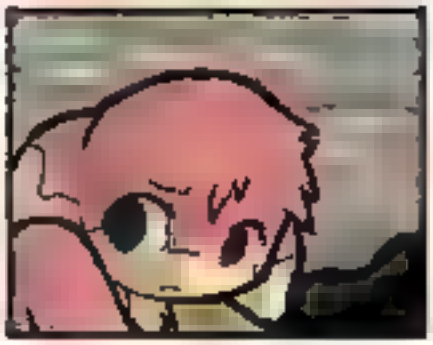

GENGAAR

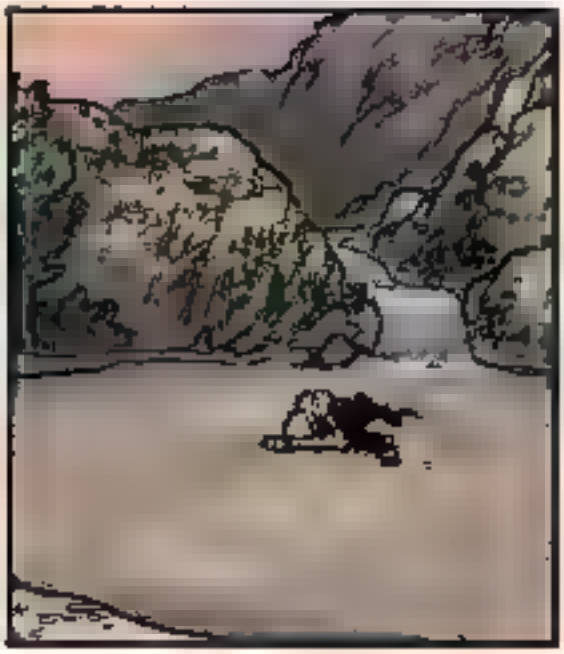

HOW'S HE DOING?
BAD! HE WAS SAYING CRAZY STUFF, AND-- NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT LANGUAGE HE'S TALKING!

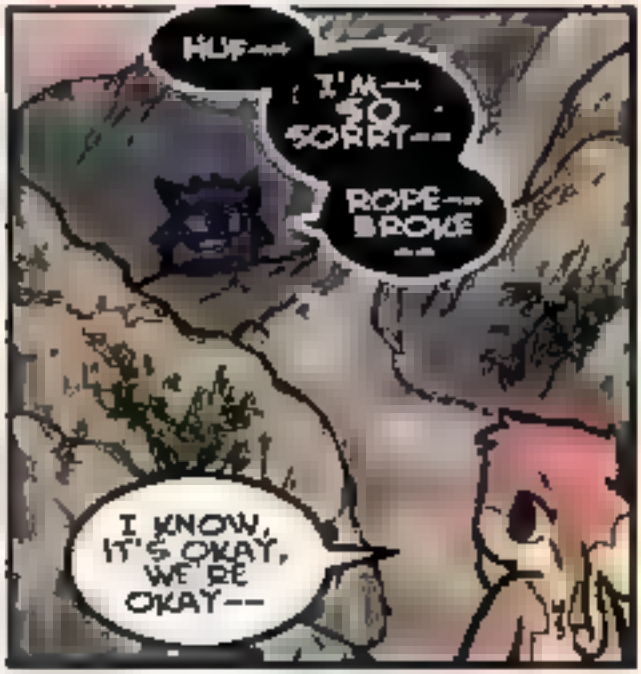
GENGAR, I THINK HE'S DYING!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT.

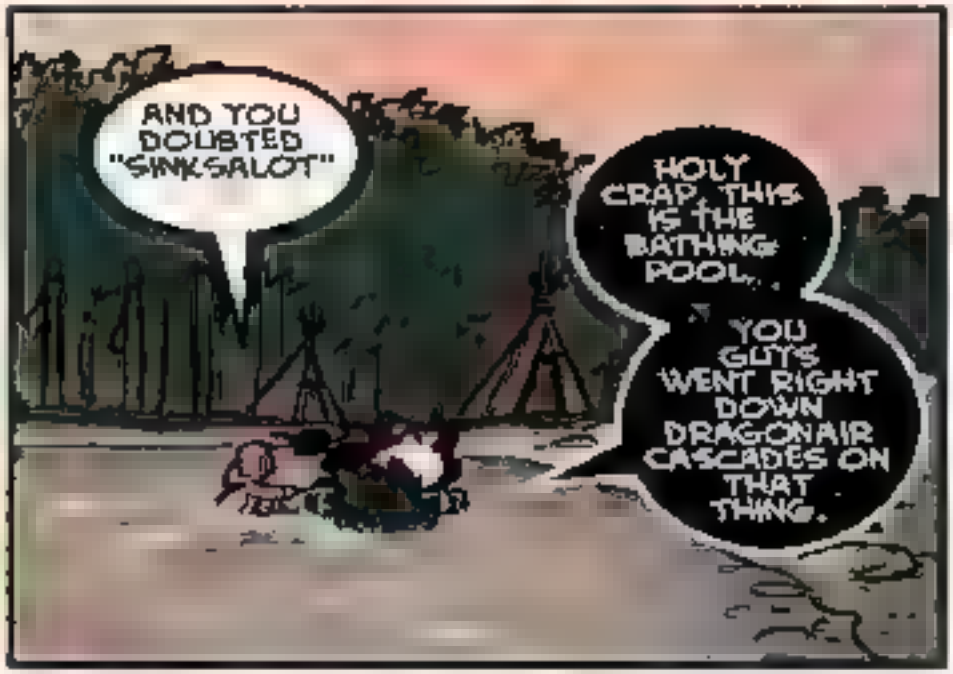

WUH!
JEN?
I-- WHY ARE WE SPEEDING UP?
UFF--!
OH, CRAP!
OH, CRAP
DARKRAI?
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME AT ALL RIGHT NOW
TRY TO HANG ON... I THINK IT'S GONNA GET BUMPY

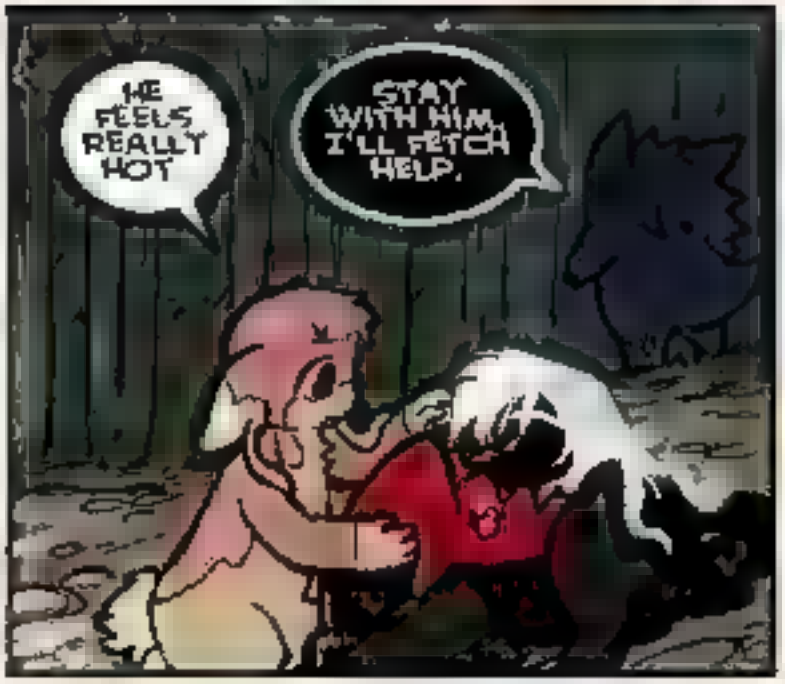

AAA--
DARKRAI PLEASE... HOLD ON ...
STAY— ON— THE RAFT —






HUF--
I'M-- SO SORRY--
ROPE-- BROKE --
I KNOW, IT'S OKAY, WE'RE OKAY--

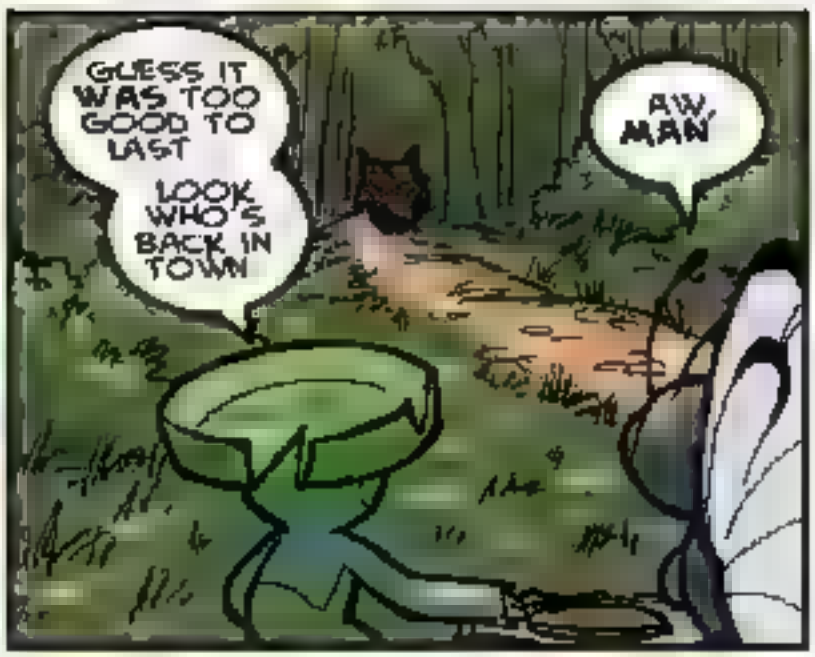

AND YOU DOUBTED "SINKSALOT"
HOLY CRAP THIS IS THE BATHING POOL...
YOU GUYS WENT RIGHT DOWN DRAGONAIR CASCADES ON THAT THING.

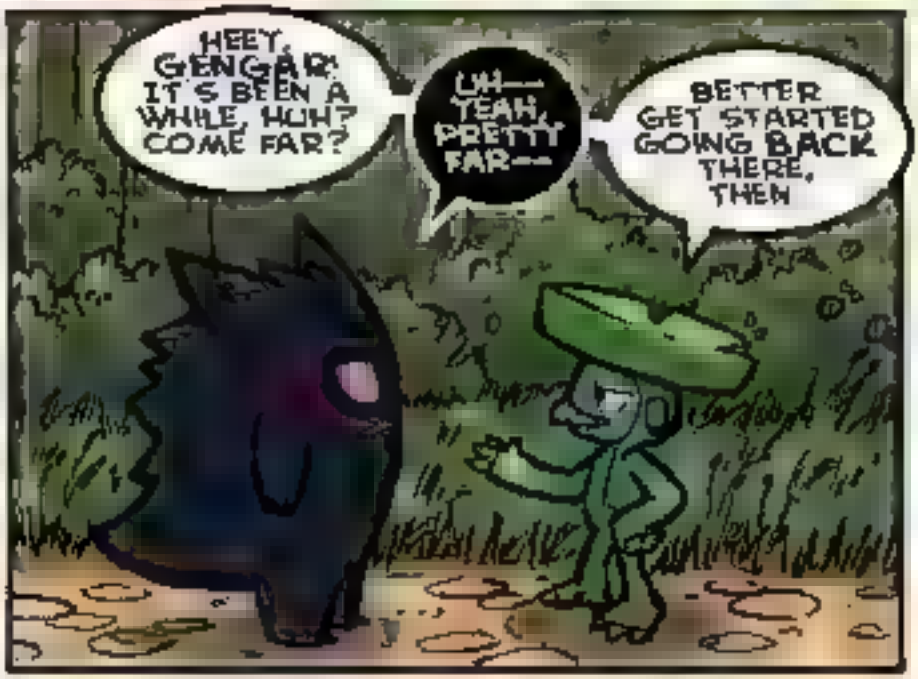

HE FEELS REALLY HOT
STAY WITH HIM, I'LL FETCH HELP.

IS THAT POKEMON SQUARE?
WHAT IF THEY BEAT YOU UP?
I AM HONESTLY TOO TIRED TO WORRY ABOUT IT. THEY CAN BEAT ME UP AFTER DARKRAI'S SAFE.

BOOYA! TRIPLE PECHA-- PAY UP!

HEY!
IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

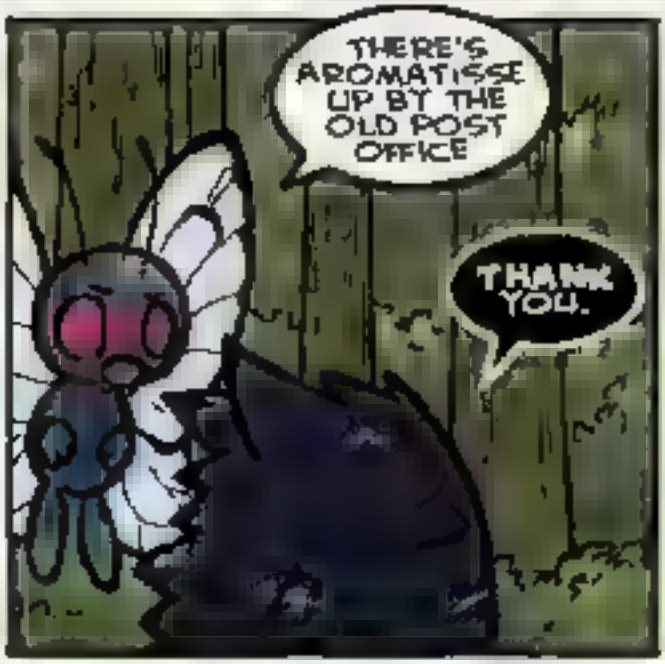

GUESS IT WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST
LOOK WHO'S BACK IN TOWN
AW, MAN

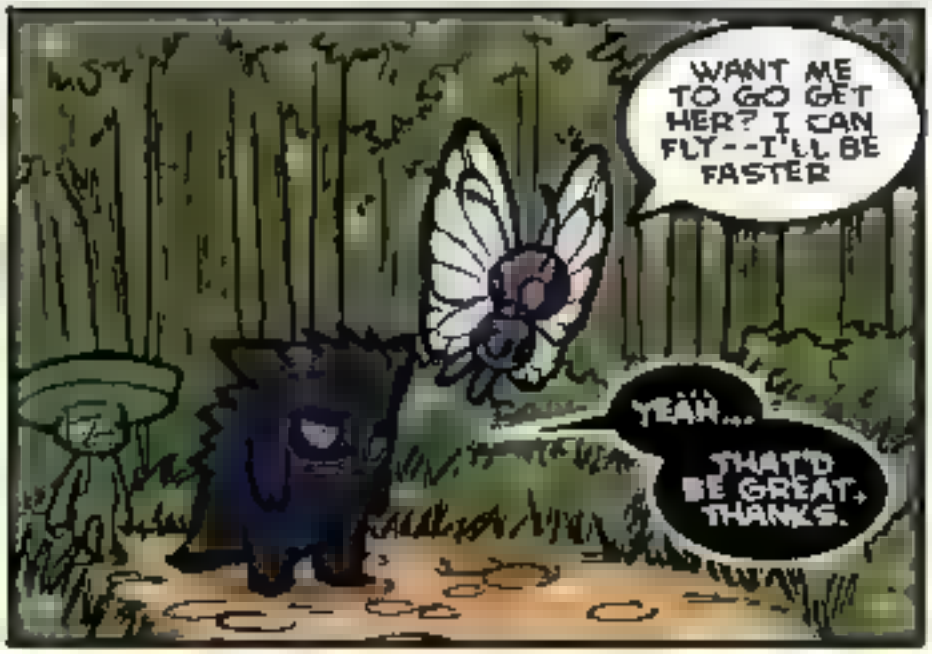

HEEY, GENGAR! IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HUH? COME FAR?
UH-- YEAH, PRETTY FAR--
BETTER GET STARTED GOING BACK THERE, THEN

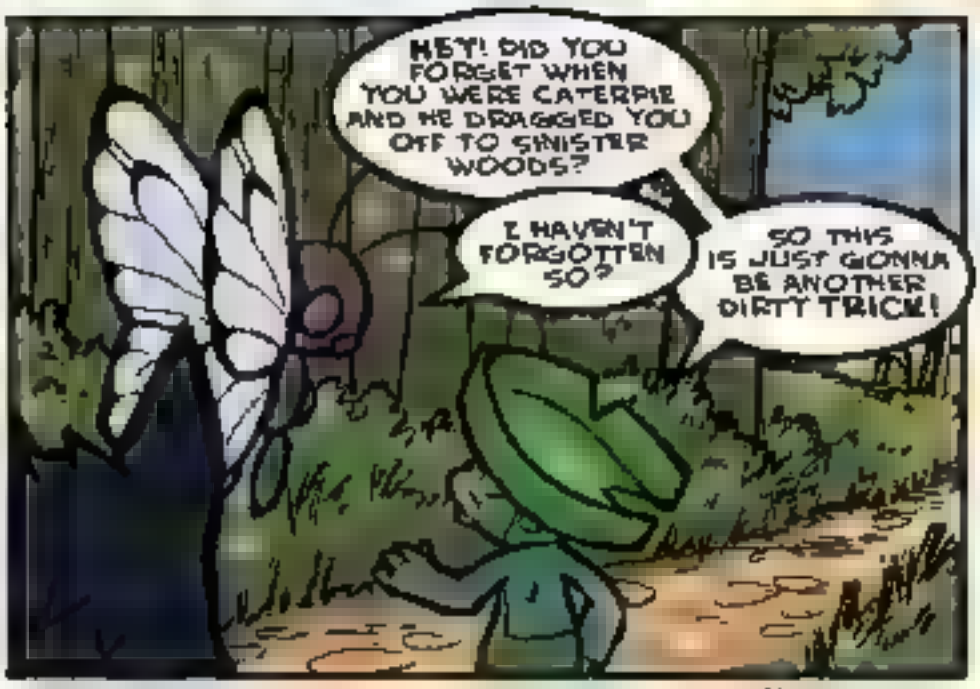
...CUTE. IS THERE A HEALER IN TOWN?
SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO CURE FOR BEING A JERK

WHEN DID I LAST SLEEP...?
I'M NOT DOING THIS WITH YOU.
IS THERE A HEALER IN TOWN?

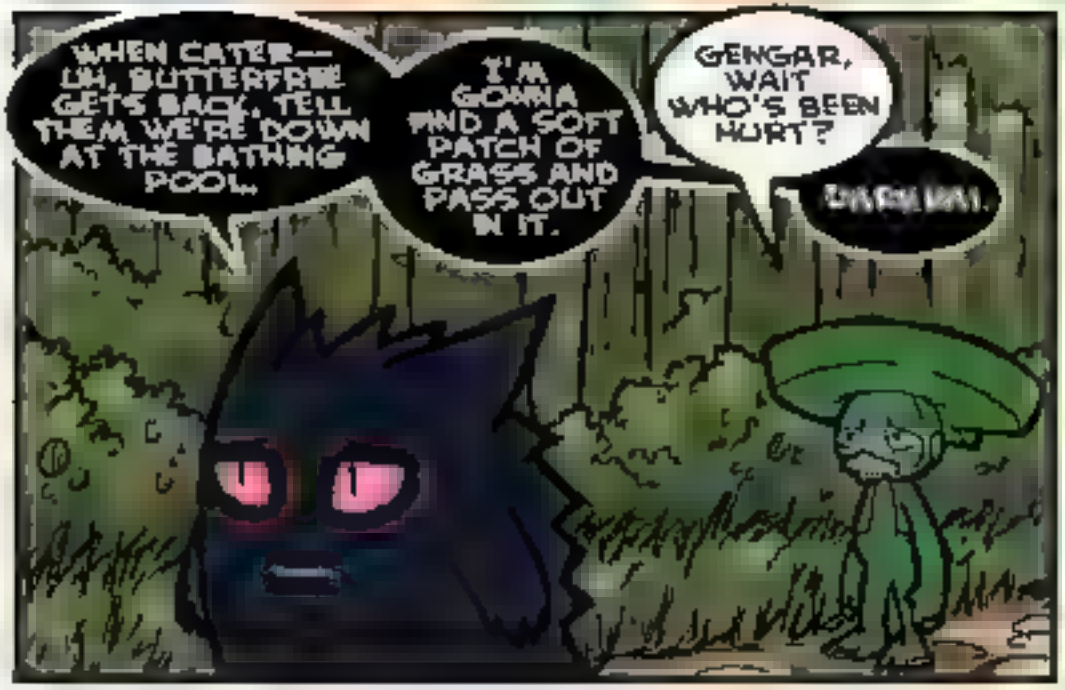
HAVE YOU BEEN SWIMMING?
PLEASE JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!


THERE'S AROMATISSE UP BY THE OLD POST OFFICE
THANK YOU.

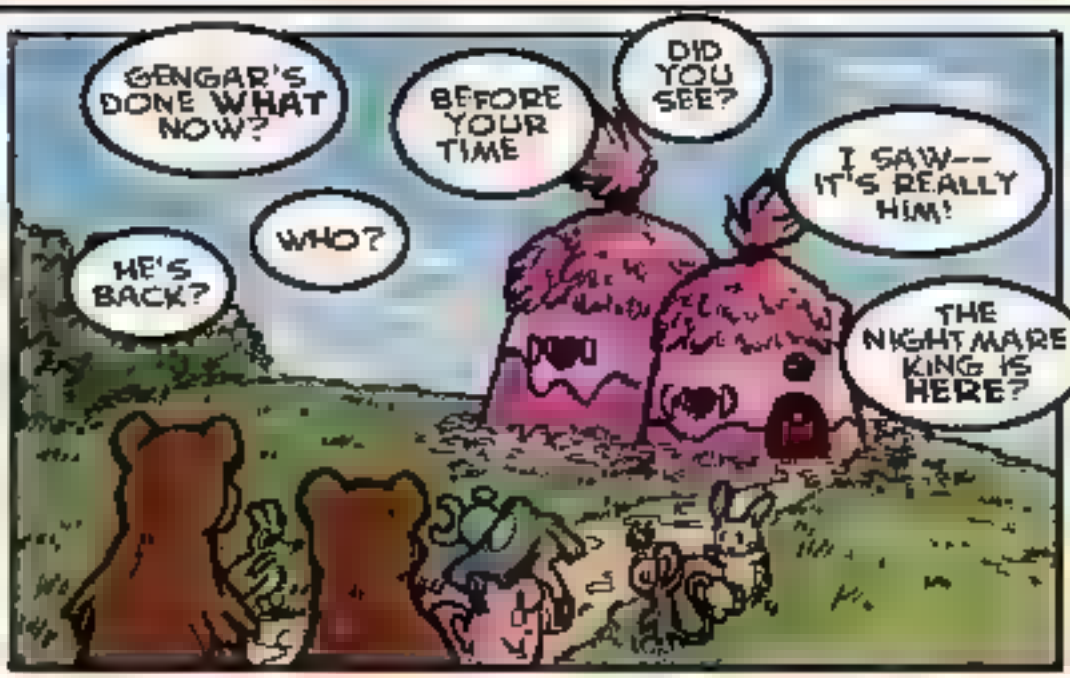

WANT ME TO GO GET HER? I CAN FLY--I'LL BE FASTER
YEAH...
THAT'D BE GREAT. THANKS.


HEY! DID YOU FORGET WHEN YOU WERE CATERPIE AND HE DRAGGED YOU OFF TO SINISTER WOODS?
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN SO?
SO THIS IS JUST GONNA BE ANOTHER DIRTY TRICK!

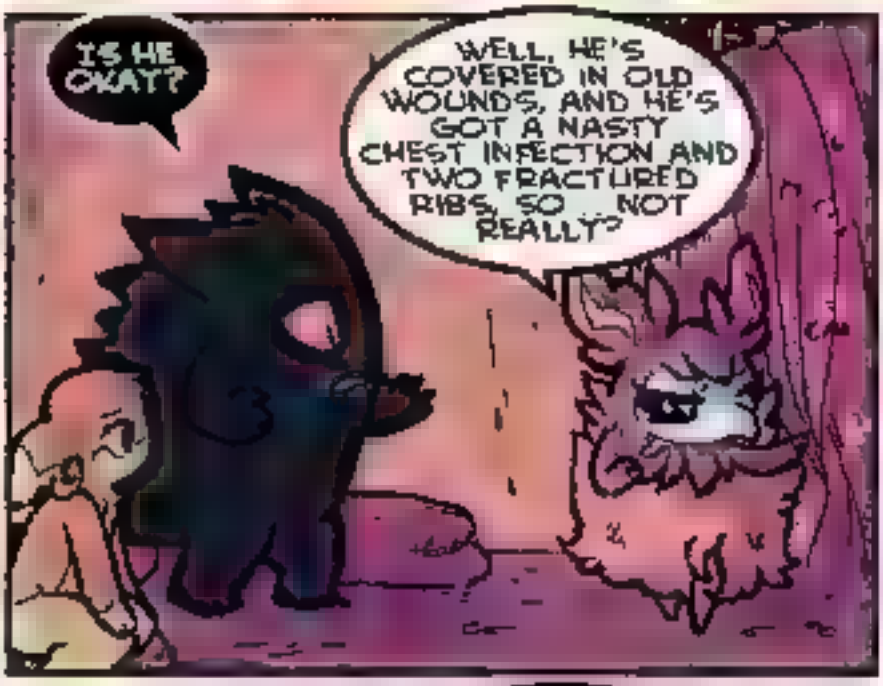
HE'S NOT THAT GOOD AN ACTOR

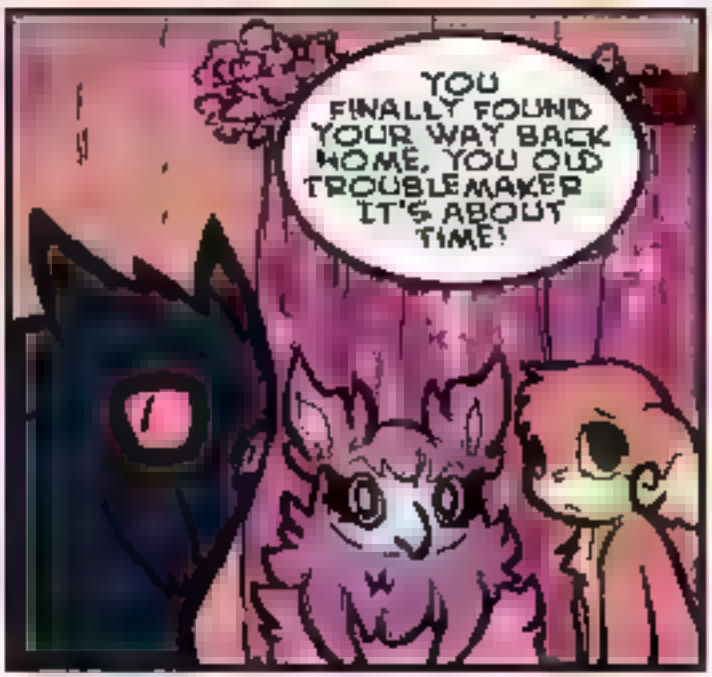

WHEN CATER-- UH, BUTTERFREE GETS BACK, TELL THEM WE'RE DOWN AT THE BATHING POOL.
I'M GONNA FIND A SOFT PATCH OF GRASS AND PASS OUT IN IT.
GENGAR, WAIT WHO'S BEEN HURT?
DARK WAI.

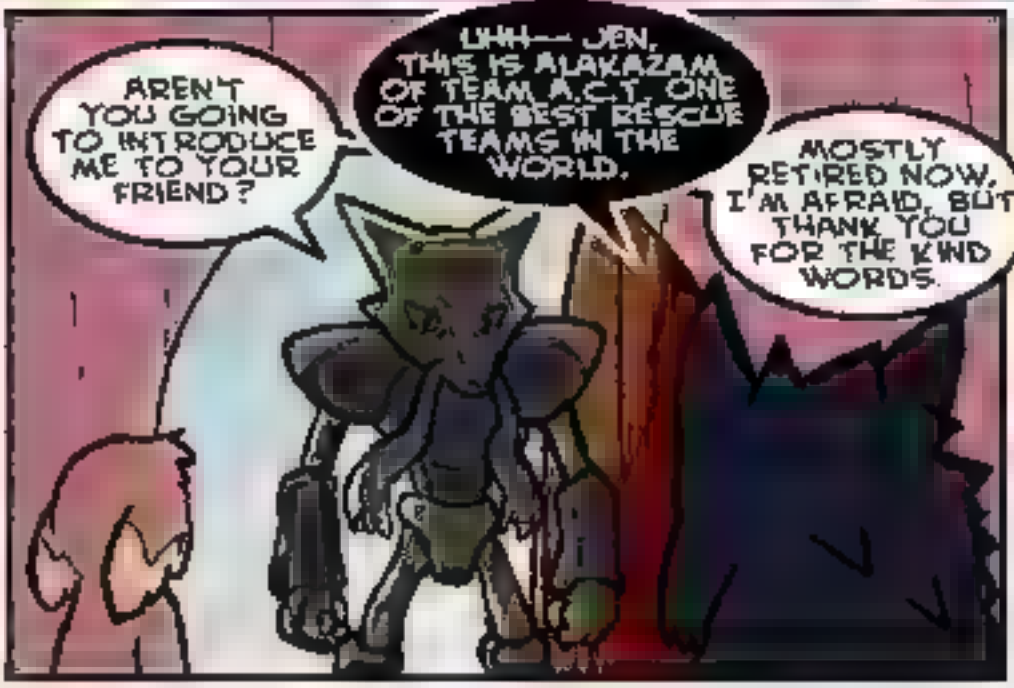
YOU--
WHAT?


GENGAR'S DONE WHAT NOW?
BEFORE YOUR TIME
DID YOU SEE?
I SAW-- IT'S REALLY HIM!
WHO?
HE'S BACK?
THE NIGHTMARE KING IS HERE?

EXCUSE ME, CHILDREN LET ME THROUGH, PLEASE


IS HE OKAY?
WELL, HE'S COVERED IN OLD WOUNDS, AND HE'S GOT A NASTY CHEST INFECTION AND TWO FRACTURED RIBS, SO ... NOT REALLY?


YOU FINALLY FOUND YOUR WAY BACK HOME, YOU OLD TROUBLEMAKER IT'S ABOUT TIME!


AREN'T YOU GOING TO INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR FRIEND?
UHH-- JEN, THIS IS ALAKAZAM OF TEAM A.C.T. ONE OF THE BEST RESCUE TEAMS IN THE WORLD.
MOSTLY RETIRED NOW, I'M AFRAID, BUT THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS.

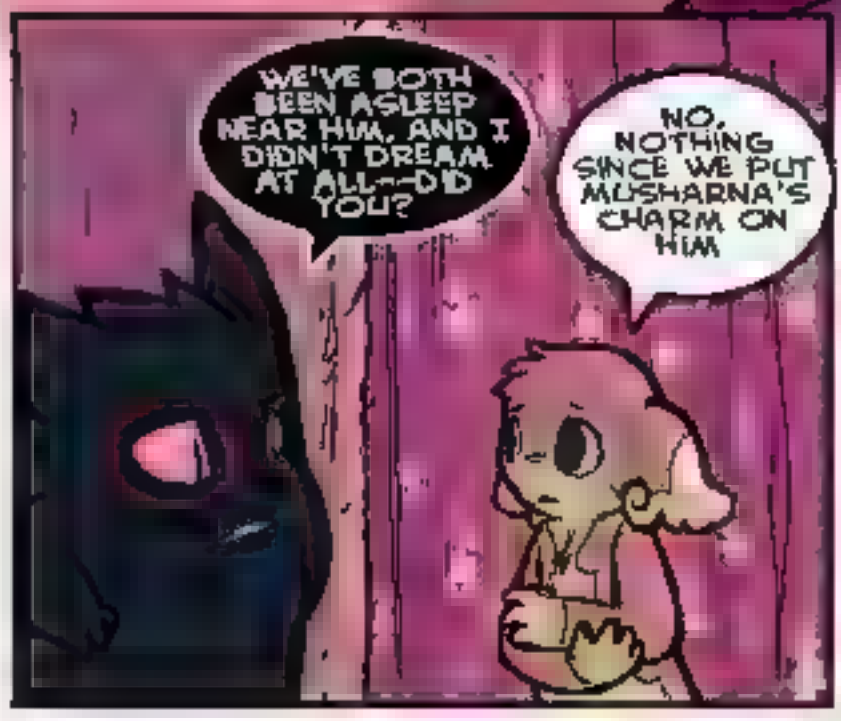
GENGAR
DARKRAI CANNOT STAY HERE

PLEASE, AROMATISSE, DON'T MAKE THIS DIFFICULT
ME? MY PATIENT HAS BEEN DRAGGED AROUND QUITE ENOUGH!
IT'S NOT JUST PREJUDICE

DARKRAI'S MERE PRESENCE INFLICTS NIGHTMARES
NO, NO, IT'S OKAY—
WE FIXED THAT—

YOU... "FIXED THAT"?

A DREAM PEARL
SO SIMPLE,
AND YOU SAY THIS WORKS?


WE'VE BOTH BEEN ASLEEP NEAR HIM, AND I DIDN'T DREAM AT ALL—DID YOU?
NO, NOTHING SINCE WE PUT MUSHARNA'S CHARM ON HIM

IF YOU MOVE HIM AGAIN NOW, HE WILL PROBABLY DIE
THEN HE'LL HAVE TO STAY THOUGH I'M GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE CONVINCING THE VILLAGERS OF THIS

YOU NEVER LET US THANK YOU PUBLICLY FOR YOUR HELP DURING THE METEOR CRISIS

...YEAH, COULD WE MAYBE CONTINUE TO NOT DO THAT?

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WON'T TAKE CREDIT FOR THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO

WHEN THE GOOD STARTS TO OUTWEIGH THE BAD, I'LL START TAKING CREDIT.

WELL, I HAVE A LOT OF NEWS. FIRSTLY, AS YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED, THE BADGE COMMUNICATION NETWORK IS DOWN

THE EXPLORER'S FEDERATION IS RECRUITING TELEPATHS AS A STOPGAP MEASURE.

RELATED TO THAT-- GARDEVOIR OF TEAM CHARM CONTACTED ME EARLIER

THEY'RE HEADING HERE NOW WITH A MUTUAL FRIEND OF YOURS-- MEW-TWO, IS THAT THE NAME?

MEWTWO'S OKAY?

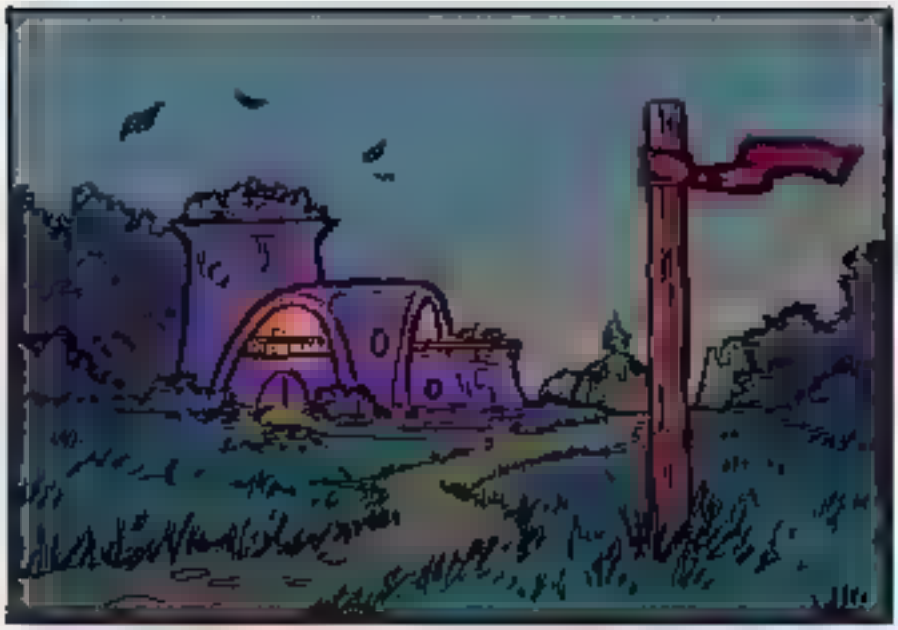
YESS!!

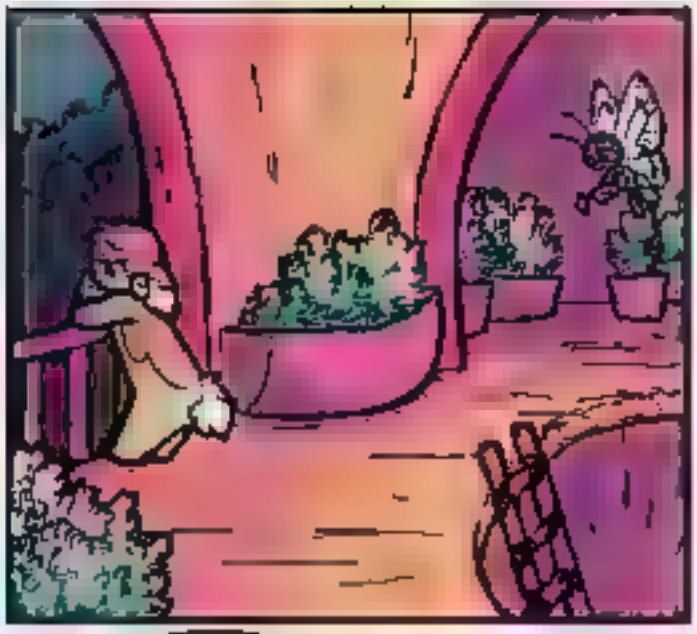
FINALLY, GENGAR, I'M AFRAID YOUR OLD TEAM BASE HAS SUFFERED SORELY FROM WEATHER AND NEGLECT IT'S NOT LIVABLE

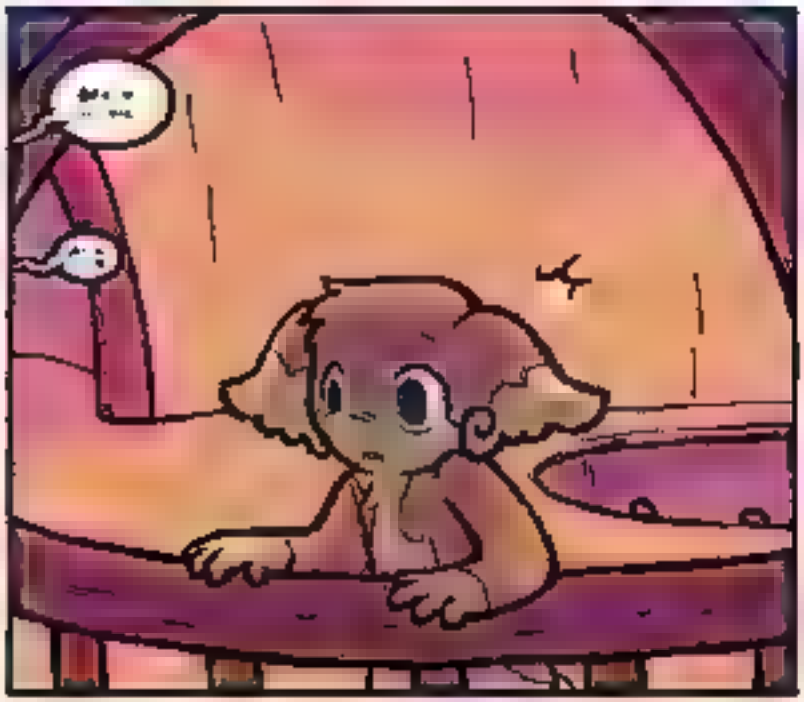
YOU TWO HAD BETTER STAY WITH BUTTERFREE FOR NOW, SINCE HE HAS ROOM. FOLLOW ME--

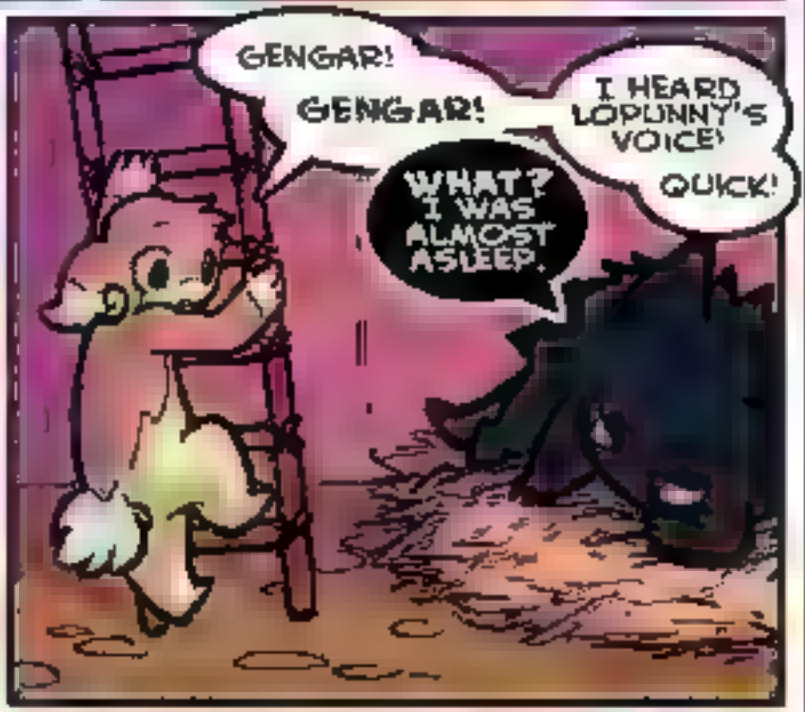
UH, WAIT... I'M NOT SURE IF HE'LL BE OKAY WITH THAT

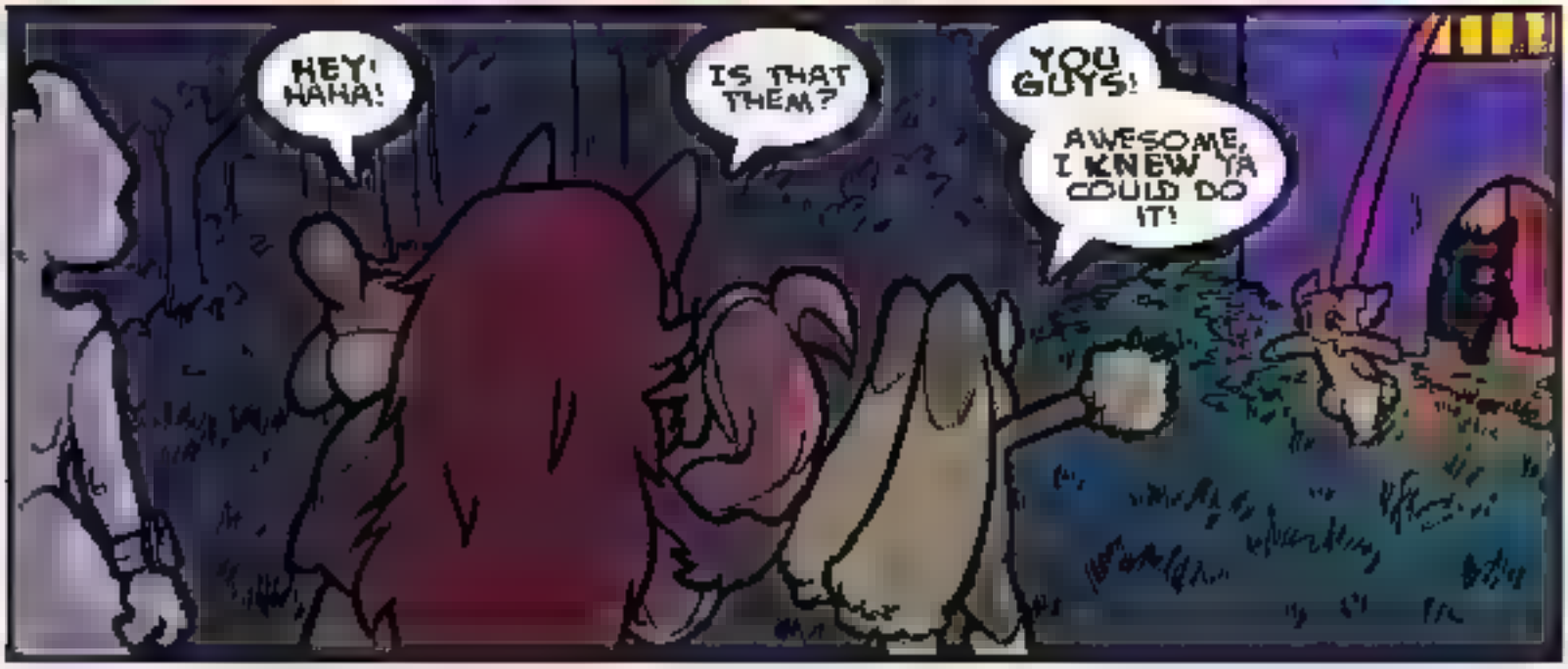
ACTUALLY, HE WAS THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED IT! HE'S A FORGIVING LITTLE FELLOW, AND I THINK YOU MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON HIM THIS MORNING

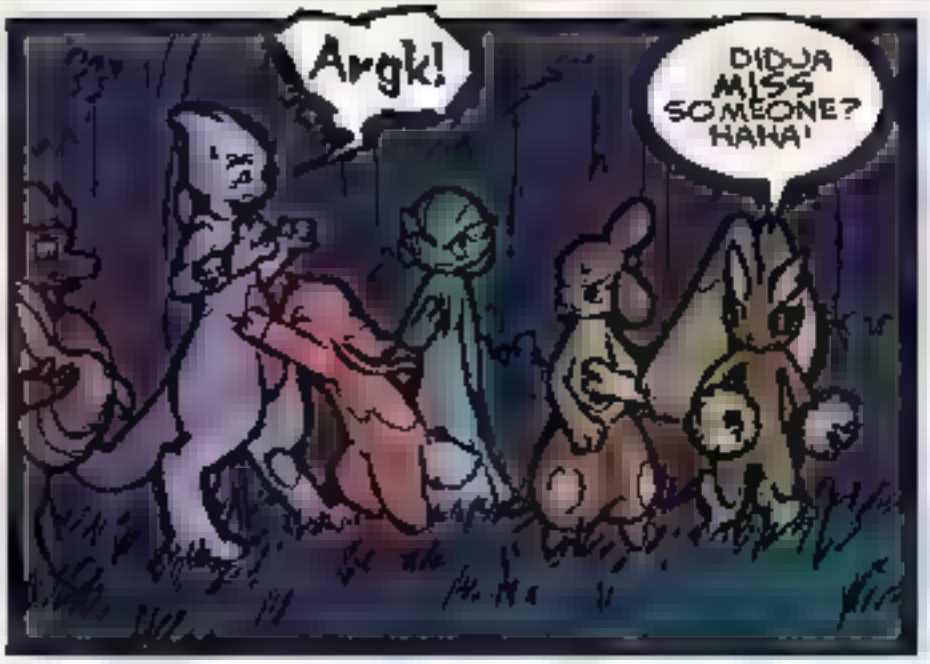


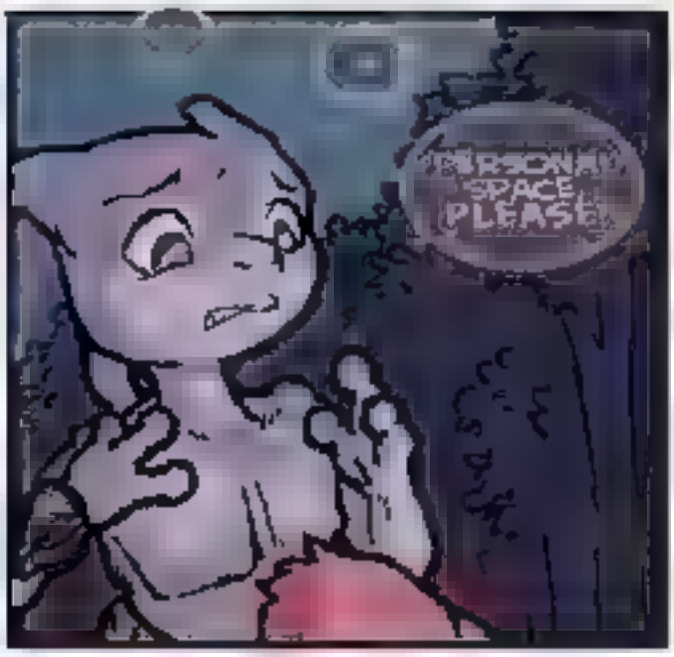


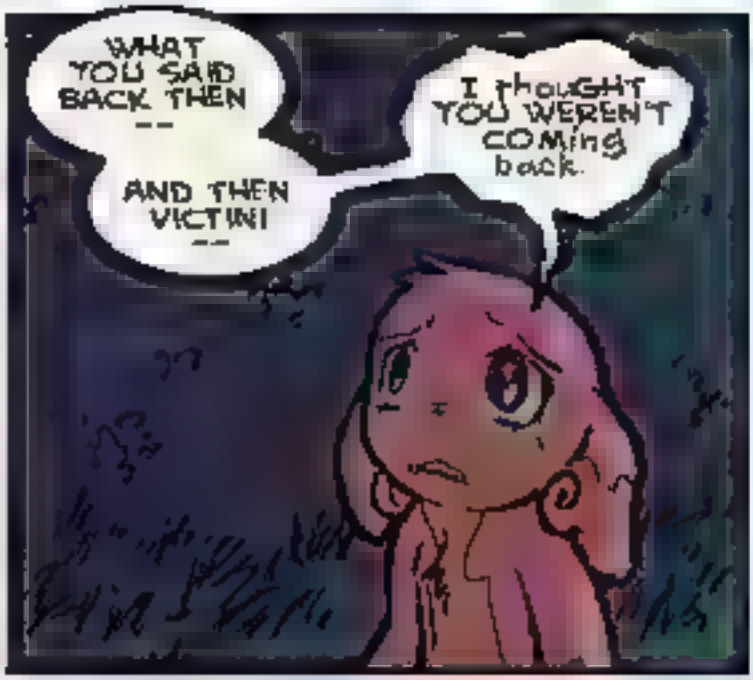



GENGAR!
GENGAR!
I HEARD LOPUNNY'S VOICE!
QUICK!
WHAT? I WAS ALMOST ASLEEP.

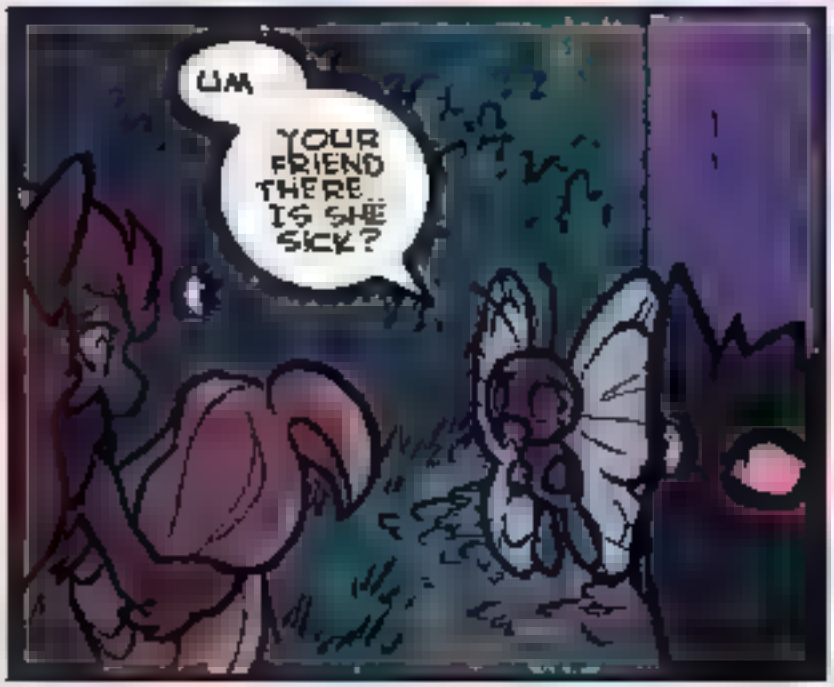

HEY! HAHA!
IS THAT THEM?
YOU GUYS!
AWESOME, I KNEW YA COULD DO IT!

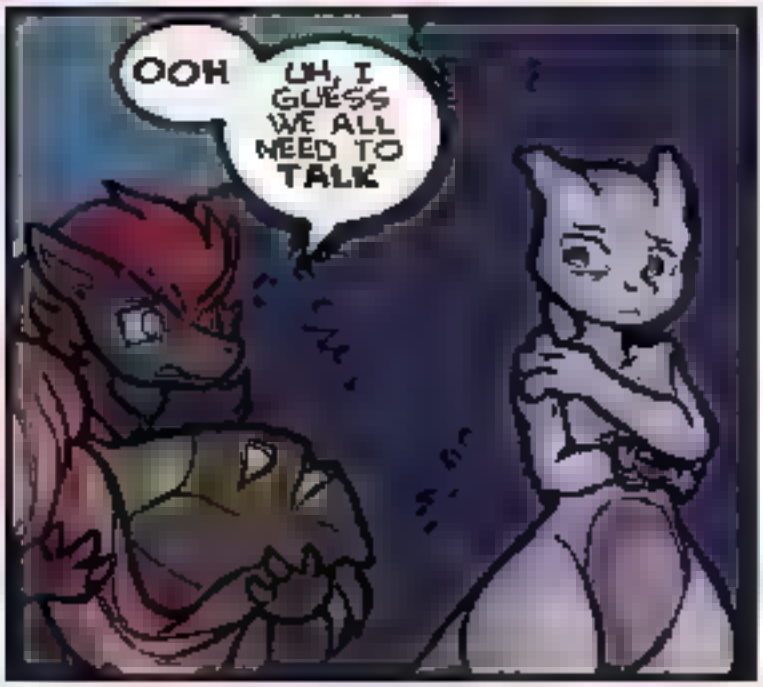

Argk!
DIDJA MISS SOMEONE? HAHA!


PERSONAL SPACE PLEASE!

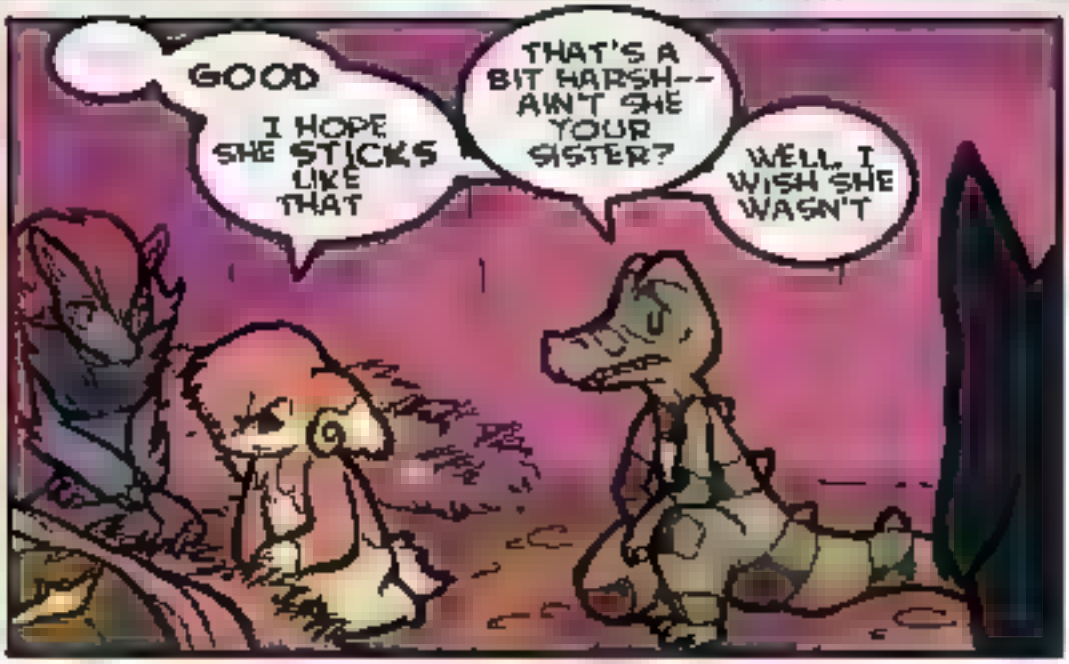

WHAT YOU SAID BACK THEN --
AND THEN VICTIN! --
I thought YOU WEREN'T COming back.

DON'T EVER NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME ALL RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY

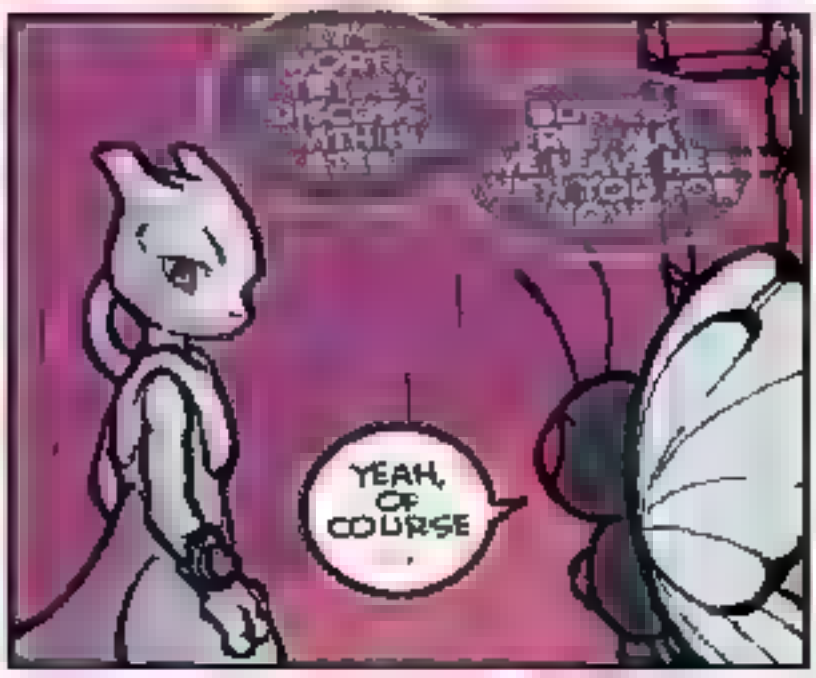

UM
YOUR FRIEND THERE... IS SHE SICK?

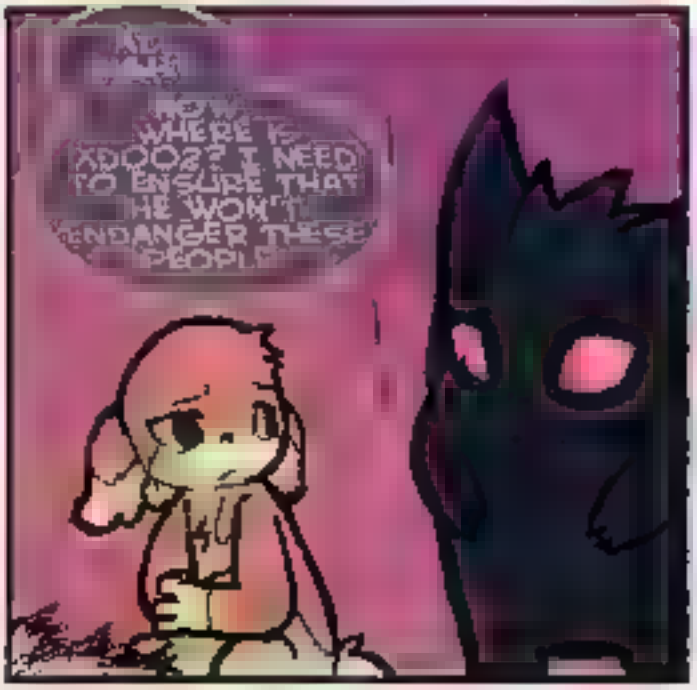

OOH
UH, I GUESS WE ALL NEED TO TALK

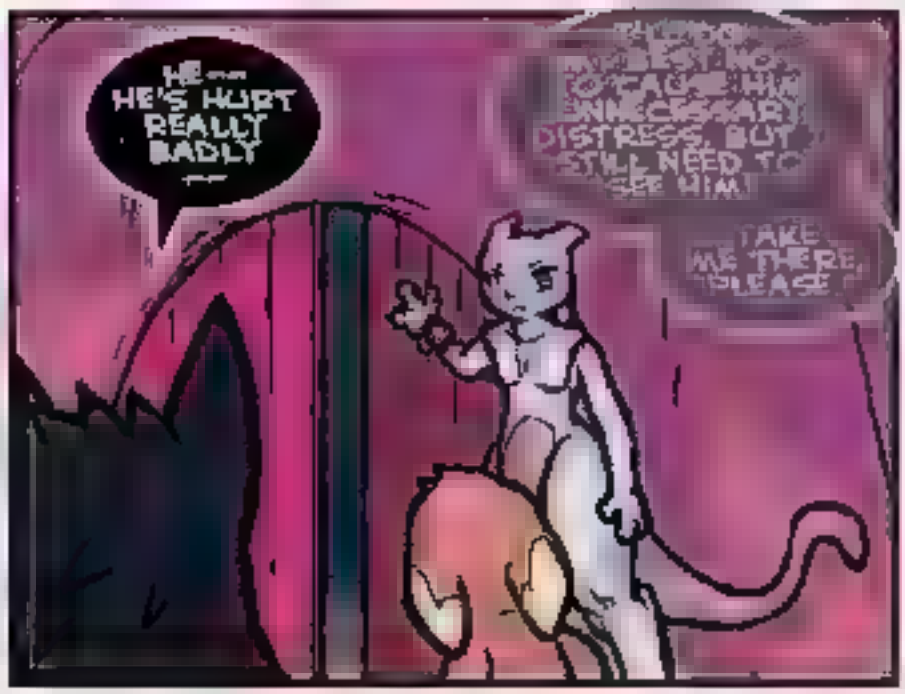
THAT'S 'RINA?

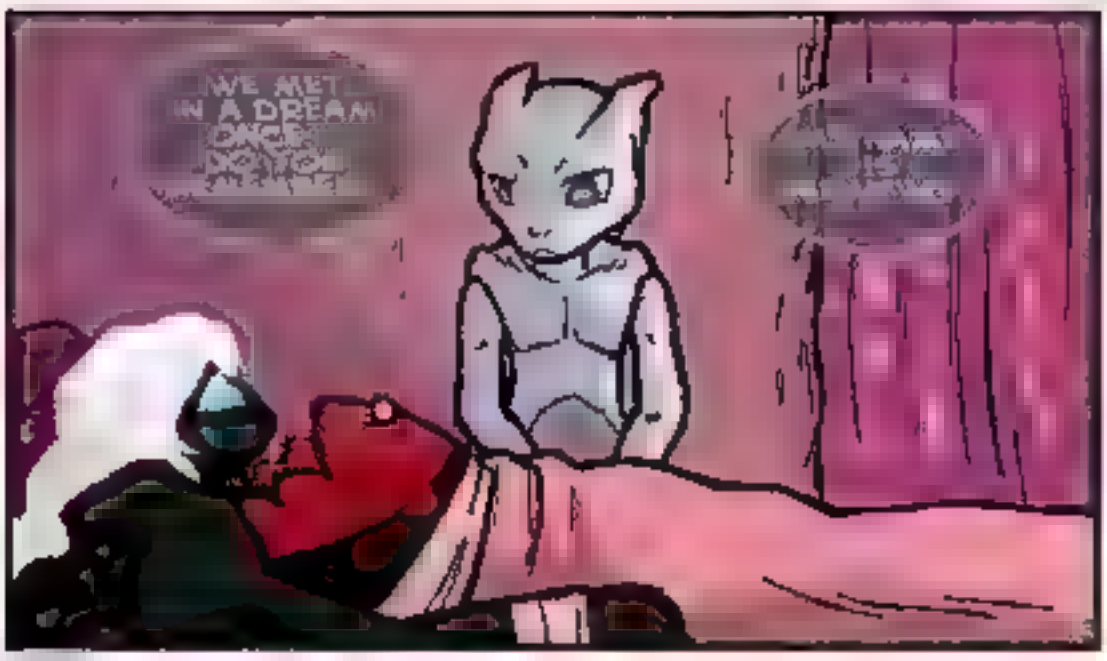

GOOD
I HOPE SHE STICKS LIKE THAT
THAT'S A BIT HARSH-- AIN'T SHE YOUR SISTER?
WELL, I WISH SHE WASN'T

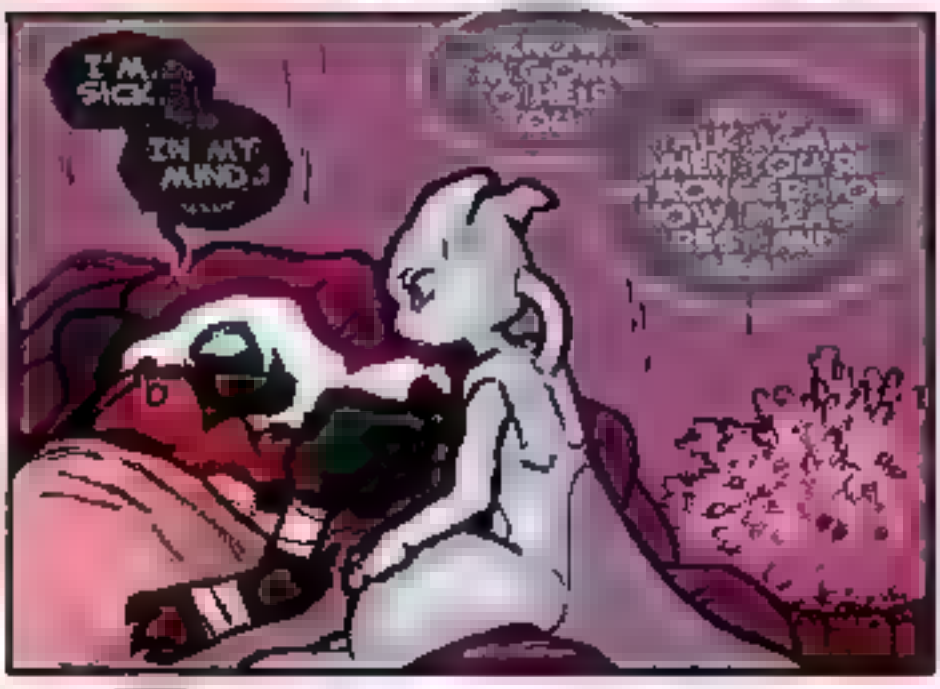
THERE'S ALAKAZAM. BUT IF YOU COULDN'T FIX THIS THING, I DOUBT HE CAN...

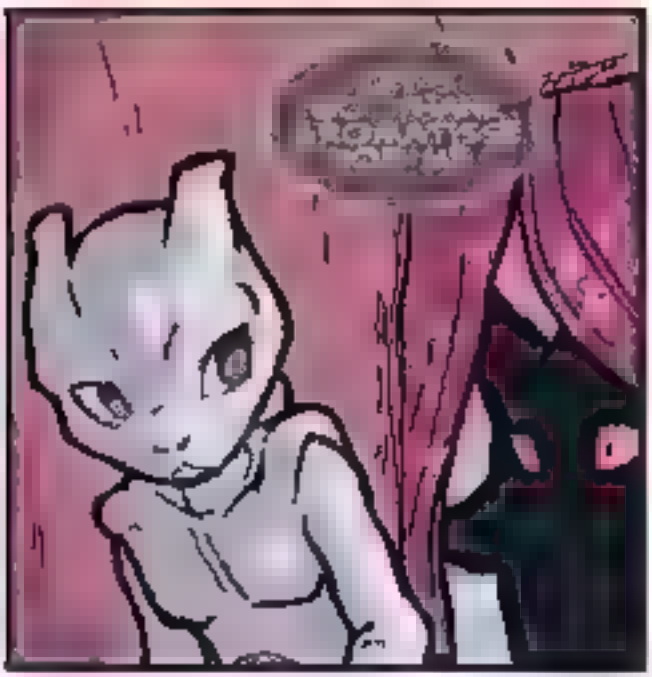

YEAH, OF COURSE


WHERE IS XDOOS? I NEED TO ENSURE THAT HE WON'T ENDANGER THESE PEOPLE


HE... HE'S HURT REALLY BADLY
DISTRESS, BUT STILL NEED TO SEE HIM!
TAKE ME THERE, PLEASE


WE MET IN A DREAM ONCE DO YOU REMEMBER?

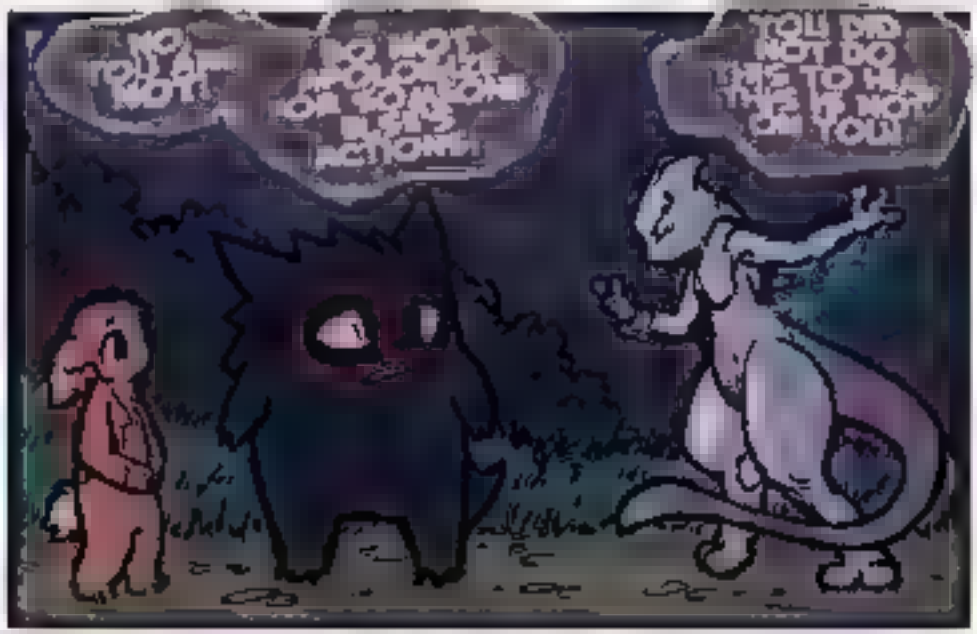

I'M SICK.
IN MY MIND.

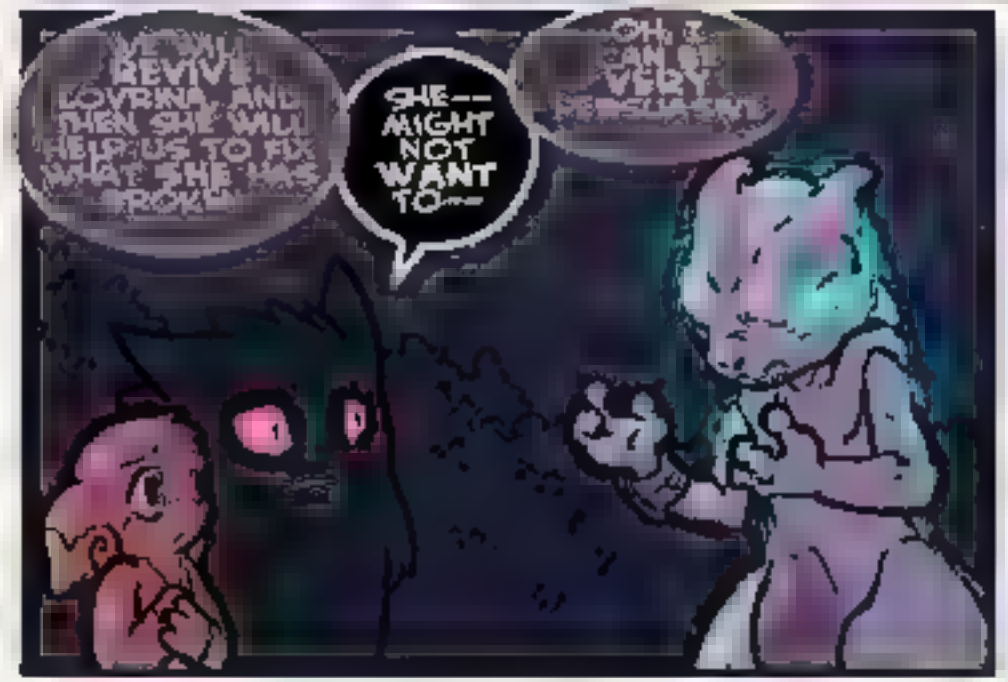


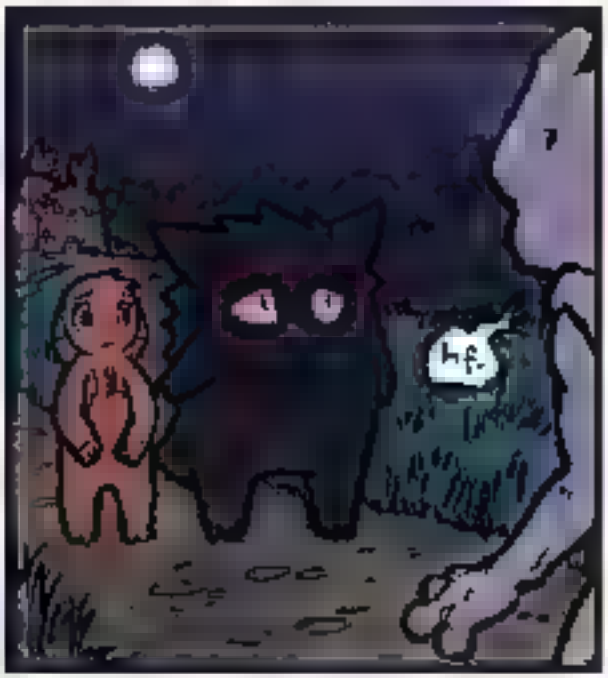
SO, UH, YOU WERE LOOKING AT HIS AURA BACK THERE...
WHAT DID YOU SEE?
THE SAME THING YOU DID SO MUCH FEAR SO MUCH DAMAGE

BE EASY BRINGING HIM BACK FROM THE HE MAY NEVER BE WHAT HE

I'M SORRY --

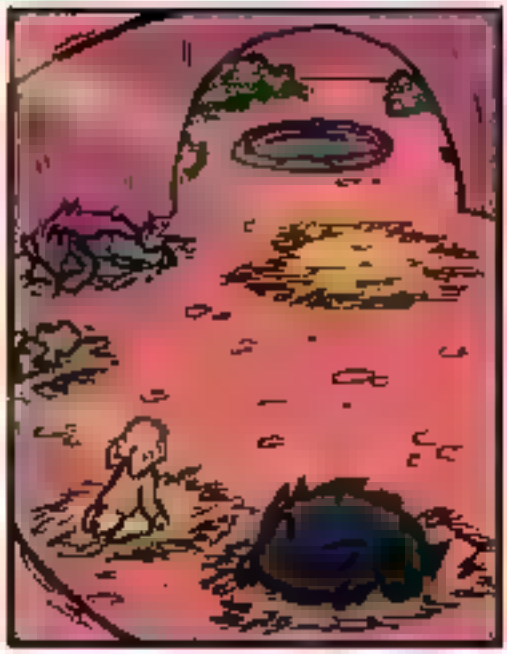

NO YOU'RE NOT
DO NOT BLAME OTHERS FOR YOUR ACTIONS!
YOU DID NOT DO THIS TO US OR YOU!

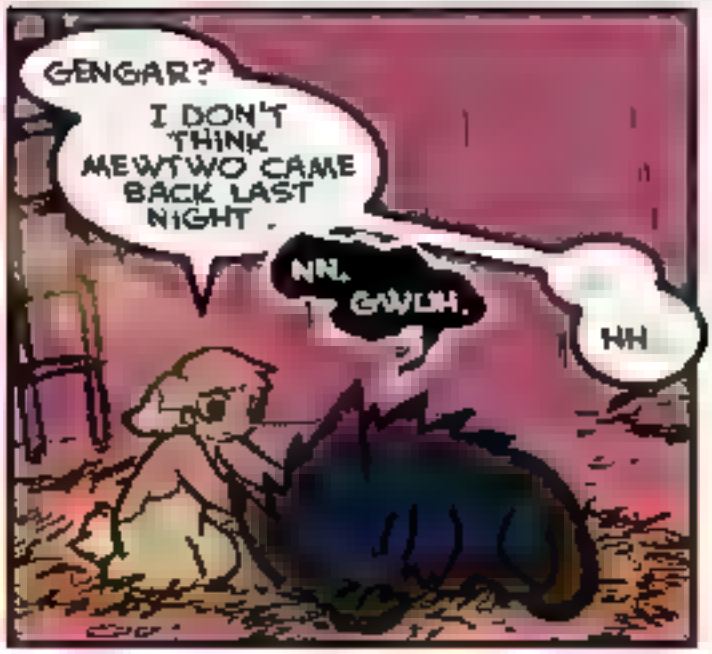

WE WILL REVIVE LOVRINA AND THEN SHE WILL HELP US TO FIX WHAT SHE HAS BROKE.
SHE-- MIGHT NOT WANT TO--
OH, I AM VERY PERSUASIVE.

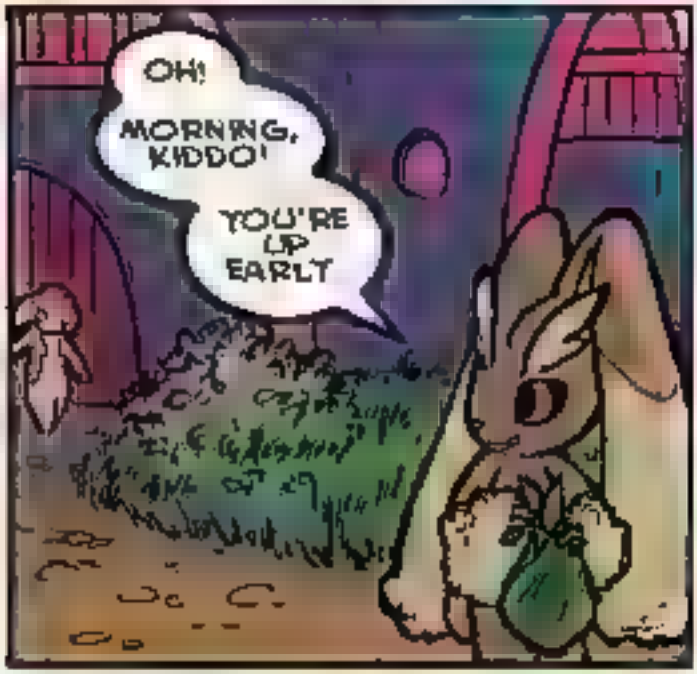

hf.

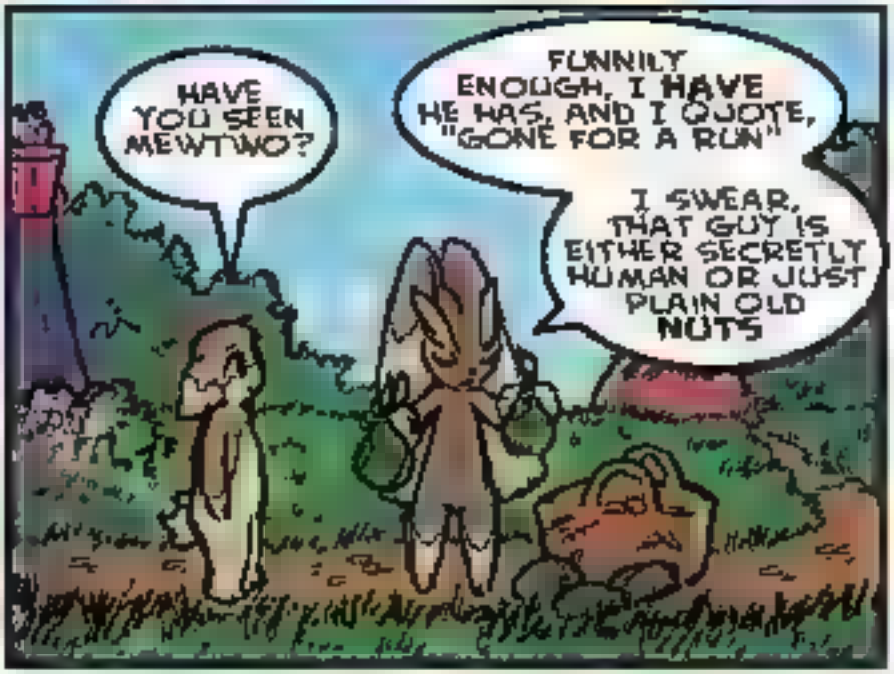
I'M GETTING OVERLY EMOTIONAL.
GO BACK TO BUTTERFLY HOUSE BY YOURSELVES.
ANGER ISN'T GOOD FOR ME.

WAIT-- ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M
I'M TOO HOT. NEED TO COOL DOWN.
ALONE

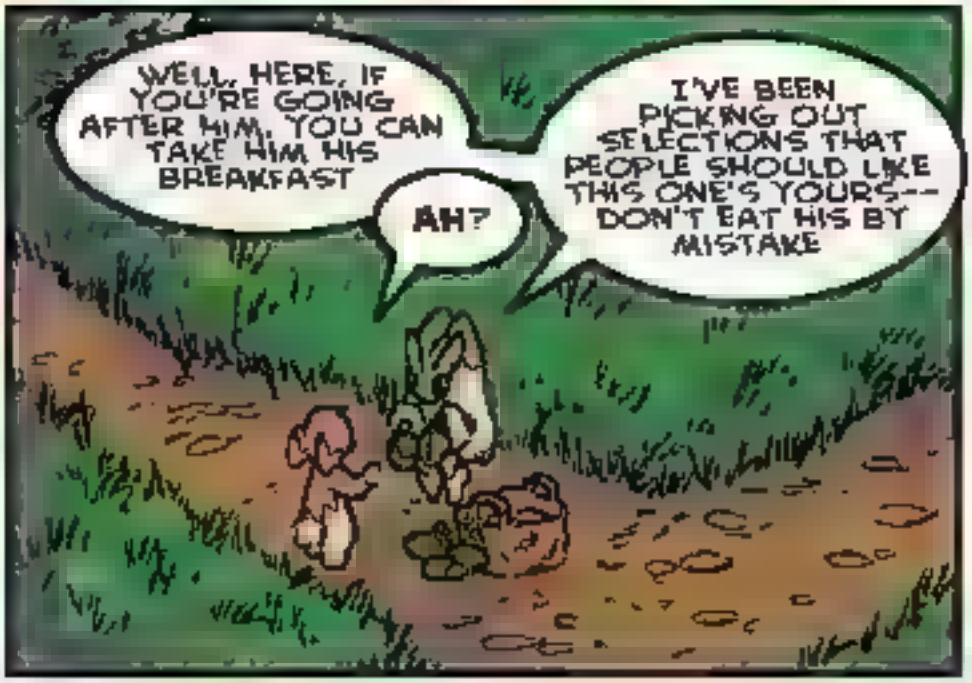


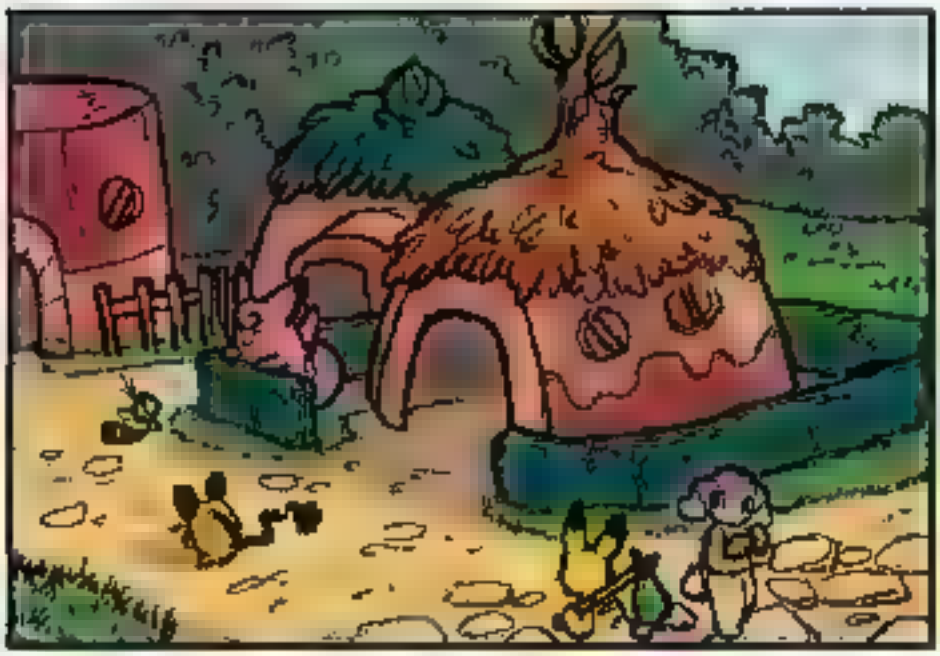

GENGAR?
I DON'T THINK MEWTWO CAME BACK LAST NIGHT.
NN. GAWLH.
NH

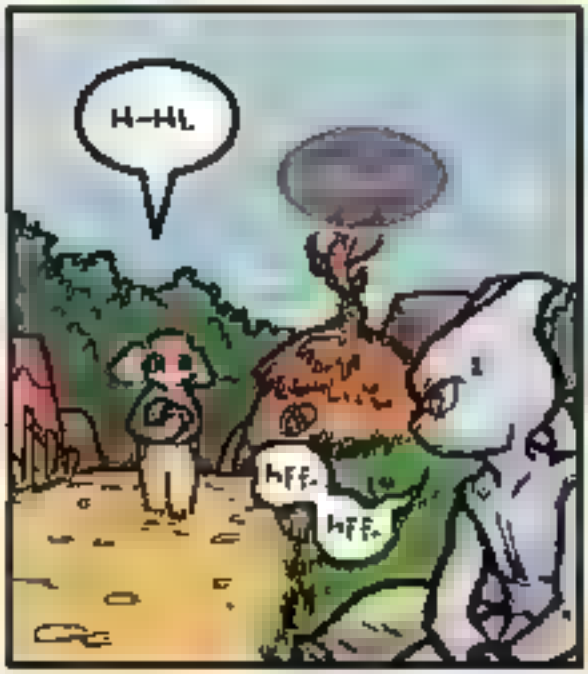

OH! MORNING, KIDDO!
YOU'RE UP EARLY


HAVE YOU SEEN MEWTWO?
FUNNILY ENOUGH, I HAVE HE HAS, AND I QUOTE, "GONE FOR A RUN"
I SWEAR, THAT GUY IS EITHER SECRETLY HUMAN OR JUST PLAIN OLD NUTS

DID HE LOOK... OKAY?
BIT GRUMPY, BUT THAT'S NORMAL FOR HIM. WHY DO YOU ASK?
NO REASON


WELL, HERE, IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER HIM, YOU CAN TAKE HIM HIS BREAKFAST
AH?
I'VE BEEN PICKING OUT SELECTIONS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD LIKE THIS ONE'S YOURS-- DON'T EAT HIS BY MISTAKE

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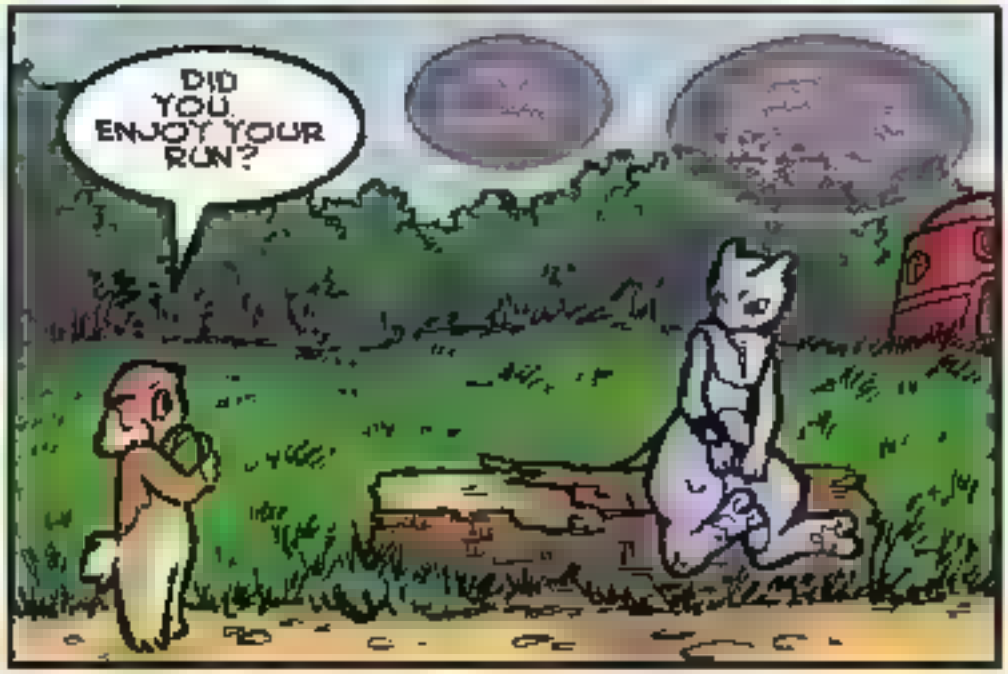
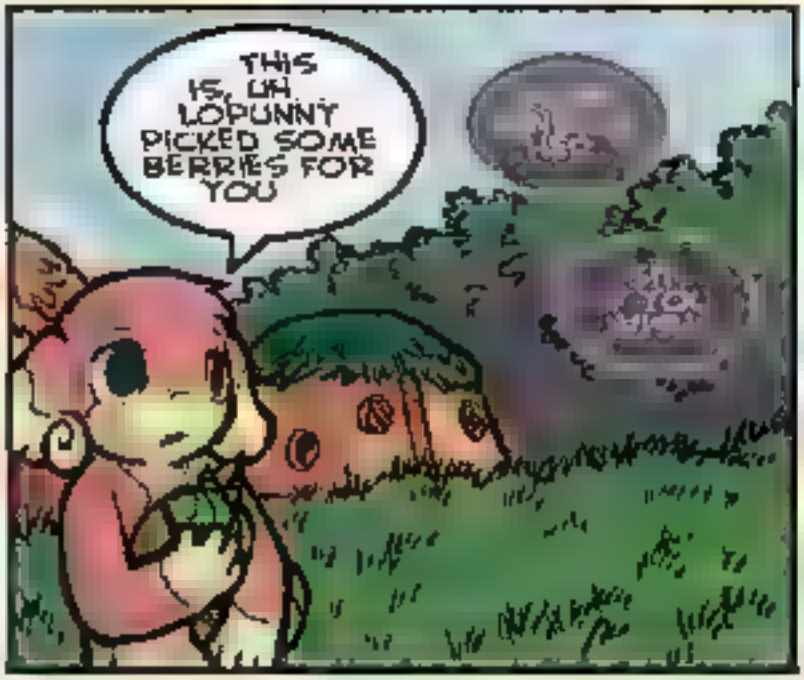

DID YOU ENJOY YOUR RUN?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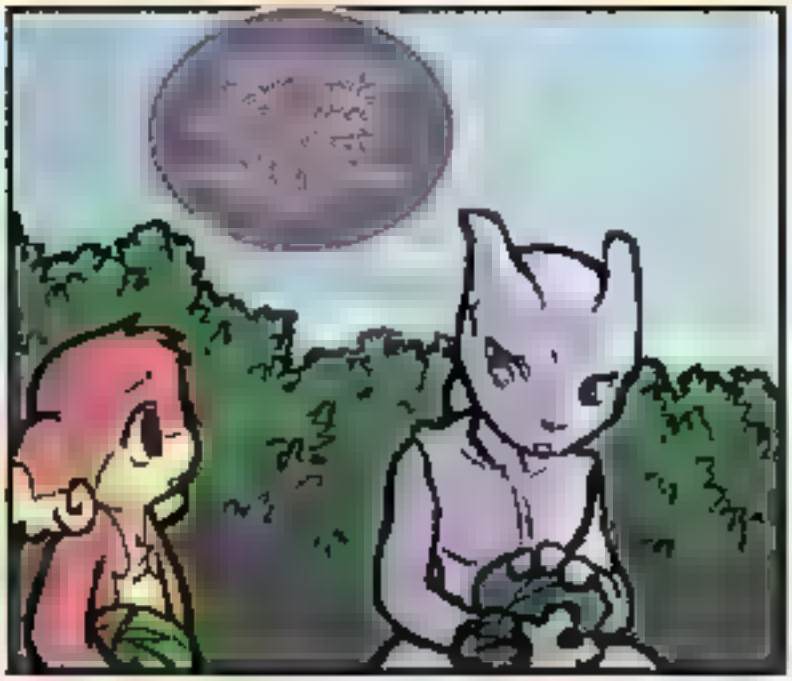
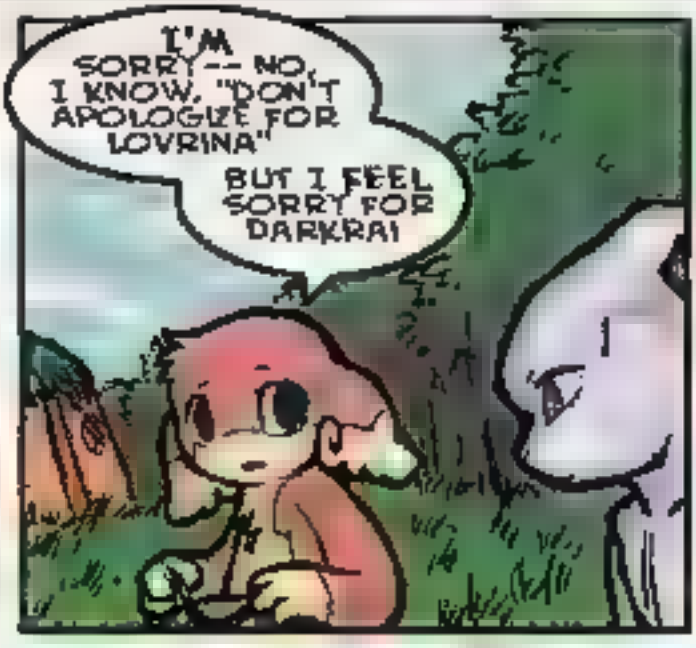
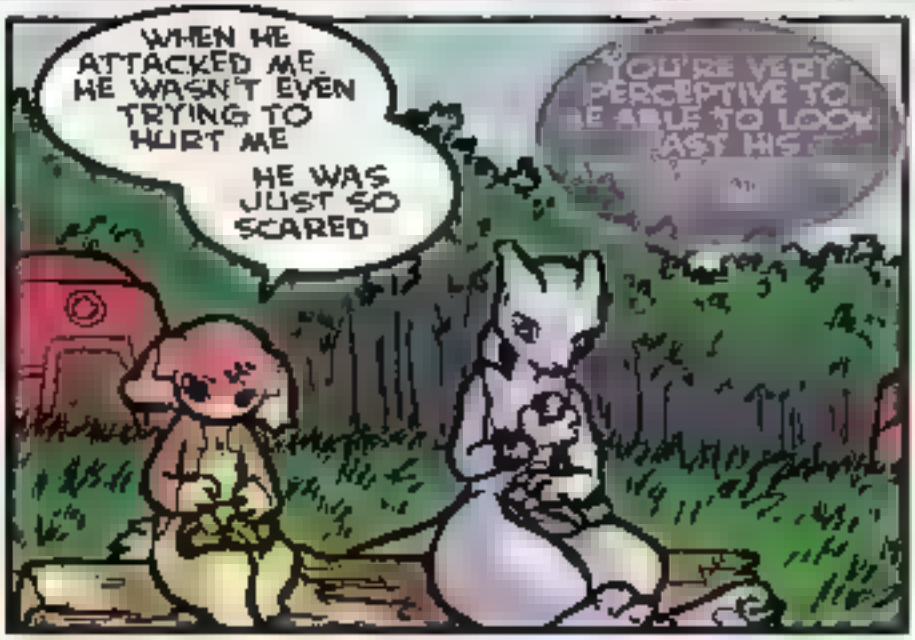
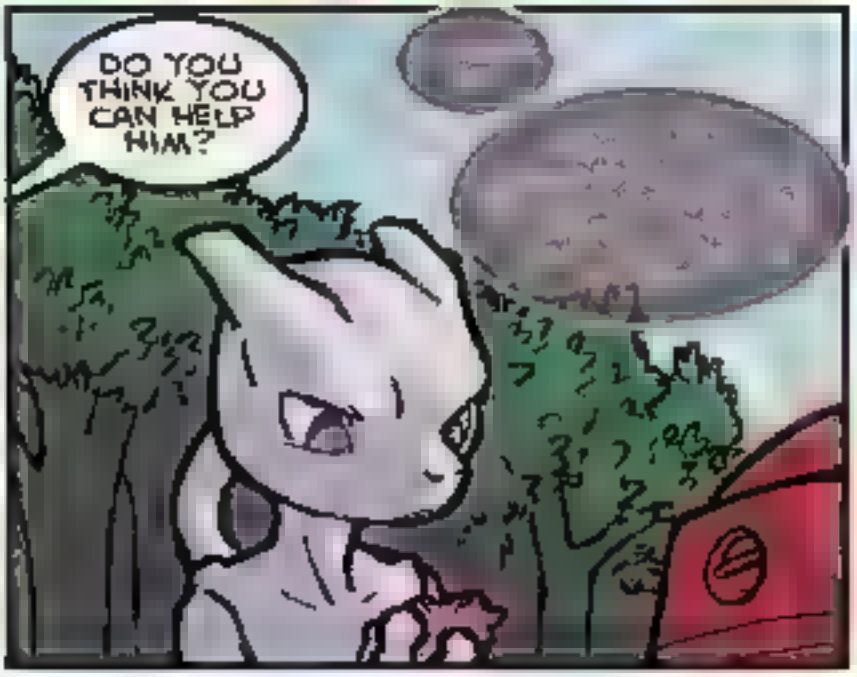
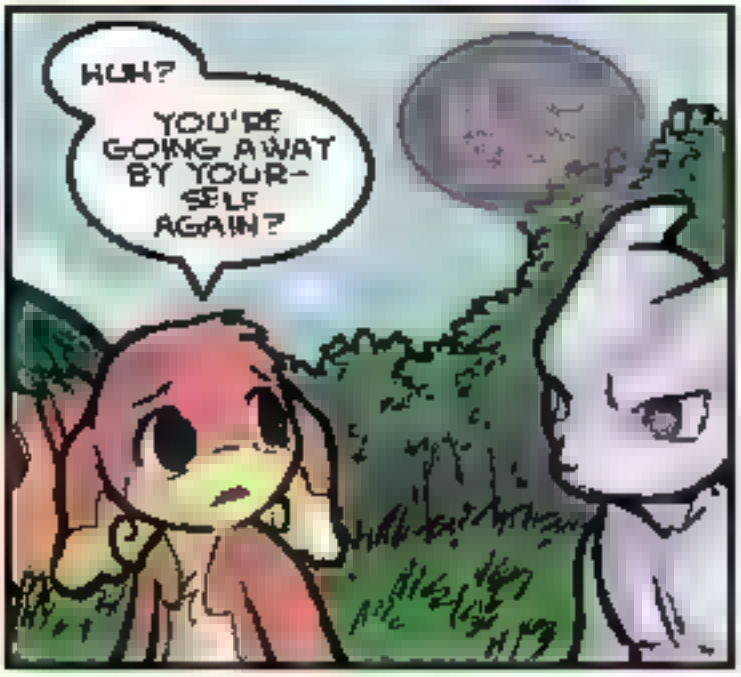
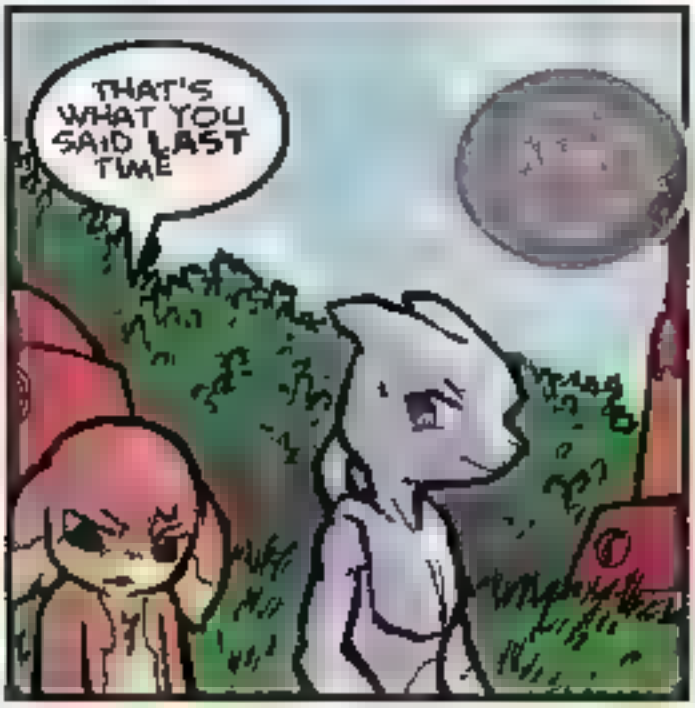



I'M SORRY-- NO, I KNOW, "DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR LOVRINA"
BUT I FEEL SORRY FOR DARKRAI

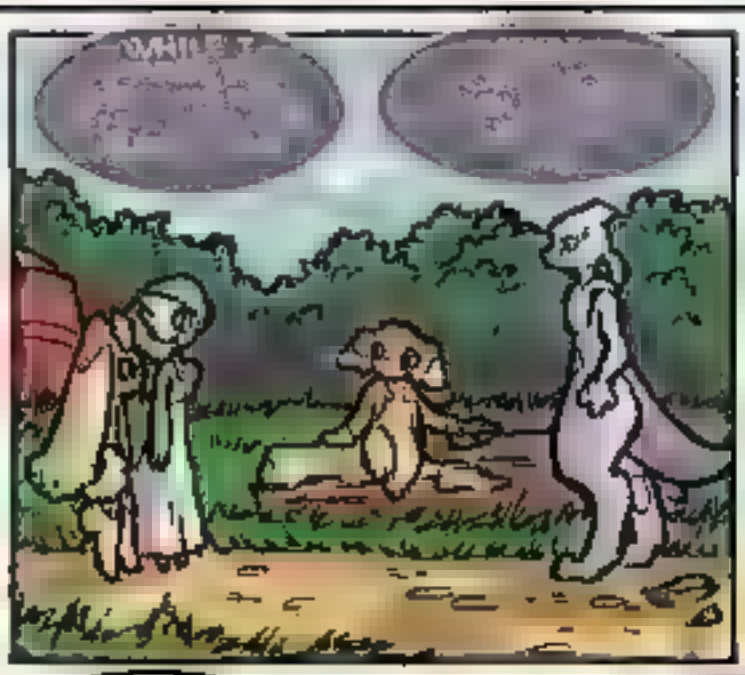

WHEN HE ATTACKED ME, HE WASN'T EVEN TRYING TO HURT ME
HE WAS JUST SO SCARED
YOU'RE VERY PERCEPTIVE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK PAST HIS


DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP HIM?


HUH?
YOU'RE GOING AWAY BY YOUR-SELF AGAIN?


THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID LAST TIME

SOUNDS GREAT, BOSS KITTY, BUT CAN I MAKE A LITTLE AMENDMENT?
TAKE GARDEVOIR ALONG WITH YOU


WHILE?

SHE DOESN'T NEED TO, YA GOOF!
I CAN TELEPORT

AND, I CAN CARRY ONE OTHER PERSON WITH ME

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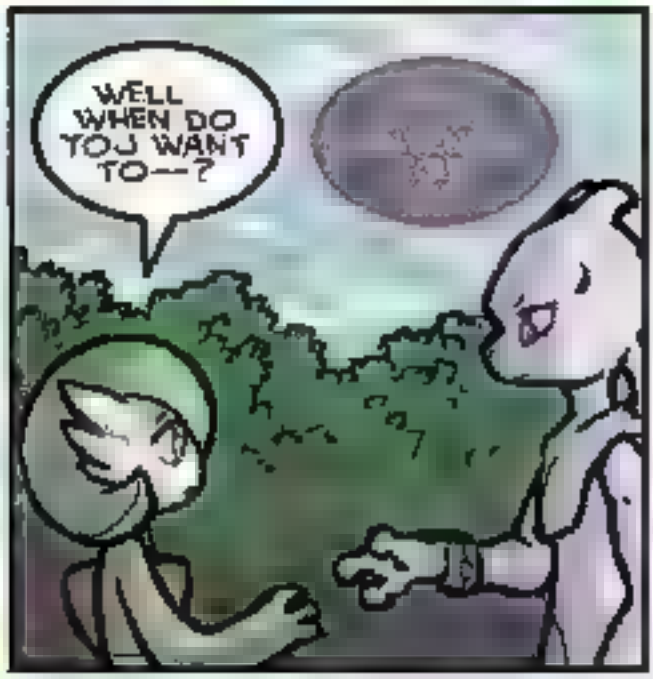
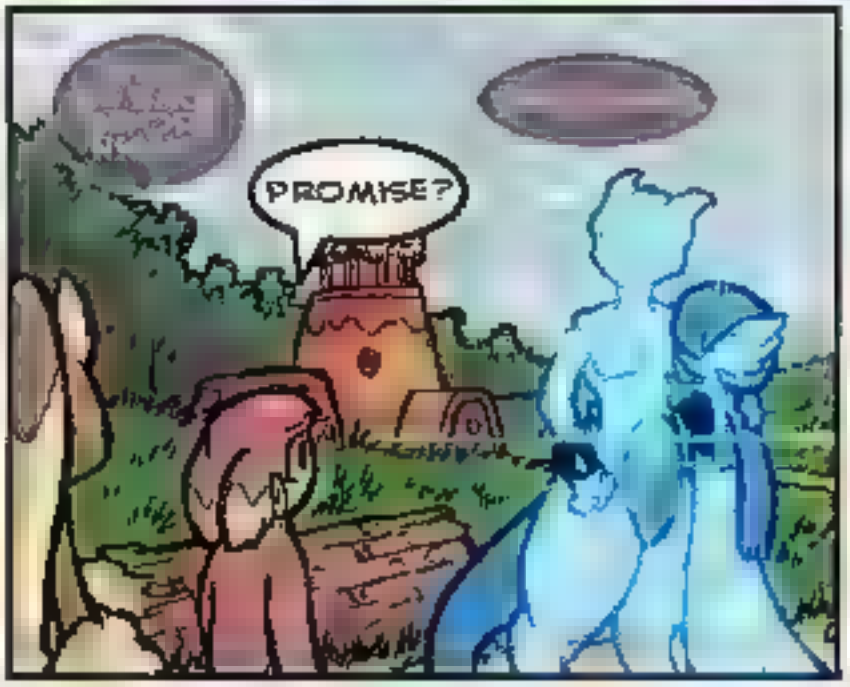

WELL WHEN DO YOU WANT TO—?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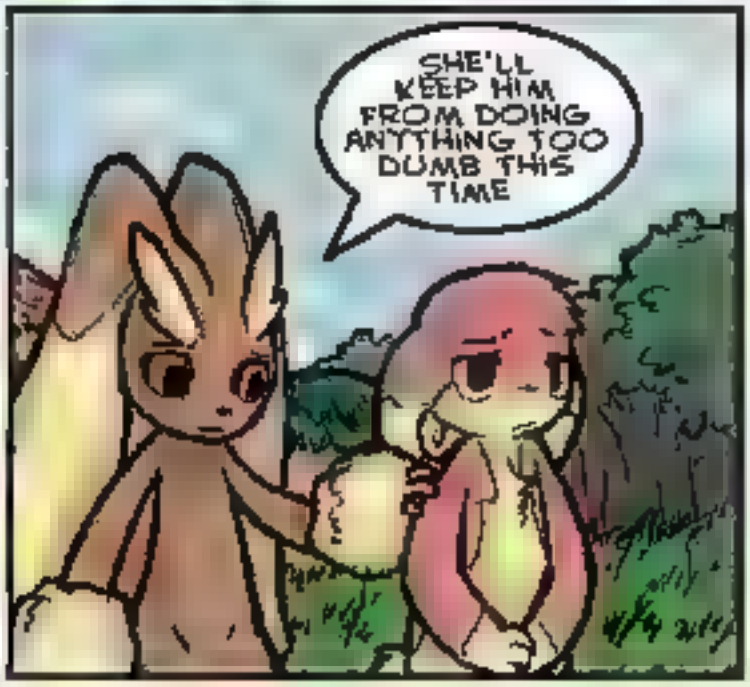
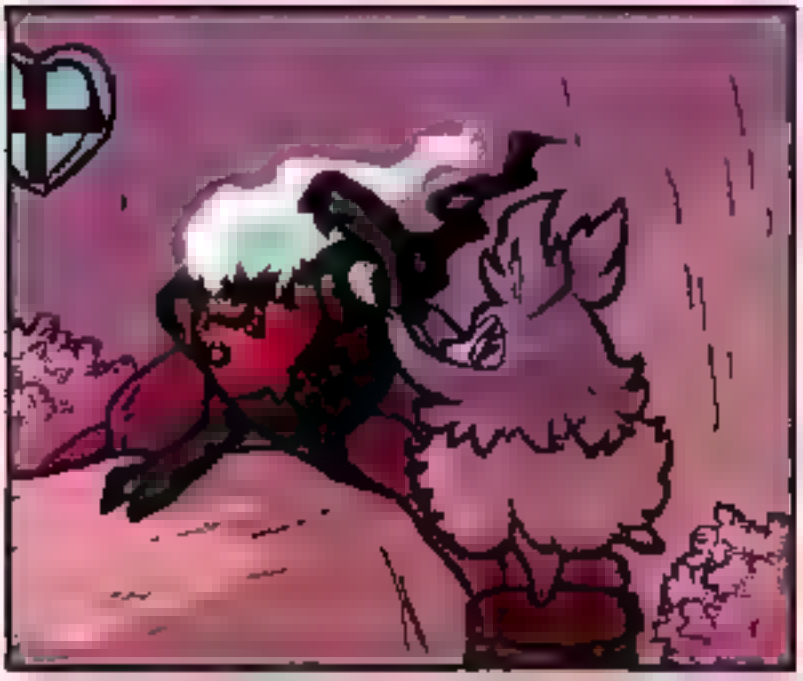

SHE'LL KEEP HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING TOO DUMB THIS TIME

HM-
OWW...
SORRY, SWEETIE
GOT TO GET YOU MOVING NOW, THOUGH. IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE LYING DOWN ALL THE TIME.

WRISTS LOOK BETTER. THOUGH I'D HOPED TO SEE THIS NASTY THING FADING BY NOW
LET'S PUT SOME MORE SALVE ON

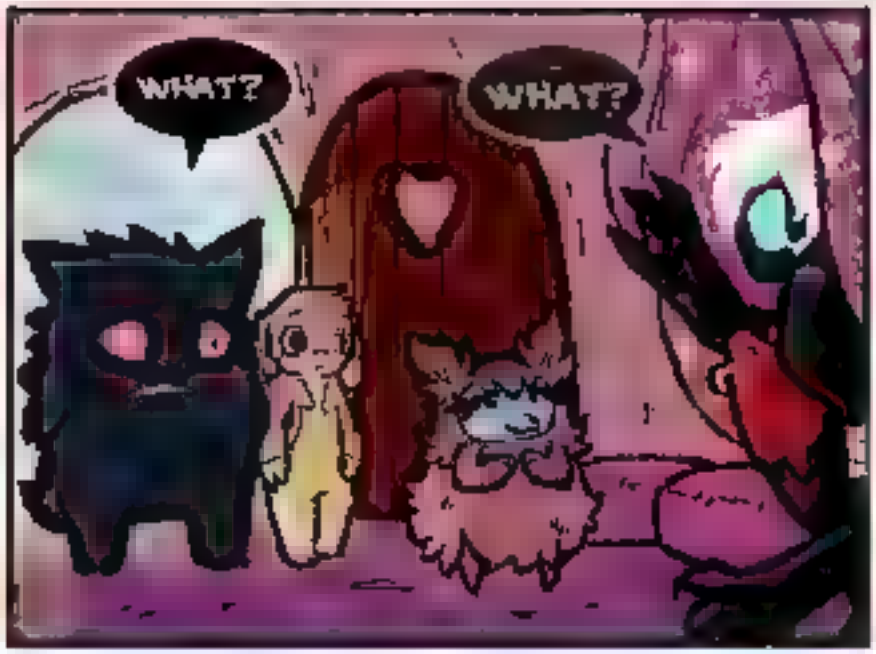


YOU'VE ALL BEEN SO KIND TO ME...
WELL, IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE GET ROYALTY IN OUR LITTLE VILLAGE.

...I'M NOT REALLY
THAT IS, I KNOW WHAT PEOPLE CALL ME... BUT...

HFF!
I BET I KNOW WHO THAT IS~♪

HI, WE JUST WANTED T—
YES, HE CAN COME OUT AND PLAY!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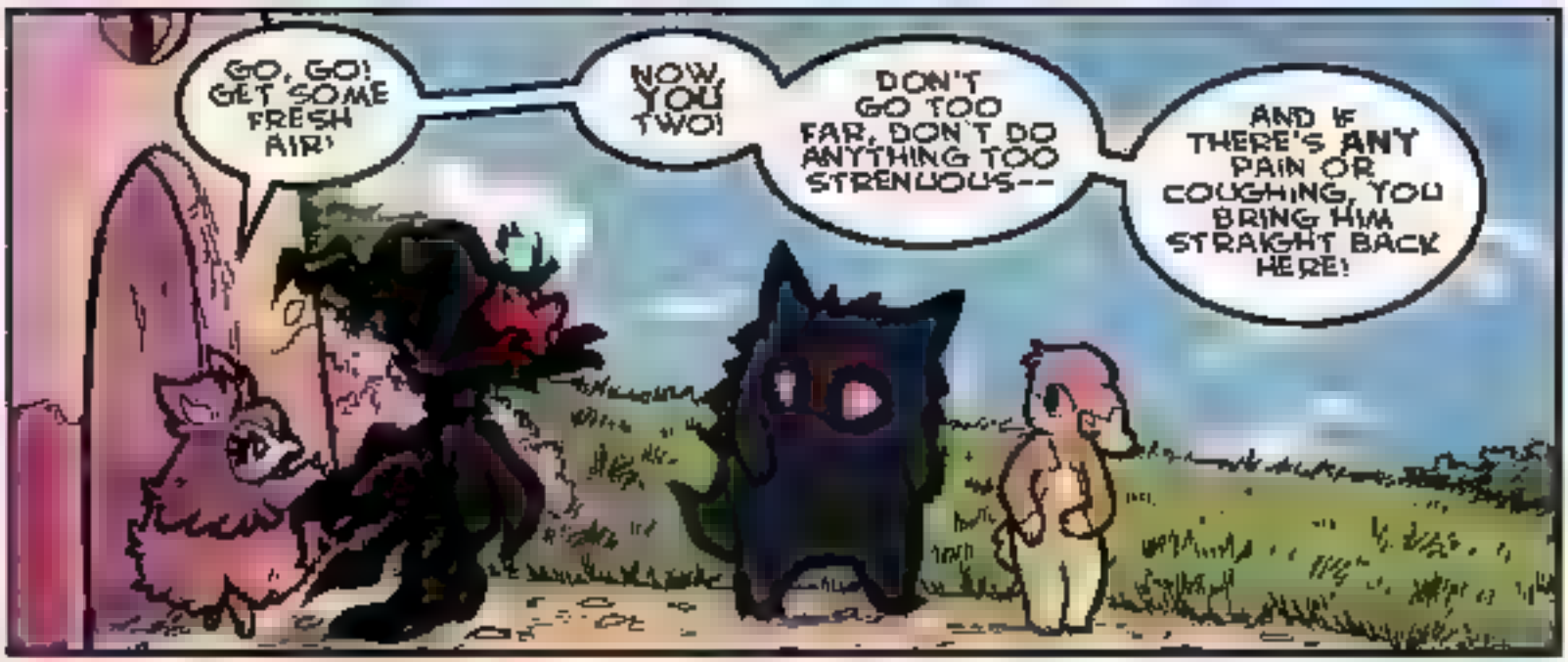
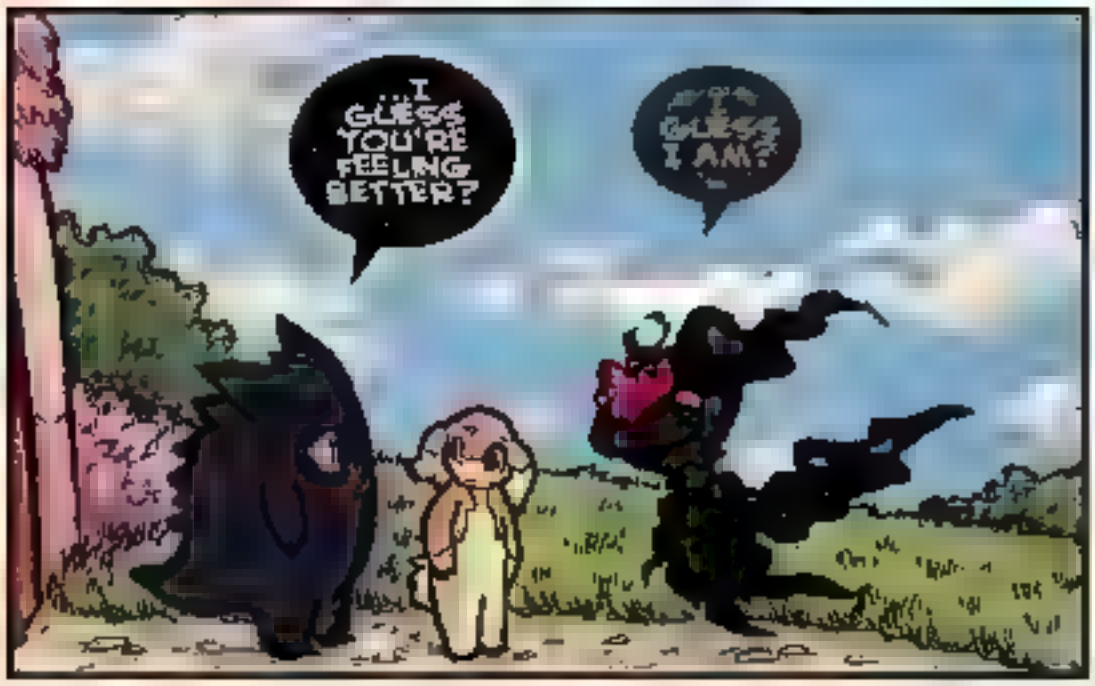
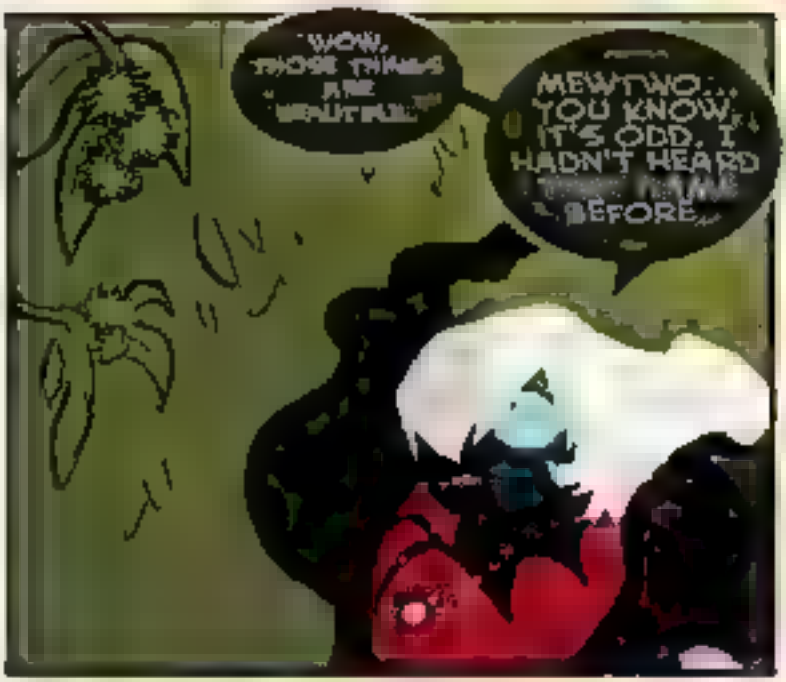
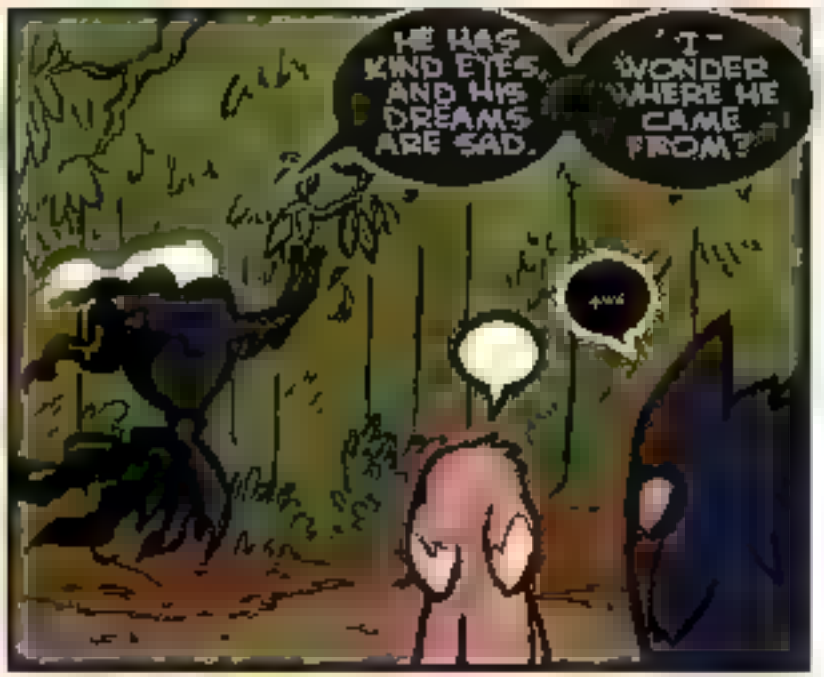

GO, GO! GET SOME FRESH AIR!
NOW, YOU TWO!
DON'T GO TOO FAR, DON'T DO ANYTHING TOO STRENUOUS--
AND IF THERE'S ANY PAIN OR COUGHING, YOU BRING HIM STRAIGHT BACK HERE!

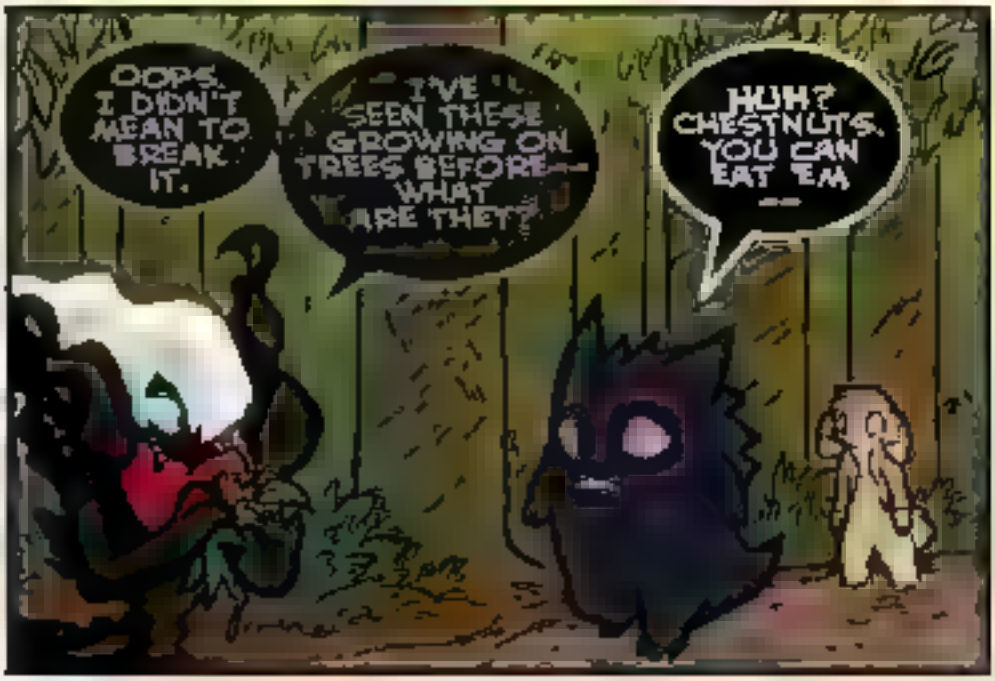

...I GUESS YOU'RE FEELING BETTER?
GUESS I AM?

(ARE WE GONNA TELL HIM?)
(I THINK WE'D BETTER WAIT FOR MEWTWO...)

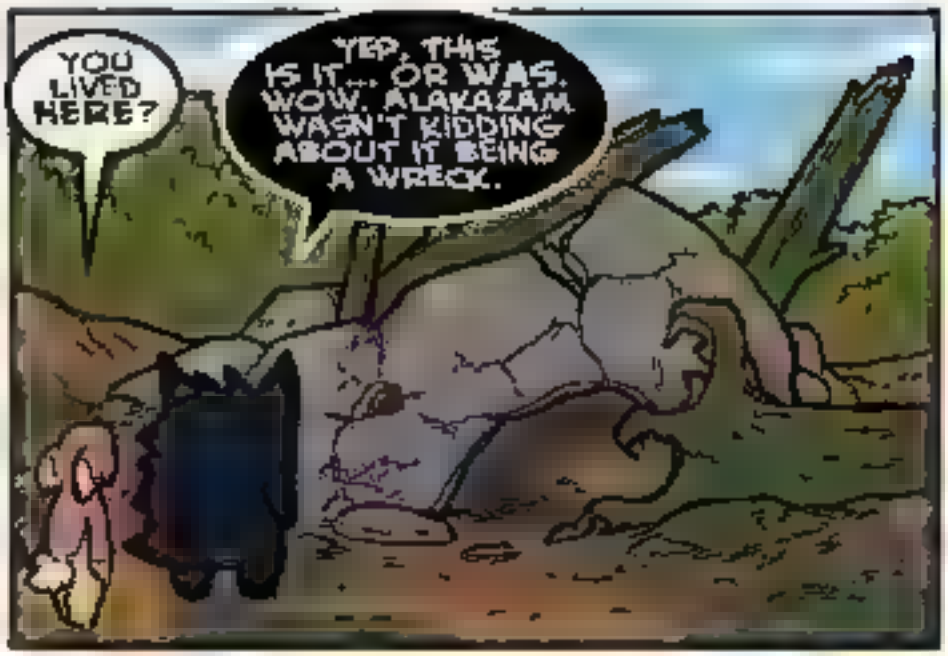
!HM?
OH--
UH--
MEWTWO'S-- GONE OFF TO THE RELIC AGAIN, WITH GARDEVOIR. WE... JUST HOPE THEY'LL BE OKAY...


WOW, THOSE THINGS ARE "BEAUTIFUL."
MEWTWO... YOU KNOW, IT'S ODD, I HADN'T HEARD [illegible] BEFORE...

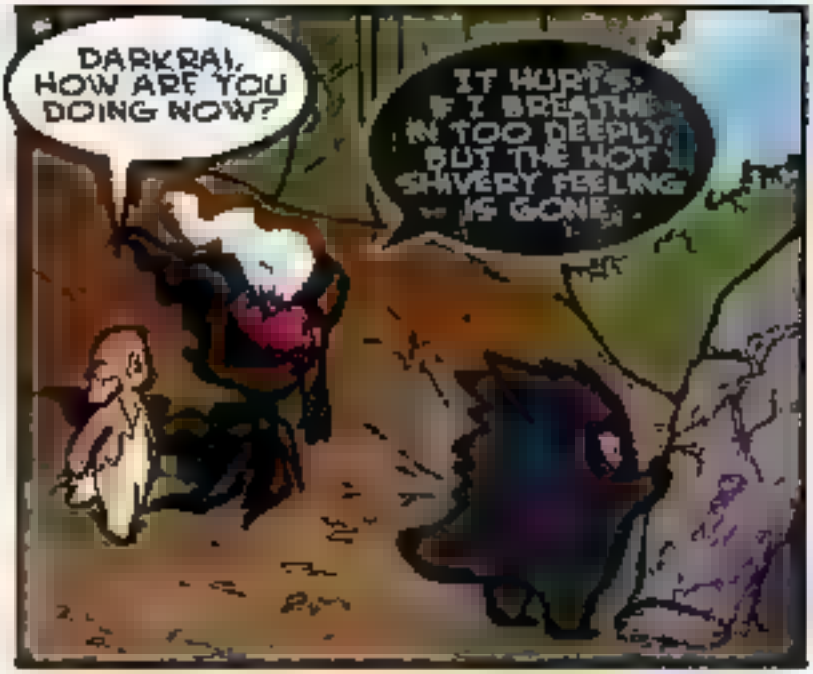

HE HAS KIND EYES, AND HIS DREAMS ARE SAD.
"I-- WONDER WHERE HE CAME FROM?"


OOPS. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK IT.
I'VE SEEN THESE GROWING ON TREES BEFORE-- WHAT ARE THEY?
HUH? CHESTNUTS. YOU CAN EAT EM --

NO NO NO PEEL IT FIRST--!
OW.


YOU LIVED HERE?
YEP, THIS IS IT... OR WAS. WOW. ALAKAZAM WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT IT BEING A WRECK.

HEYY I FORGOT WHAT WAS YOUR TEAM NAME AGAIN?
NICE TRY.

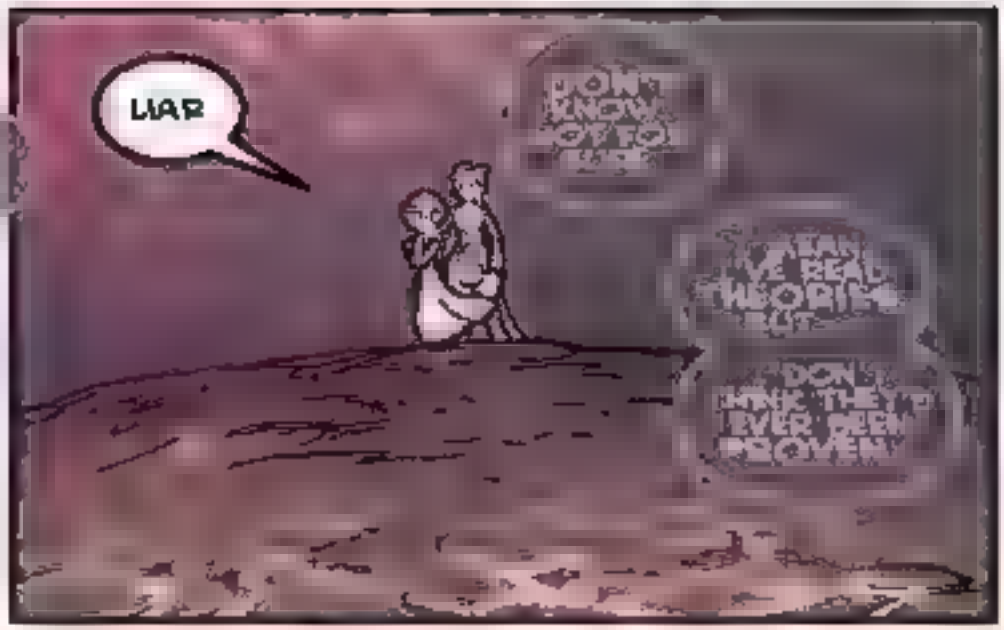

DARKRAI, HOW ARE YOU DOING NOW?
IT HURTS IF I BREATHE IN TOO DEEPLY, BUT THE HOT SHIVERY FEELING IS GONE.

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
YOU SAVED ME..
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED SAVING IF I HADN'T HIT YOU

I WAS GONE, AND YOU BROUGHT ME BACK...
YOU SAVED ME...

IT'S PAST NOON YOU THINK MEWTWO'S OKAY?
KID, SERIOUSLY HE'LL BE FINE. NOTHING FAZES THAT GUY.

WHAT IS IT?


LIAR
I'VE REAL THEORIES BUT
DON'T THINK THEY'D EVER BEEN PROVEN

WHAT DO WE DO?
AT THIS POINT THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING WE CAN DO

..NO.

I'M SORRY I CAN'T REACH HER

THANK YOU FOR TRYING

KRASSH

WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT THERE?

I-- I'M NOT SURE WHAT I SAW--

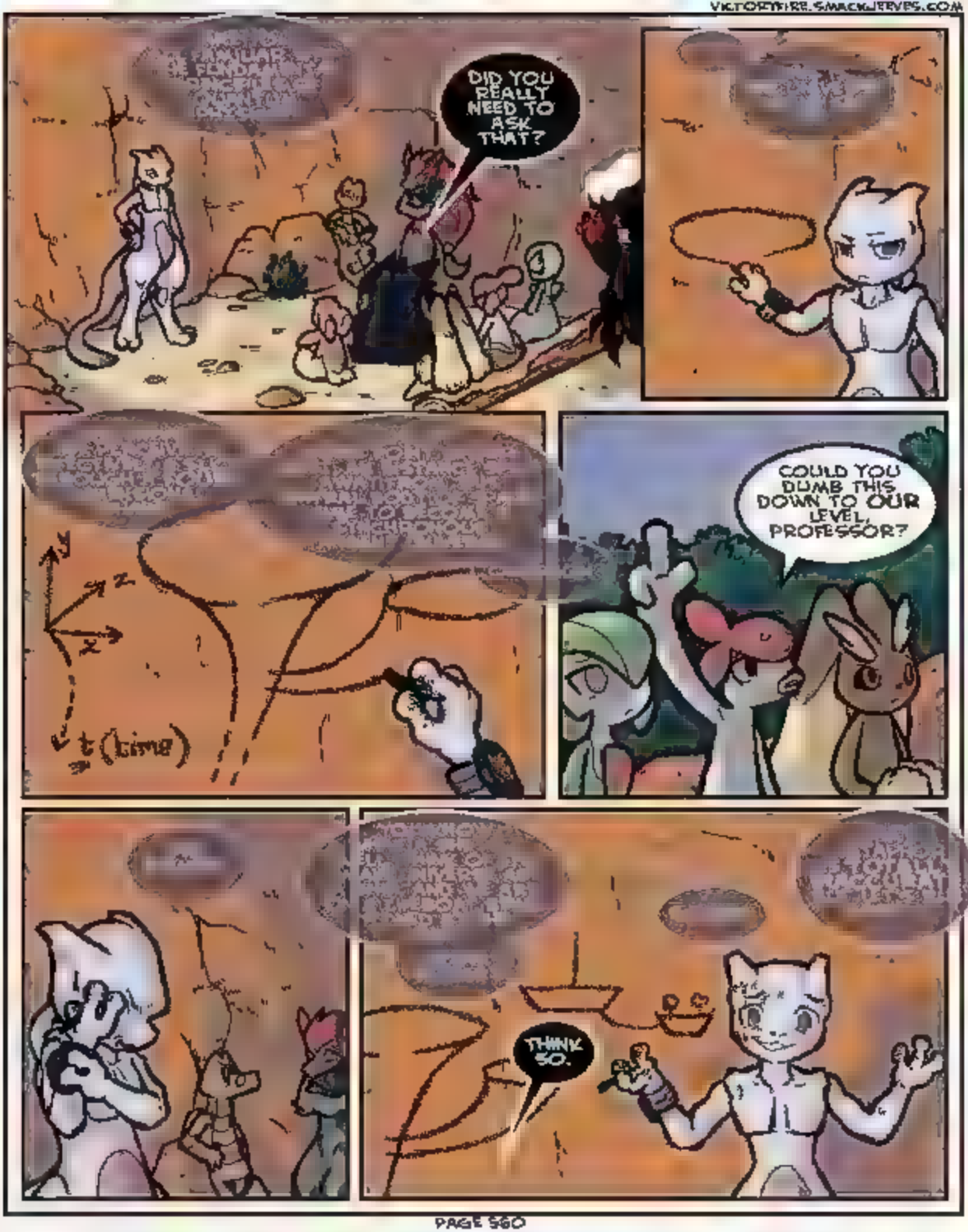
H-HE JUST--

HEY

HEY. TALK TO US

CHARCOAL AND A'FLA

UH-- OKAY, BUT WHY--?


DID YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK THAT?
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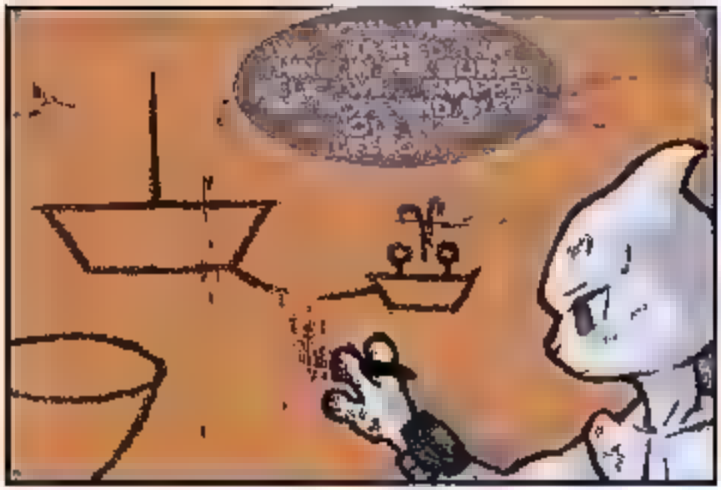
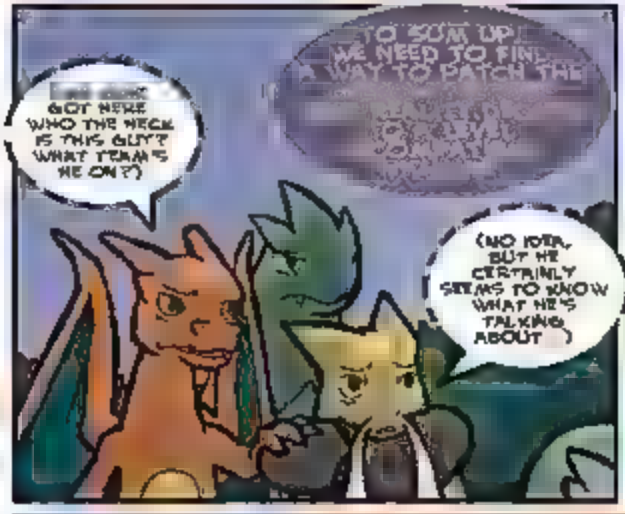
t (time)
COULD YOU DUMB THIS DOWN TO OUR LEVEL, PROFESSOR?
THINK SO.



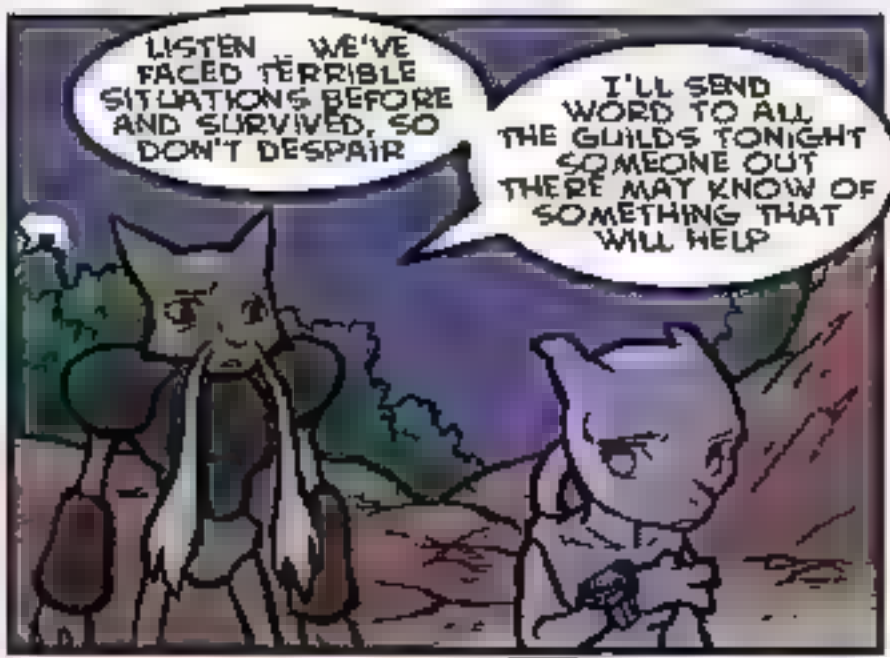
THAT SOUNDS BAD.

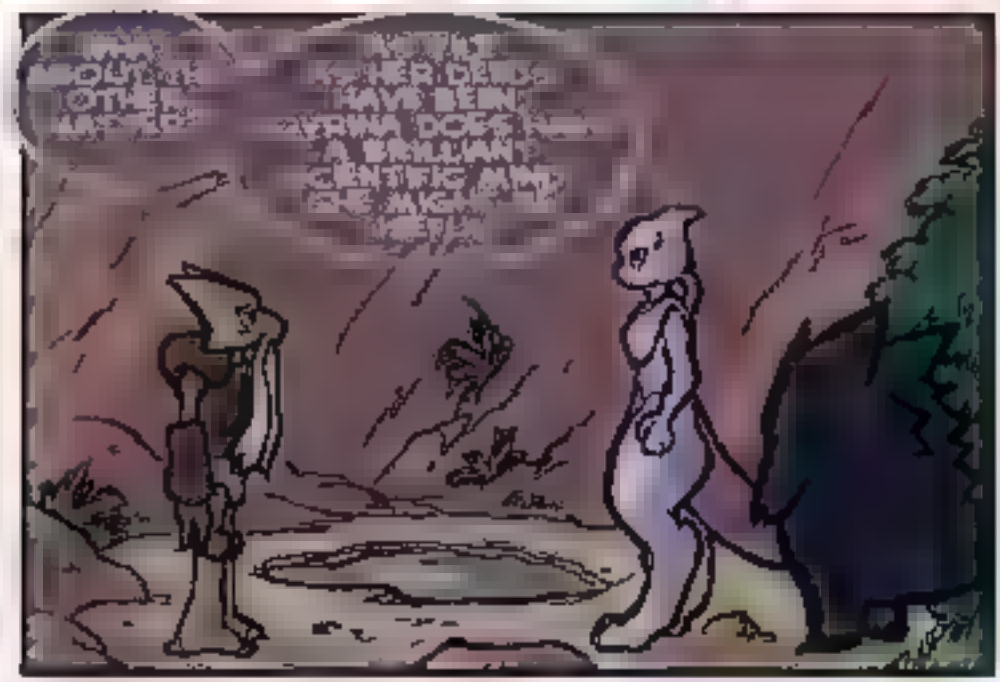

TO SUM UP: WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO BATCH THE
GOT HERE WHO THE HECK IS THIS GUY? WHAT TEAM'S HE ON?)
(NO IDEA, BUT HE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT.)

HOW LONG DO WE HAVE?
WELL, THE SINGULARITY'S RATE OF GROWTH APPEARS TO CORRESPOND TO A LOGARITHMIC

YEP
WE'RE SCREWED

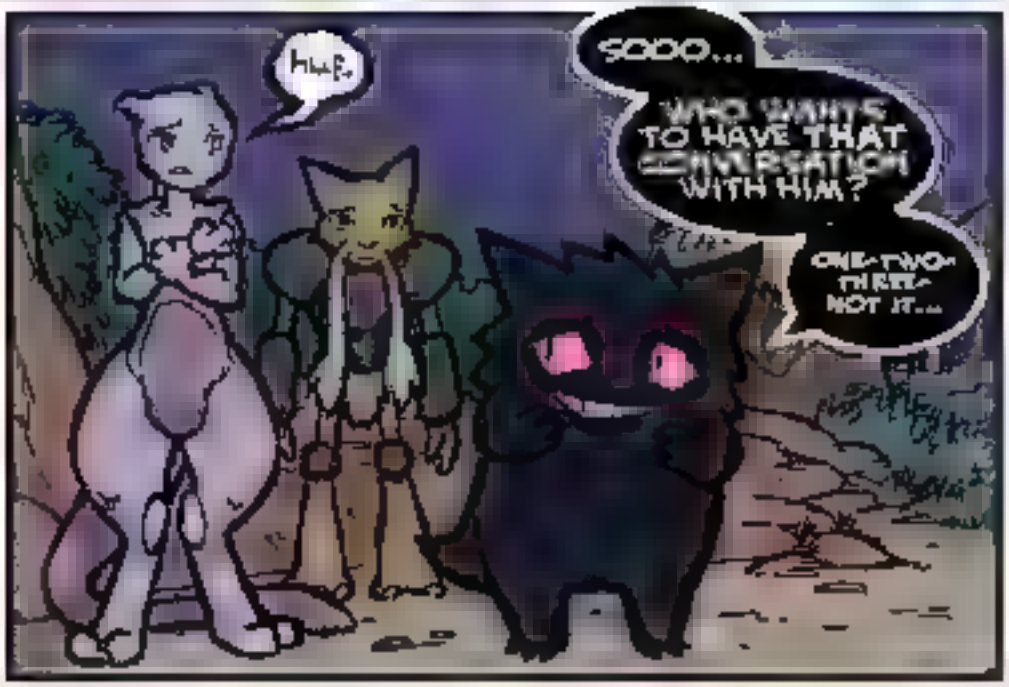
ucch, pflecks
STILL A SMUDGE THERE,... HIGHER... YOU GOT IT.


LISTEN... WE'VE FACED TERRIBLE SITUATIONS BEFORE AND SURVIVED, SO DON'T DESPAIR
I'LL SEND WORD TO ALL THE GUILDS TONIGHT SOMEONE OUT THERE MAY KNOW OF SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP

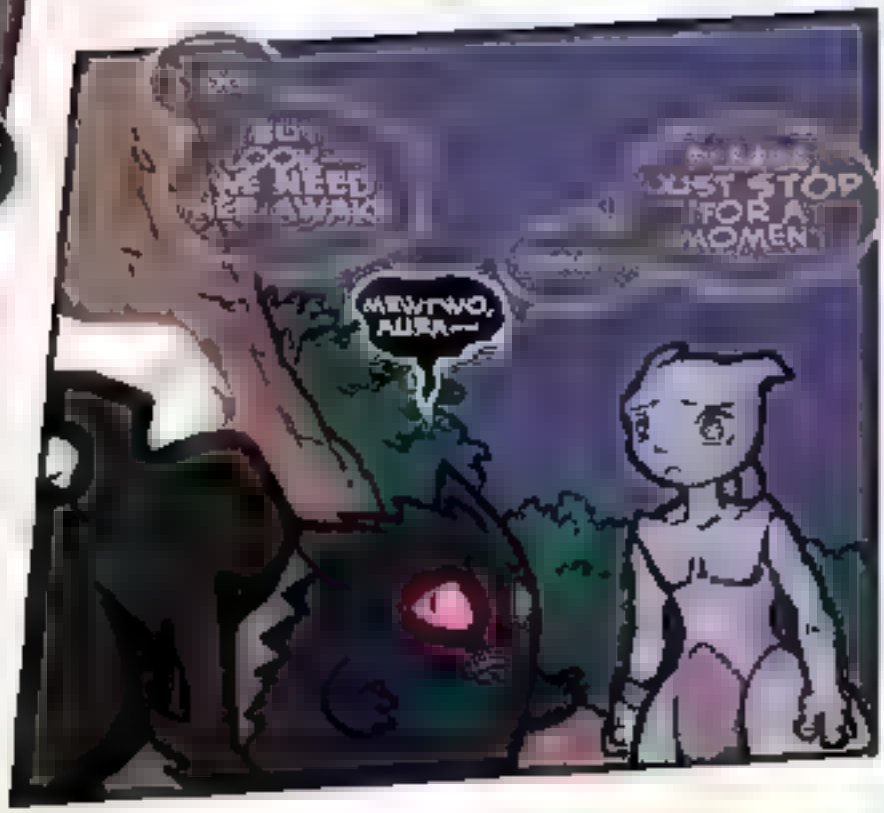


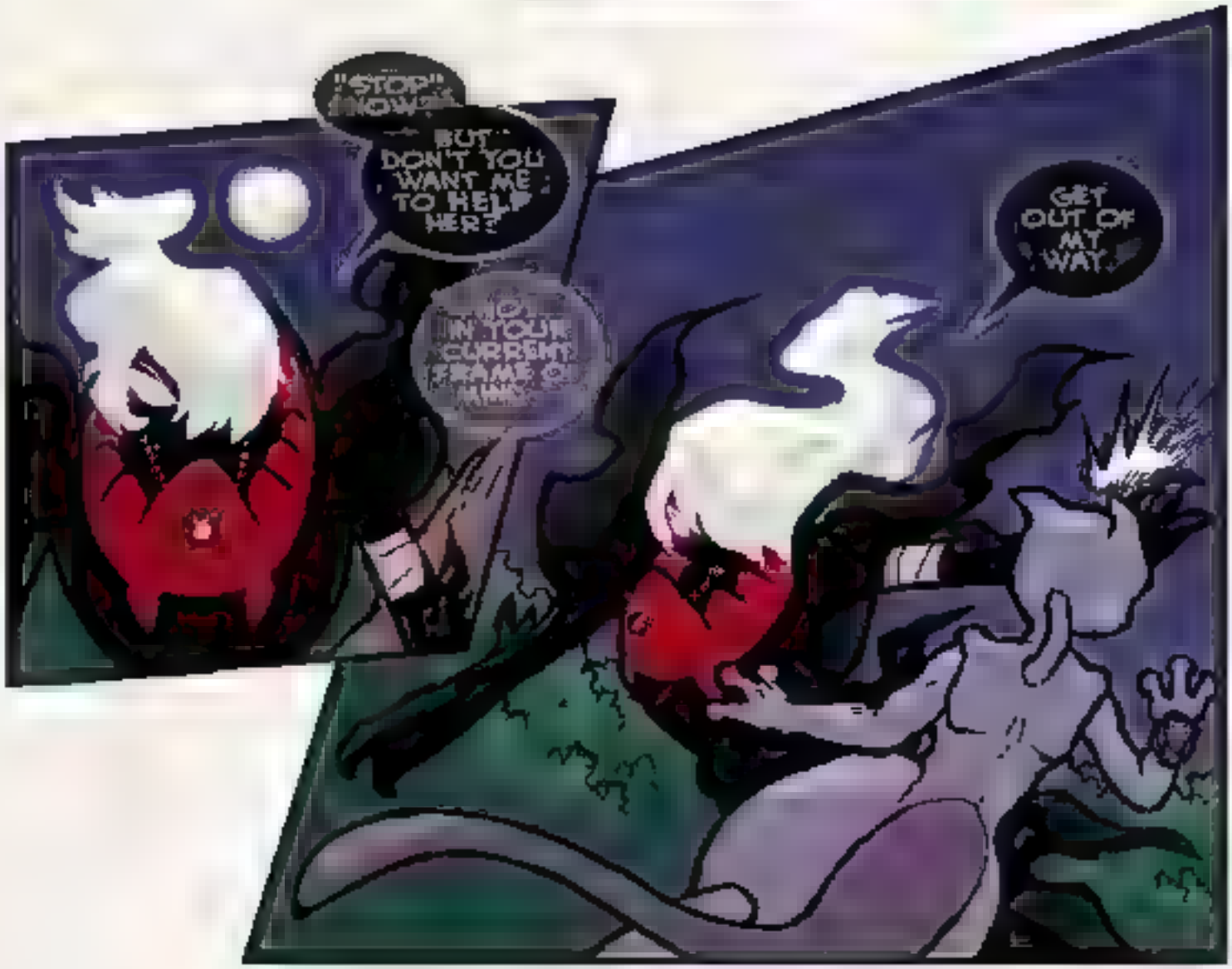
THERE ARE A FEW OTHER LOCAL PSYCHICS I CAN ASK, BUT...
I SUSPECT THAT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LIFT THE CURSE ON THE YOUNG LADY
IS THE ONE WHO PUT IT THERE

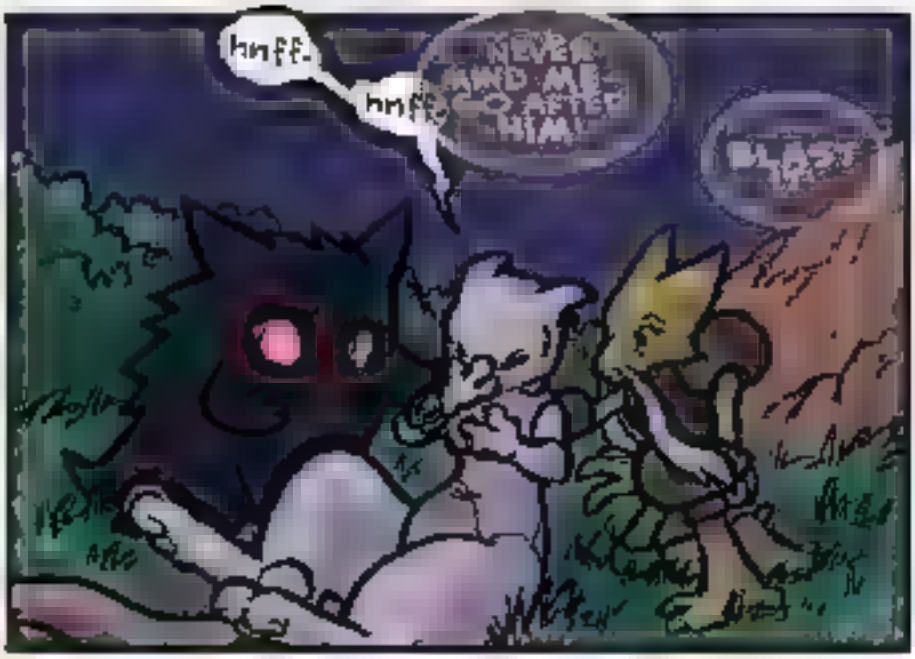
LIKE THIS?
YEAH-- BUT TRY TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING. GEE, MINE'S A FISH!


HMF.
SOOO...
WHO WANTS TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION WITH HIM?
ONE-TWO-THREE-NOT IT...

YOU THAT FILTH HERE?
AND NOW YOU ASK ME TO--?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DID TO ME?


BUT LOOK, WE NEED BE AWAKE
PLEASE JUST STOP FOR A MOMENT
MEWTWO, AURA--


"STOP" NOW?
BUT DON'T YOU WANT ME TO HELP HER?
IN YOUR CURRENT FRAME OF MIND?
GET OUT OF MY WAY.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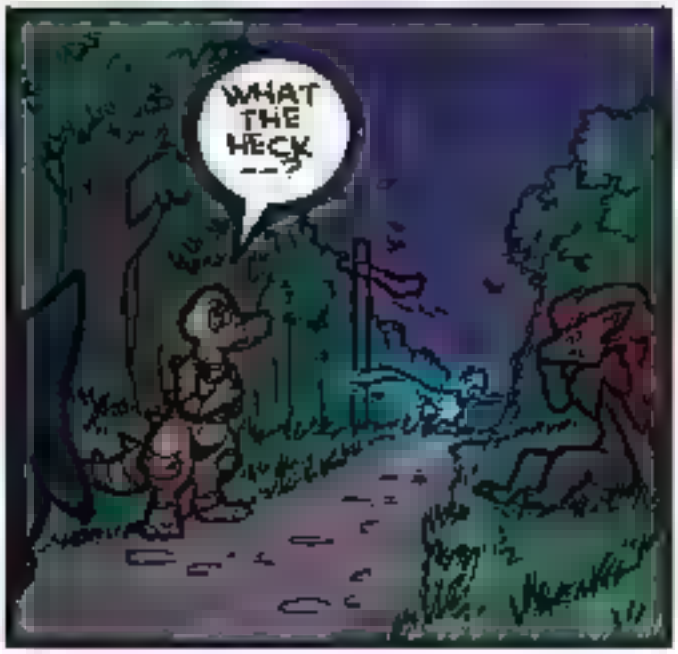
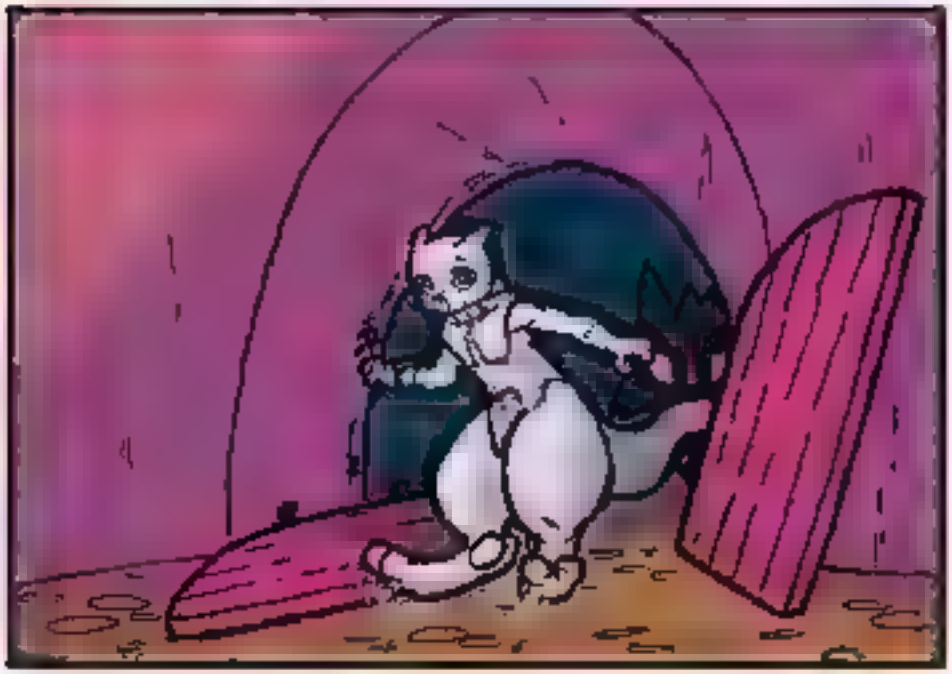
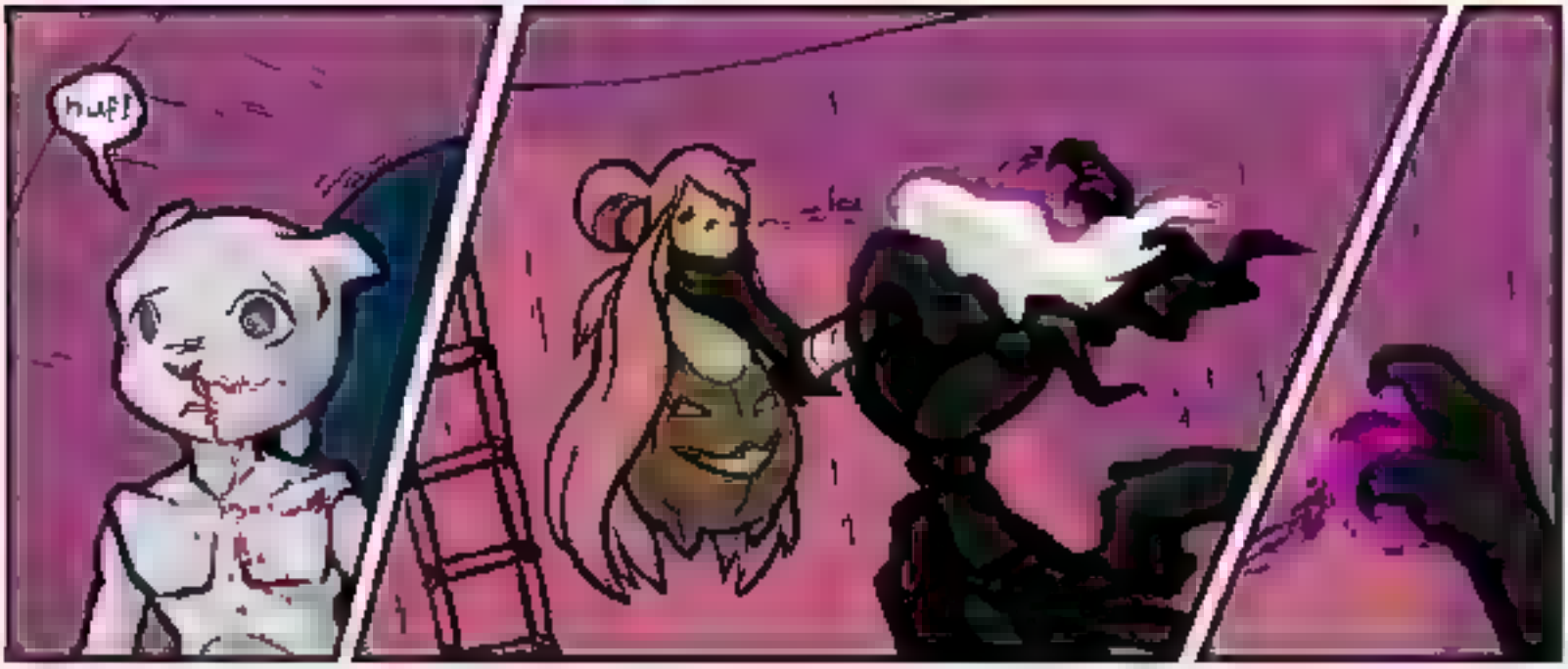
NEVER MIND ME - AFTER HIM!
BLAST IT!


WHAT THE HECK --?

WHERE--?

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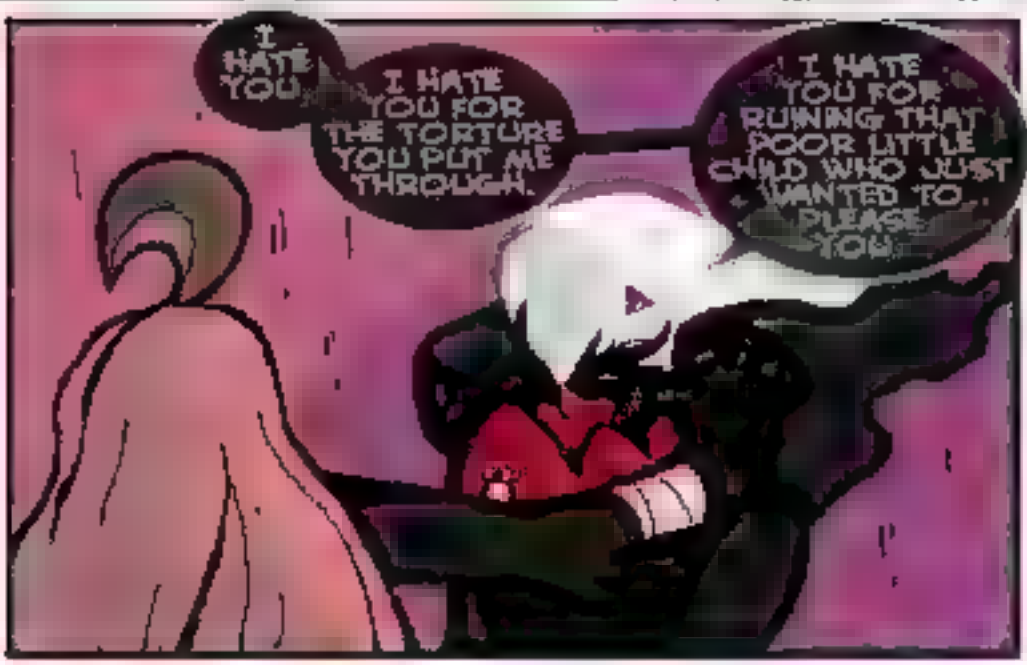
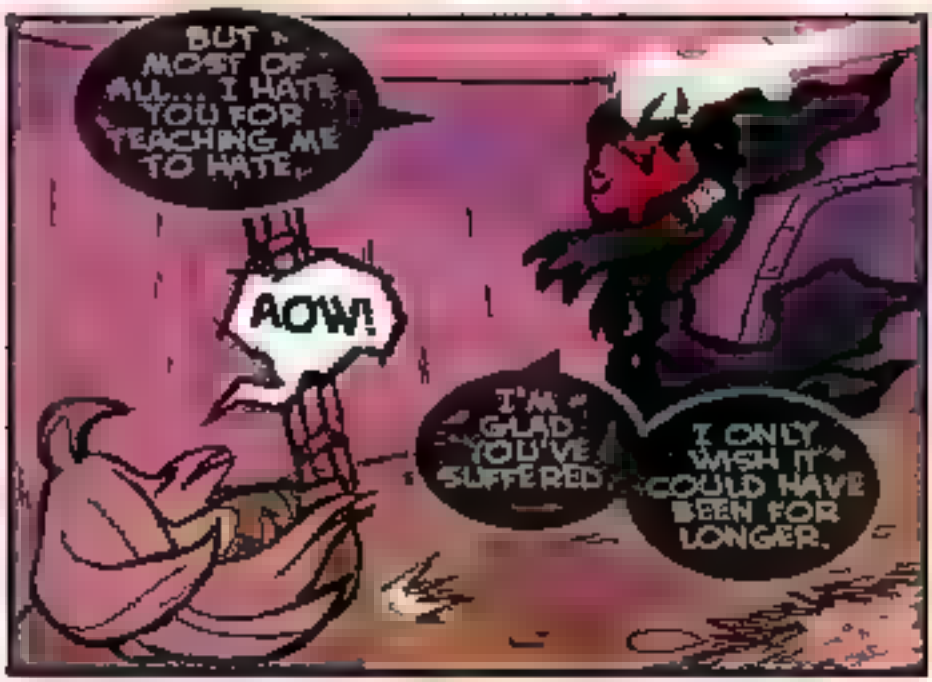
HUUCK!


I HATE YOU.
I HATE YOU FOR THE TORTURE YOU PUT ME THROUGH.
I HATE YOU FOR RUNNING THAT POOR LITTLE CHILD WHO JUST WANTED TO PLEASE YOU.


BUT MOST OF ALL... I HATE YOU FOR TEACHING ME TO HATE.
AOW!
I'M GLAD YOU'VE SUFFERED.
I ONLY WISH IT COULD HAVE BEEN FOR LONGER.

NOBODY TALK TO ME.
NOBODY EVEN LOOK AT ME.

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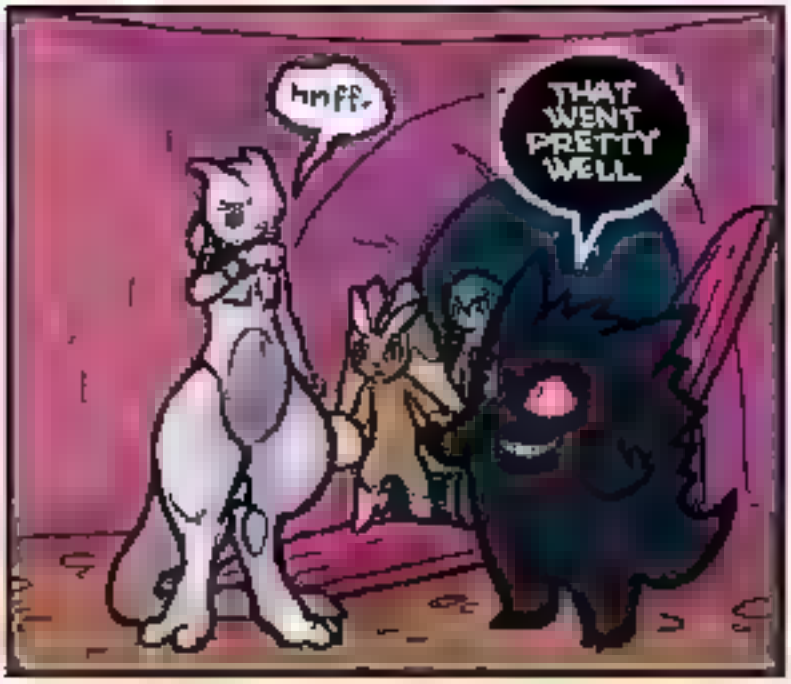
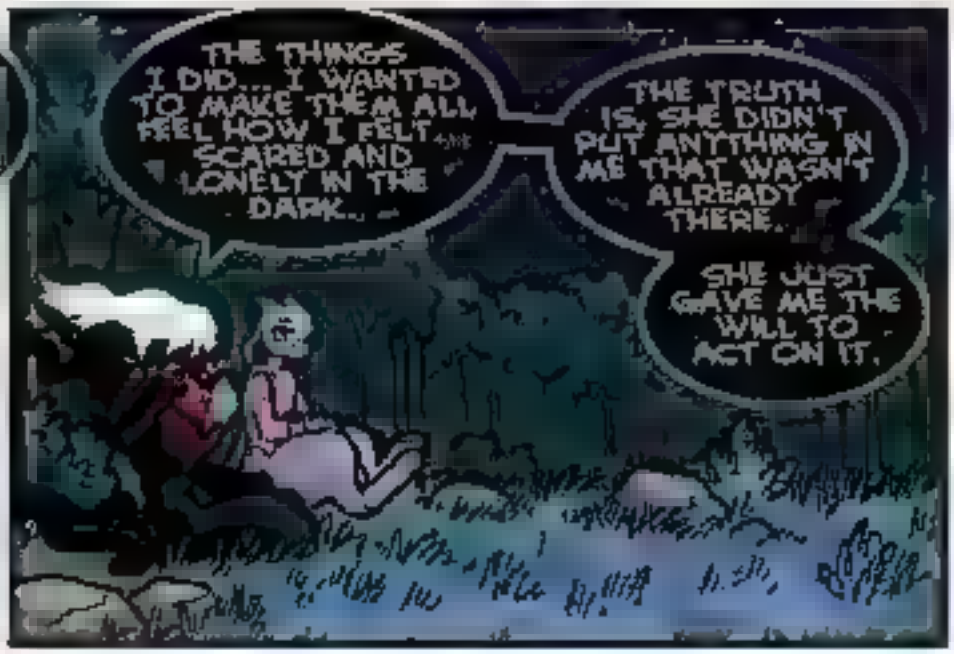
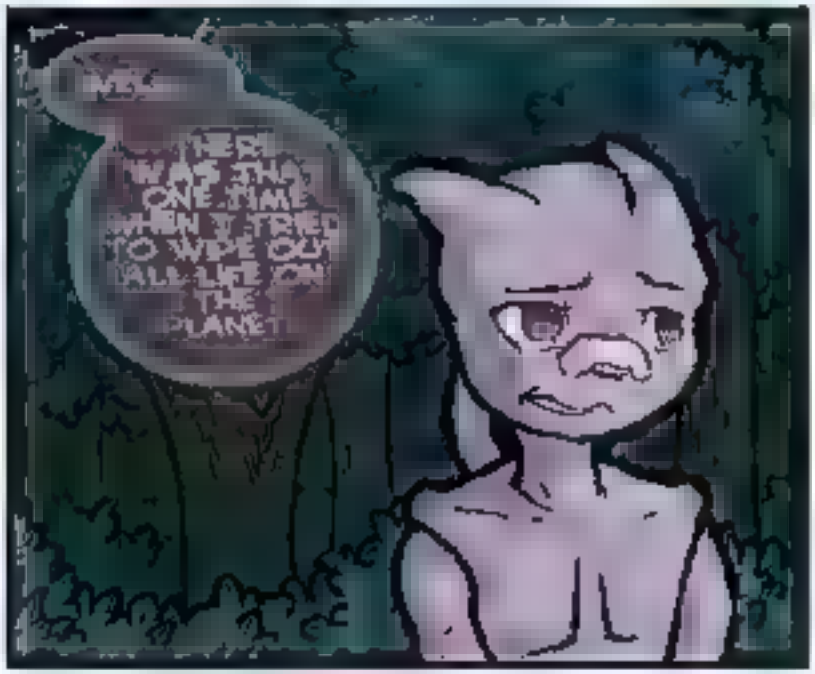

hmff.
THAT WENT PRETTY WELL.

HFF...
NOT LOOKING
NOT TALKING, IF YOU
JUST THOUGH YOU MIGHT LIKE SOME COMPANY.
I HIT YOU. I'M SORRY.
—I BROKE YOUR NOSE?
BUT— THAT'S NOT FUNNY AT ALL! I'VE REALLY HURT YOU—!
DARKRA! LOOK AT ME, PLEASE.
IT'S HILARIOUS.
THERE WE GO!
HFF
EVEN N CAN'T KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE AROUND ME RIGHT NOW, AND HE'S USUALLY SO TENDER-HEARTED.
BUT THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID JUST NOW. I KNOW IT WAS HARD.

I CAN'T BE NEAR PEOPLE, I HURT THEM.
I WAS JEALOUS OF EVERYONE WHO COULD HAVE A NORMAL LIFE, WHILE I HAD TO BE ALONE.


THE THINGS I DID... I WANTED TO MAKE THEM ALL FEEL HOW I FELT SCARED AND LONELY IN THE DARK...
THE TRUTH IS, SHE DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING IN ME THAT WASN'T ALREADY THERE...
SHE JUST GAVE ME THE WILL TO ACT ON IT.

AND NOW...
KNOWING THAT I'M CAPABLE OF SUCH EVIL ...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LIVE WITH IT. YOU CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE.

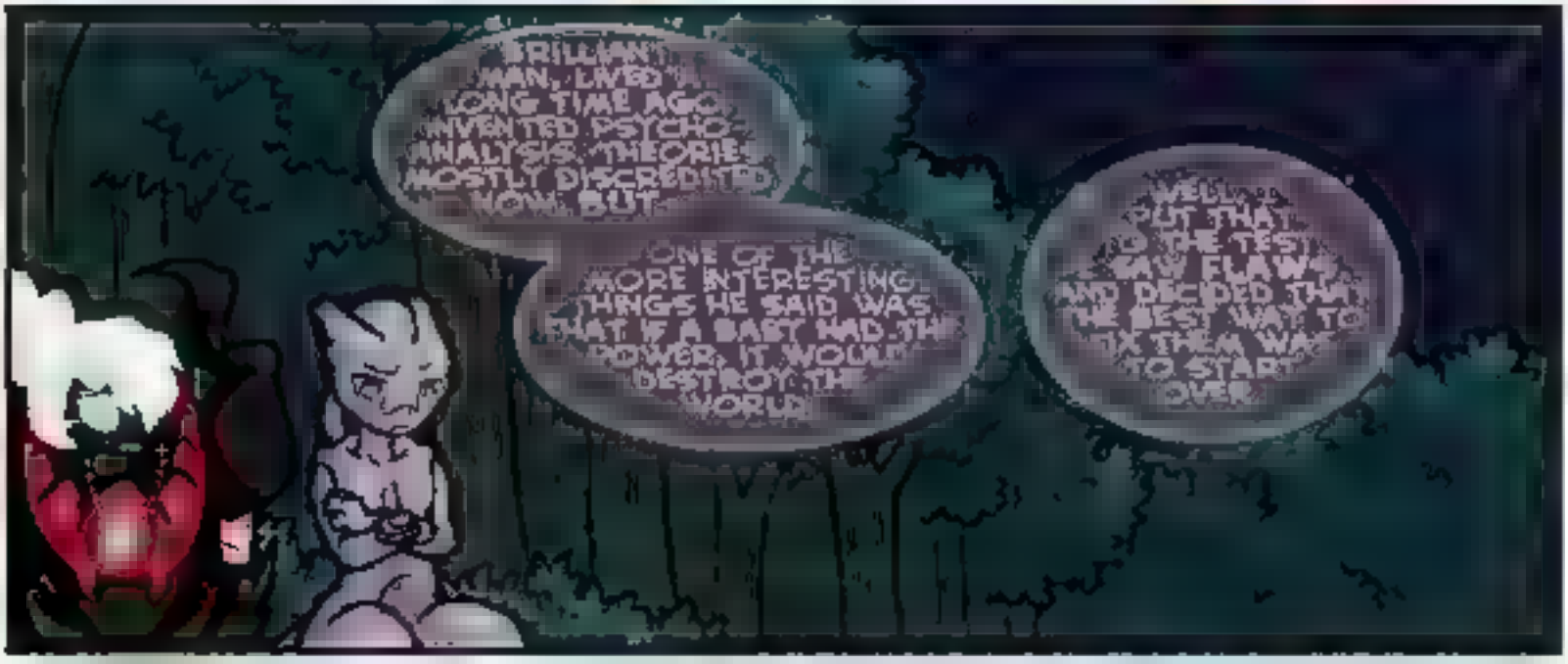

THERE WAS THAT ONE TIME WHEN I TRIED TO WIPE OUT ALL LIFE ON THE PLANET.

I'M GOING TO NEED SOME CONTEXT HERE.
PROMISE THAT YOU WILL NEVER BREATHE A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE.

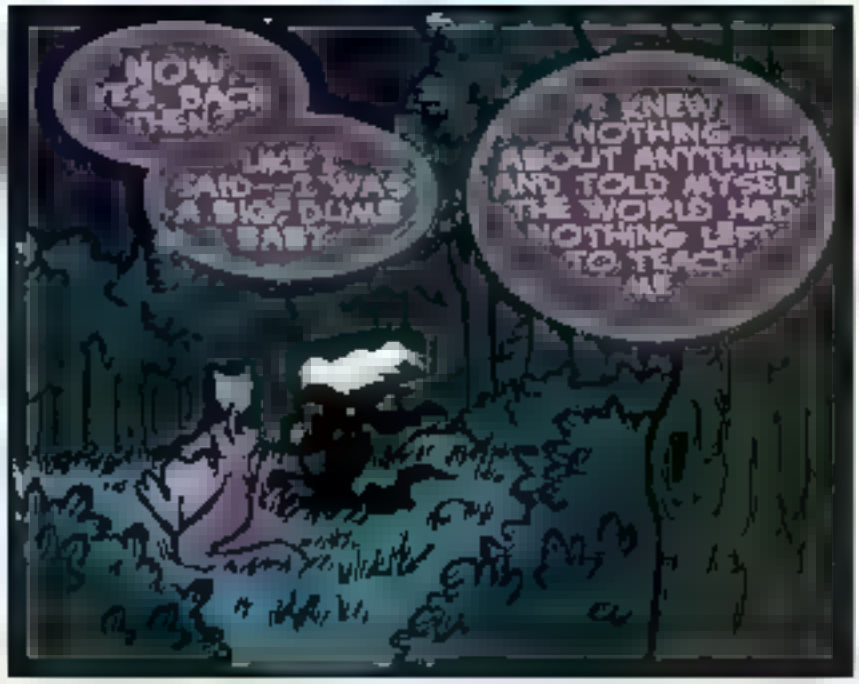
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING, YOU—
STIRRED UP A HYPERCANE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPARK AN EXTINCTION EVENT

WHY?
BECAUSE FIELD WAS RIGHT

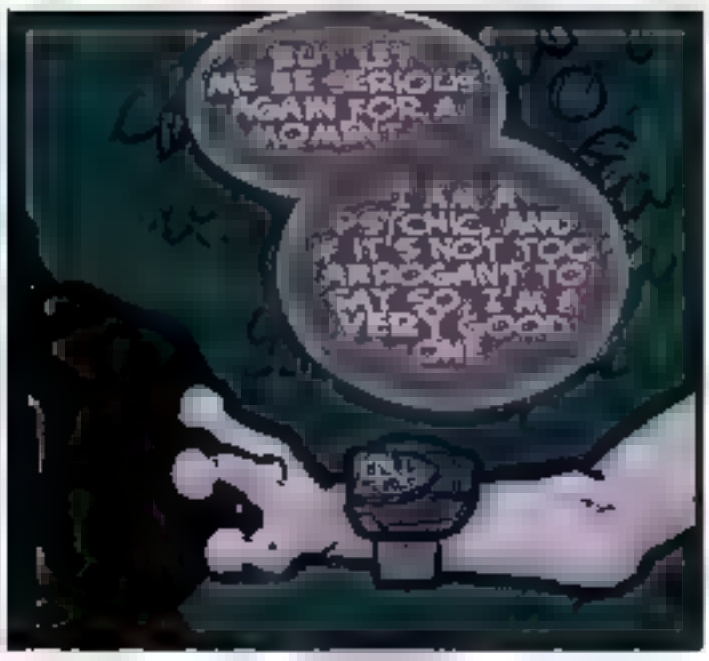
WHAT?


BRILLIANT MAN, LIVED A LONG TIME AGO. INVENTED PSYCHO-ANALYSIS. THEORIES MOSTLY DISCREDITED NOW, BUT—
ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING THINGS HE SAID WAS THAT IF A BABY HAD THE POWER, IT WOULD DESTROY THE WORLD.
WELL... PUT THAT TO THE TEST. SAW FLAWS AND DECIDED THAT THE BEST WAY TO FIX THEM WAS TO START OVER.

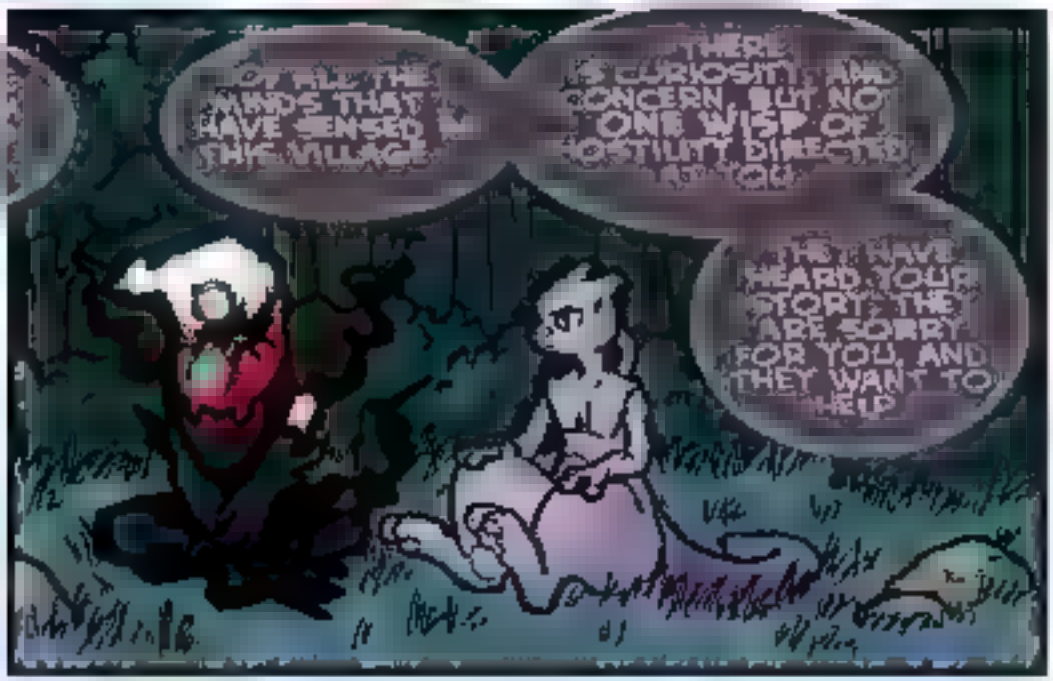
SO YOU TRIED TO MESS WITH THE WEATHER...
OH, MY.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARD RAYQUAZA WOULD HAVE COME DOWN ON YOU?


NOW... YES, BACK THEN?
LIKE I SAID—I WAS A BIG DUMB BABY.
I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ANYTHING AND TOLD MYSELF THE WORLD HAD NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH ME.

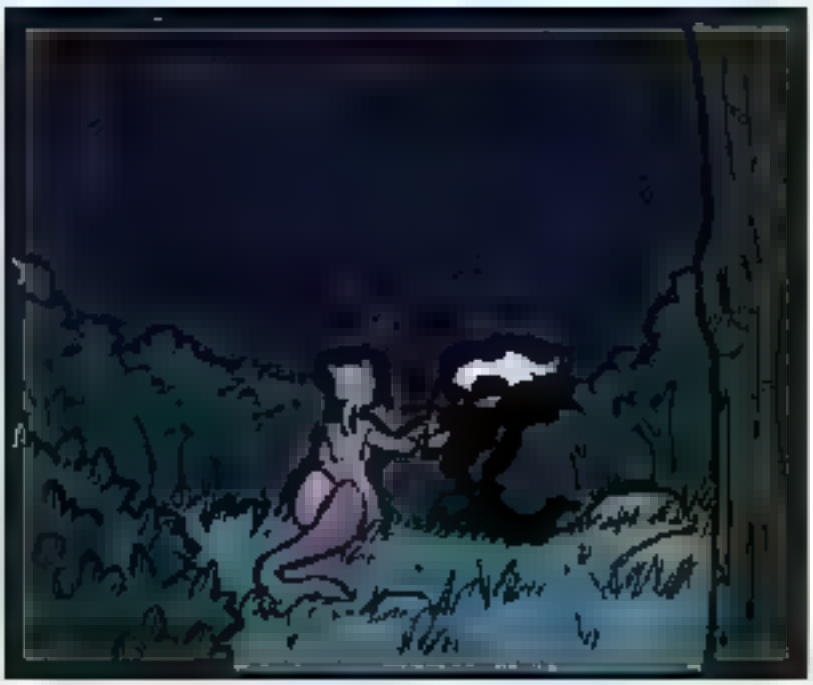
DO YOU SEE YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY FORMER OMNICIDAL MANIAC IN TOWN!
MAYBE WE SHOULD START A SUPPORT GROUP. SEE WHO ELSE TURNS UP!
PFFAHAHAA!


LET ME BE SERIOUS AGAIN FOR A MOMENT.
I AM A PSYCHIC. AND IT'S NOT TOO ARROGANT TO SAY SO, I'M A VERY GOOD ONE.

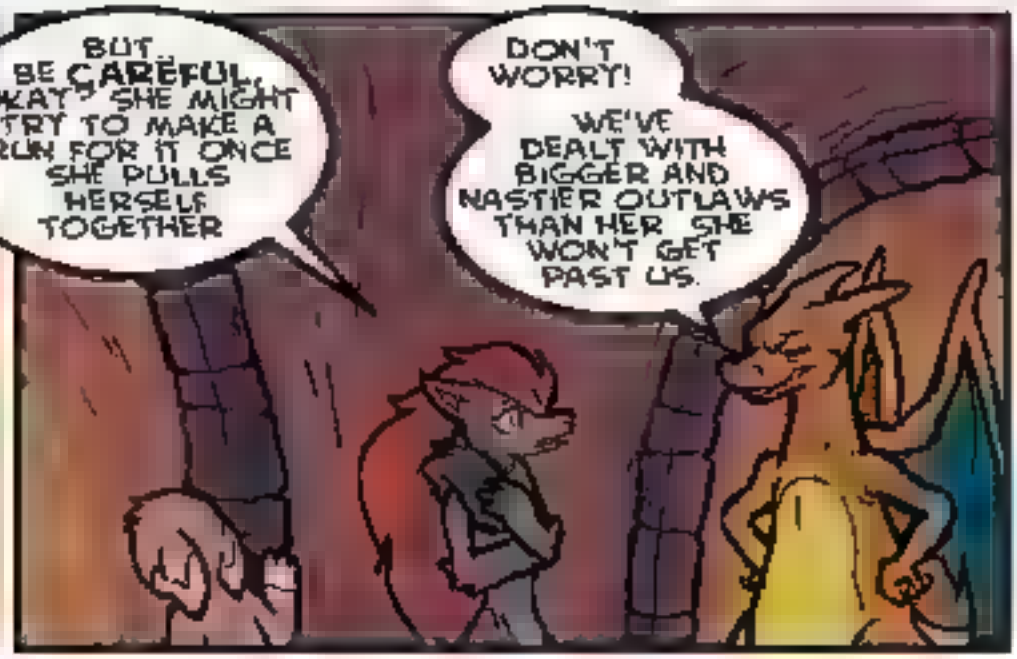
IT'S TRUE THAT SOME OF THE LOCALS HAVE BEEN UNEASY ABOUT YOU.
BUT WHO ALAKAZAM EXPLAINS MATTERS?


OF ALL THE MINDS THAT HAVE SENSED IN THIS VILLAGE
THERE IS CURIOSITY AND CONCERN, BUT NO ONE WISP OF HOSTILITY DIRECTED AT YOU.
THEY HAVE HEARD YOUR STORY. THEY ARE SORRY FOR YOU, AND THEY WANT TO HELP.

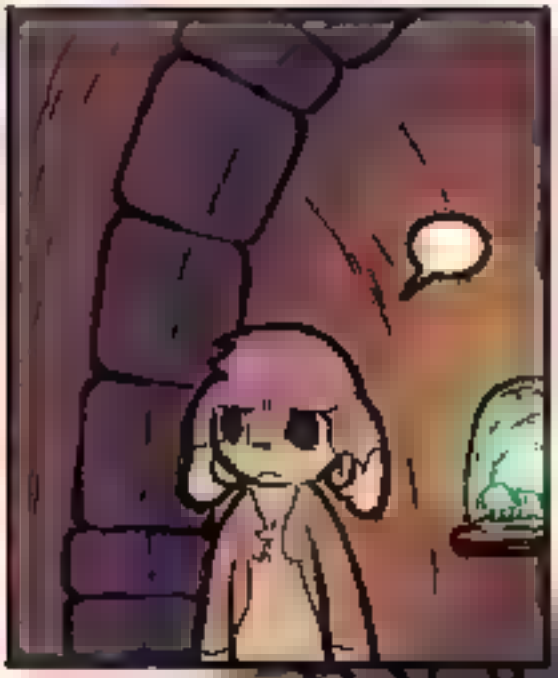
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU ARE NOT ALONE ANY MORE.
AND AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT CHARM, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ALONE.

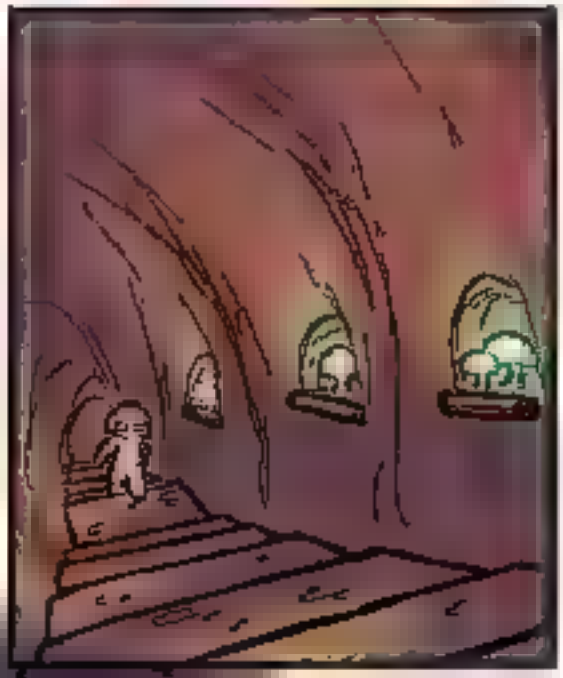


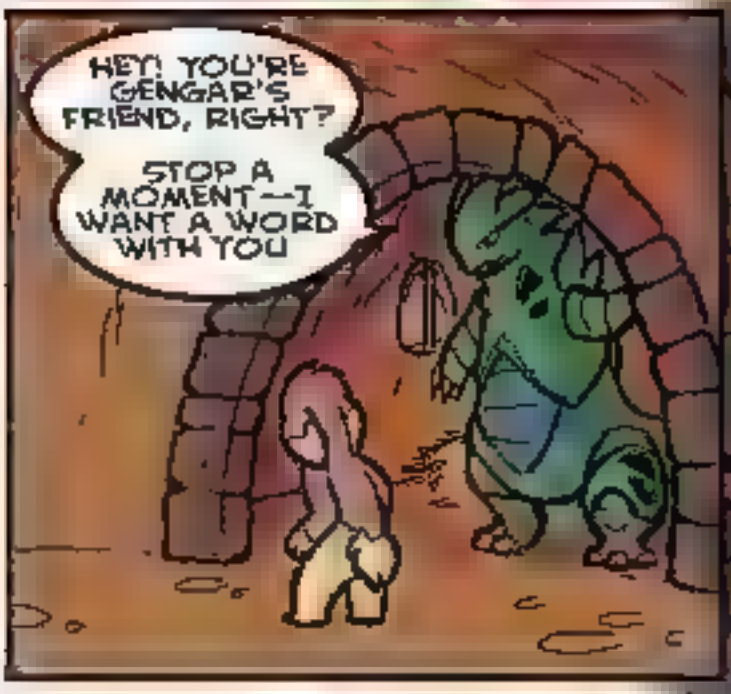
IT'S VERY GOOD OF YOU ALL TO OFFER TO GUARD HER


BUT... BE CAREFUL, OKAY? SHE MIGHT TRY TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT ONCE SHE PULLS HERSELF TOGETHER
DON'T WORRY!
WE'VE DEALT WITH BIGGER AND NASTIER OUTLAWS THAN HER. SHE WON'T GET PAST US.

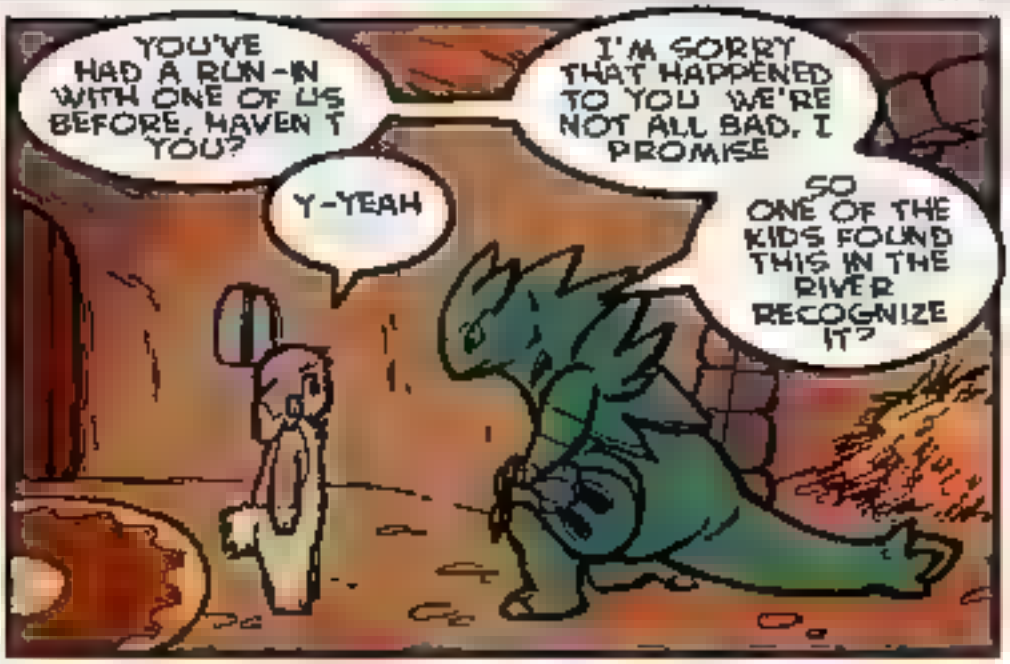
JEN, WE'RE GOING BACK UP NOW, OKAY? YOU CAN STAY WITH YOUR SISTER IF YOU WANT

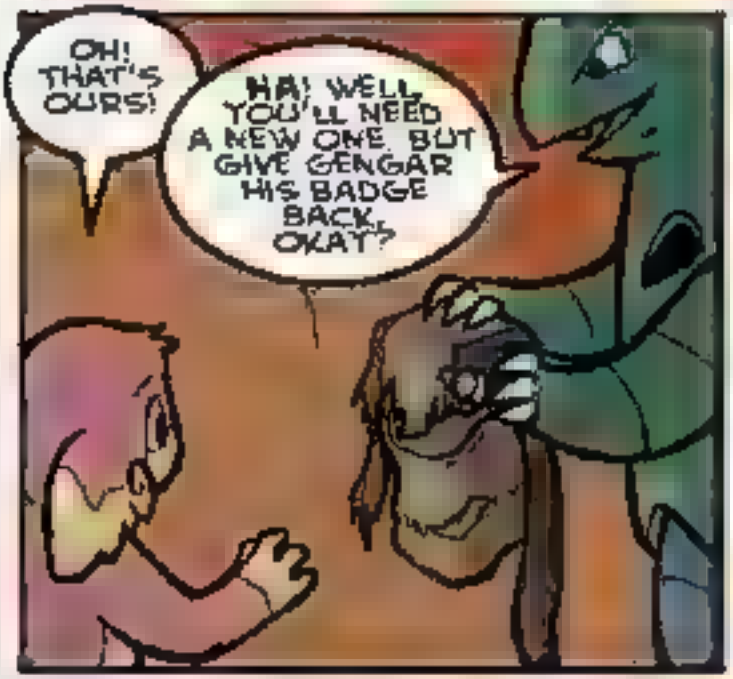


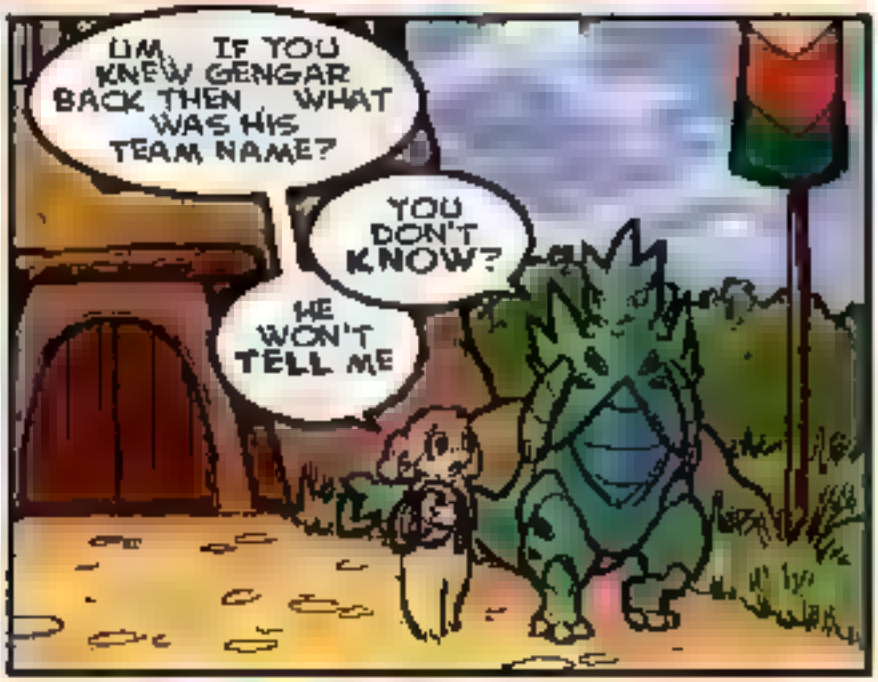



HEY! YOU'RE GENGAR'S FRIEND, RIGHT?
STOP A MOMENT—I WANT A WORD WITH YOU

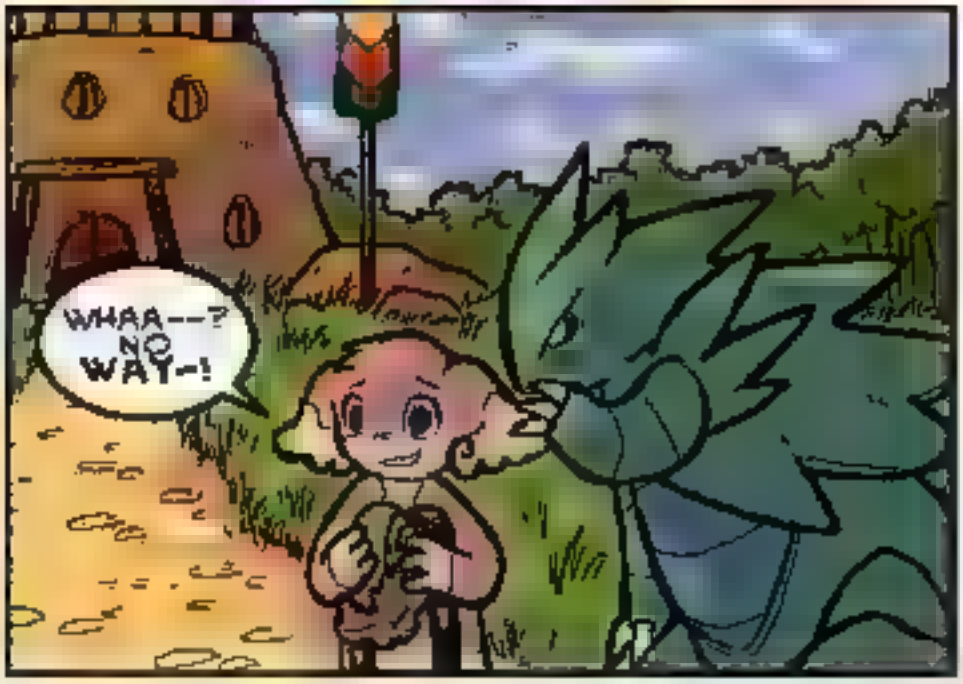
H—HAVE I DONE SOMETHING WRONG?


YOU'VE HAD A RUN-IN WITH ONE OF US BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY THAT HAPPENED TO YOU. WE'RE NOT ALL BAD, I PROMISE.
Y-YEAH
SO ONE OF THE KIDS FOUND THIS IN THE RIVER. RECOGNIZE IT?

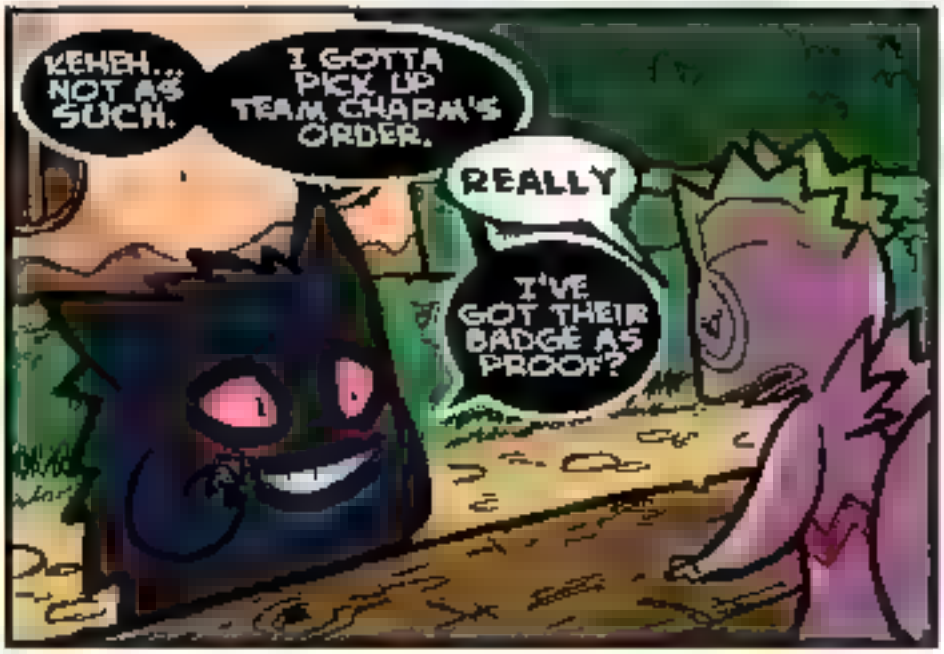

OH! THAT'S OURS!
HA! WELL, YOU'LL NEED A NEW ONE. BUT GIVE GENGAR HIS BADGE BACK, OKAY?

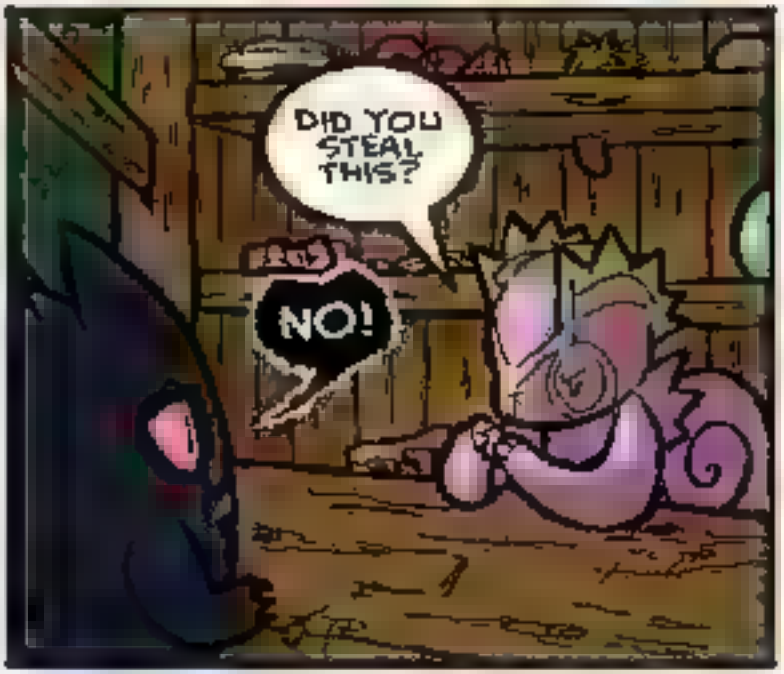

UM... IF YOU KNEW GENGAR BACK THEN... WHAT WAS HIS TEAM NAME?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
HE WON'T TELL ME

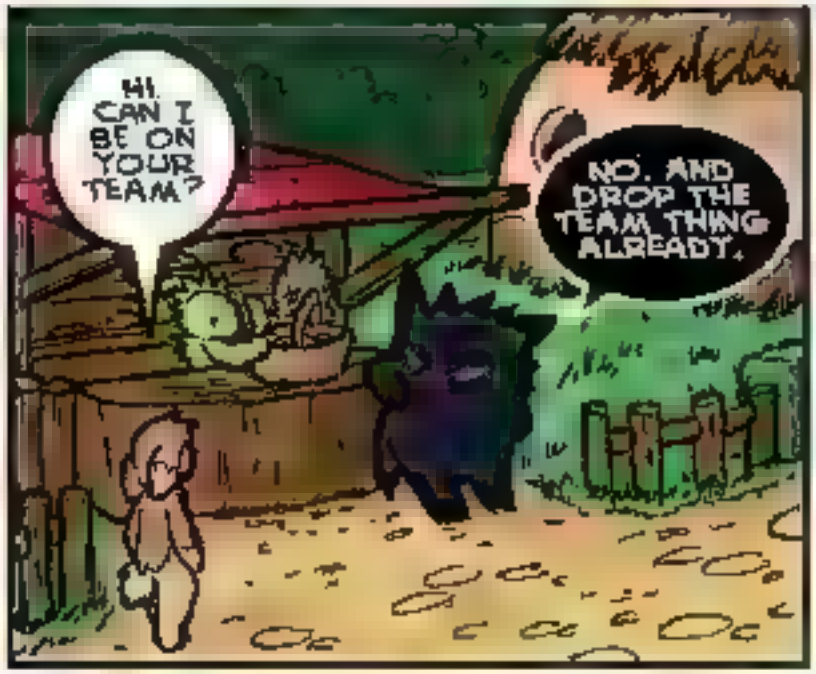
I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHY HE'S BEING SHY ABOUT IT...


WHAA--? NO WAY-!

I HOPE YOU'RE HERE TO PAY OFF OLD DEBTS


KEHEH... NOT AS SUCH.
I GOTTA PICK UP TEAM CHARM'S ORDER.
REALLY
I'VE GOT THEIR BADGE AS PROOF?


DID YOU STEAL THIS?
NO!


HI. CAN I BE ON YOUR TEAM?
NO. AND DROP THE TEAM THING ALREADY.

AW
DON'T BE A MEANIE

WHO TOLD YOU, SO I CAN PUNCH THEM?

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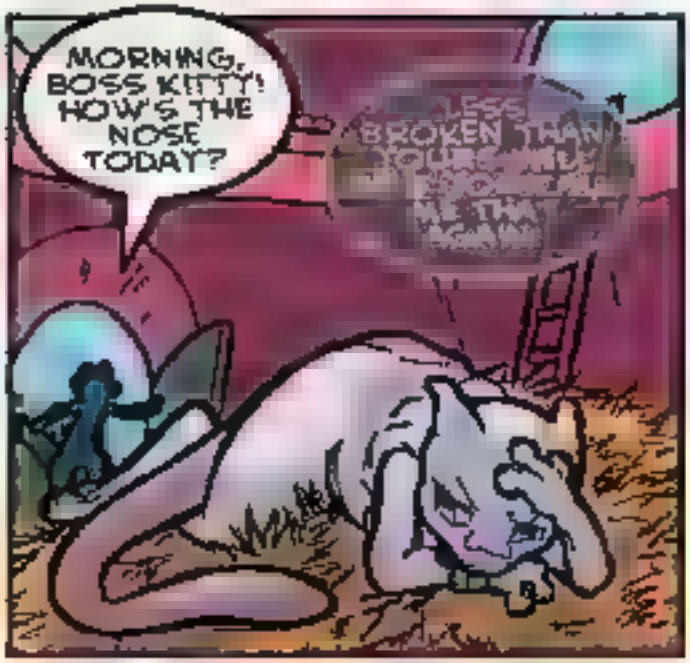
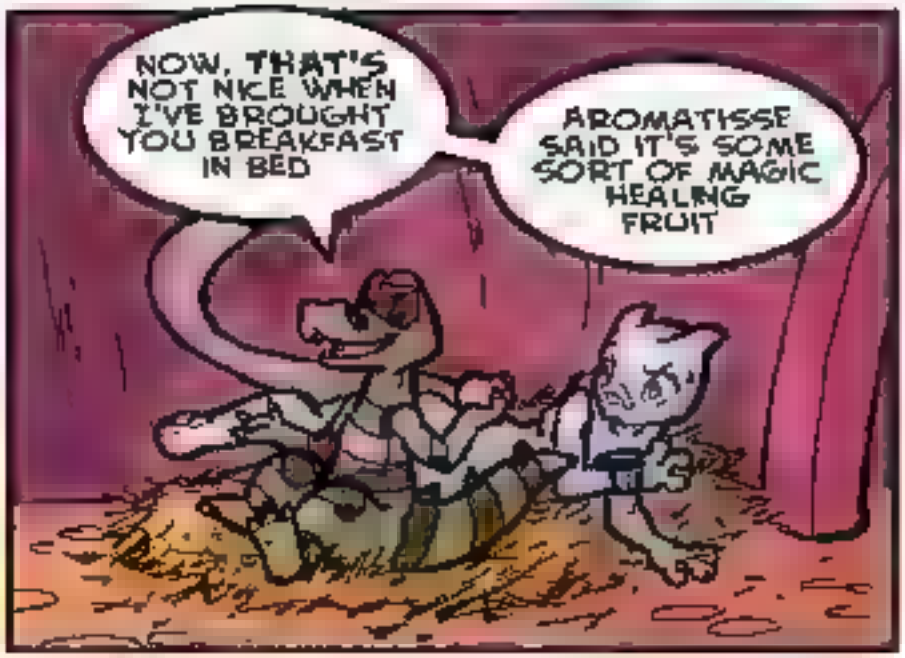
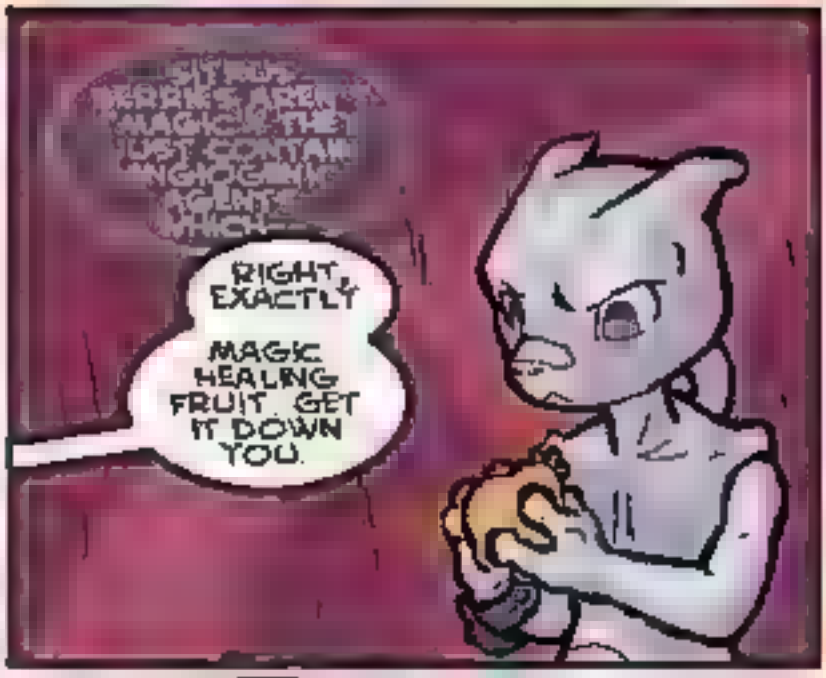
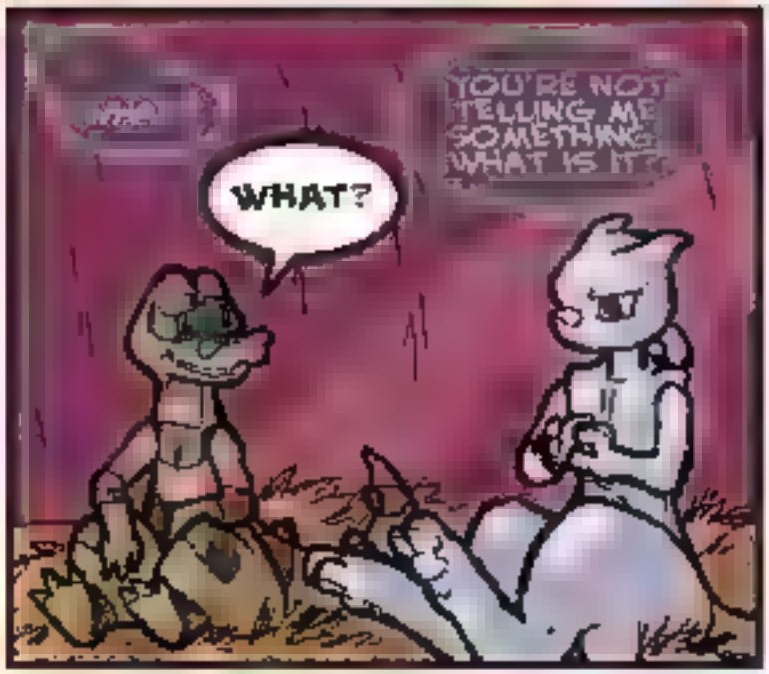
H'OKAY, CHANGE OF PLAN--


MORNING, BOSS KITTY! HOW'S THE NOSE TODAY?


NOW, THAT'S NOT NICE WHEN I'VE BROUGHT YOU BREAKFAST IN BED
AROMATISSE SAID IT'S SOME SORT OF MAGIC HEALING FRUIT

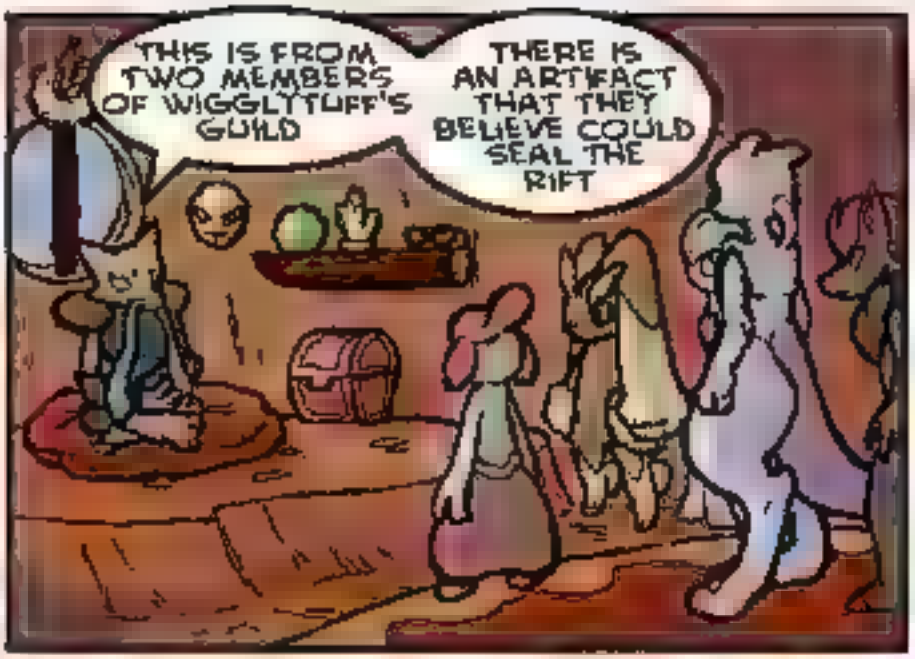

RIGHT, EXACTLY
MAGIC HEALING FRUIT. GET IT DOWN YOU.

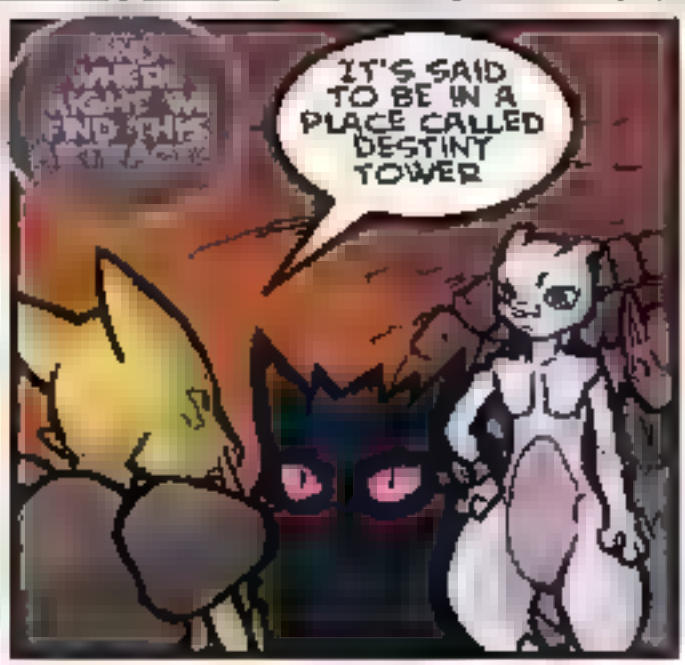

WHAT?

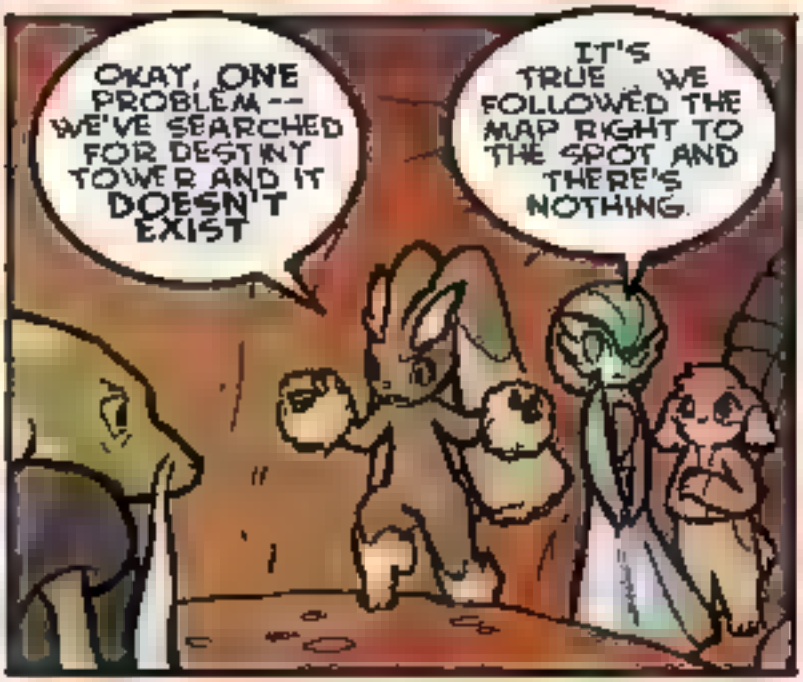
MUST SUCK NOT BEING ABLE TO READ MY MIND, EH?
EAT YOUR MAGIC HEALING FRUIT, THEN I'LL TELL YA

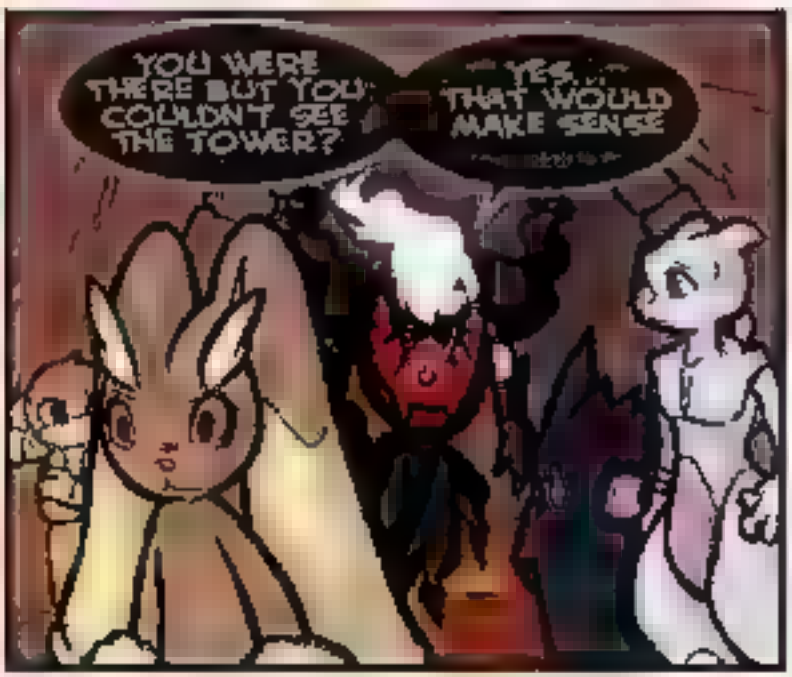
ALAKAZAM'S CALLING US ALL BACK TOGETHER
I THINK HE'S GOT A PLAN

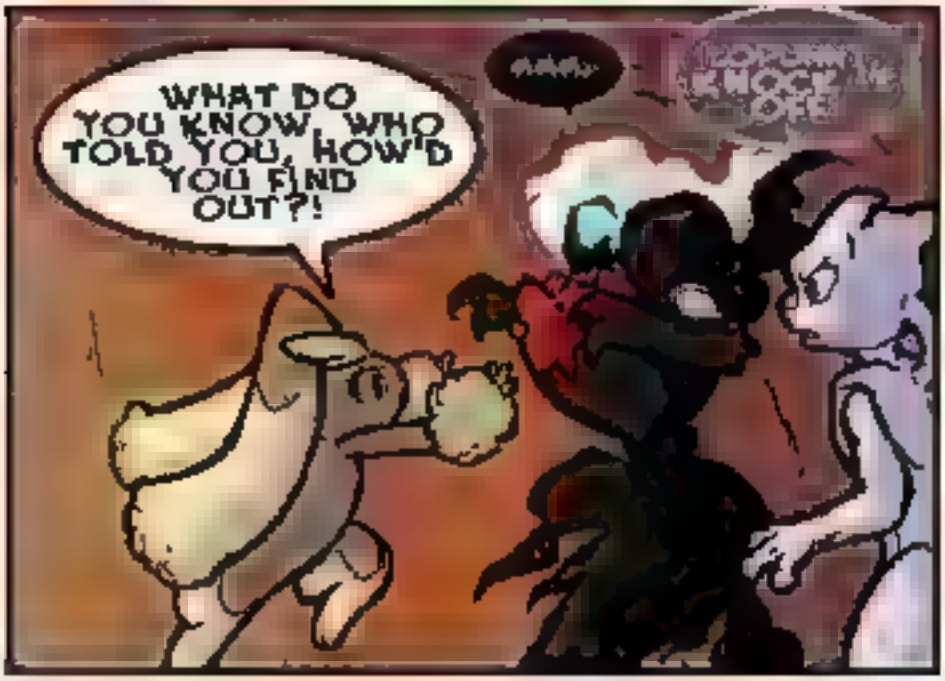
I KNEW YOU'D DO THAT!


THIS IS FROM TWO MEMBERS OF WIGGLYTUFF'S GUILD
THERE IS AN ARTIFACT THAT THEY BELIEVE COULD SEAL THE RIFT

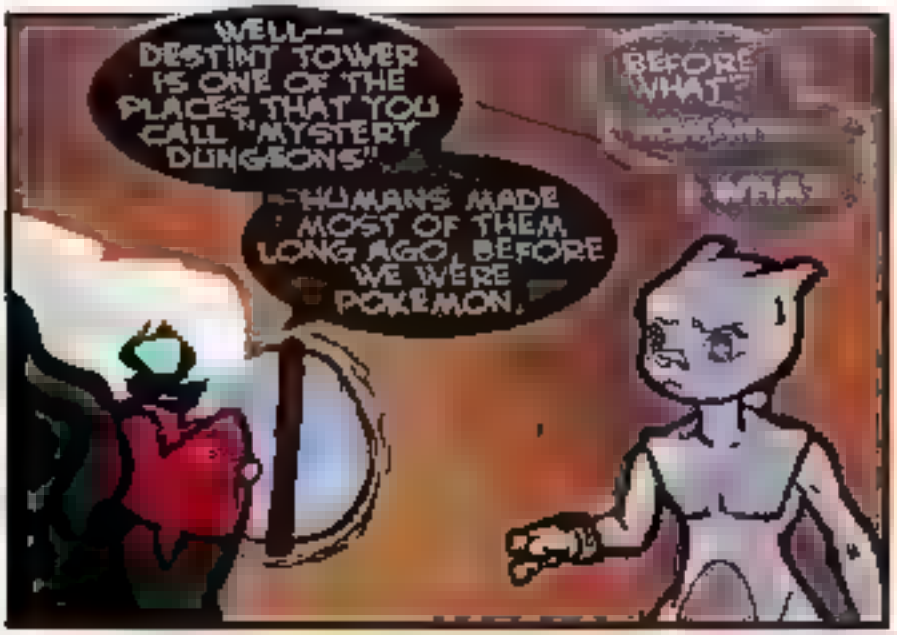

IT'S SAID TO BE IN A PLACE CALLED DESTINY TOWER


OKAY, ONE PROBLEM -- WE'VE SEARCHED FOR DESTINY TOWER AND IT DOESN'T EXIST
IT'S TRUE WE FOLLOWED THE MAP RIGHT TO THE SPOT AND THERE'S NOTHING.

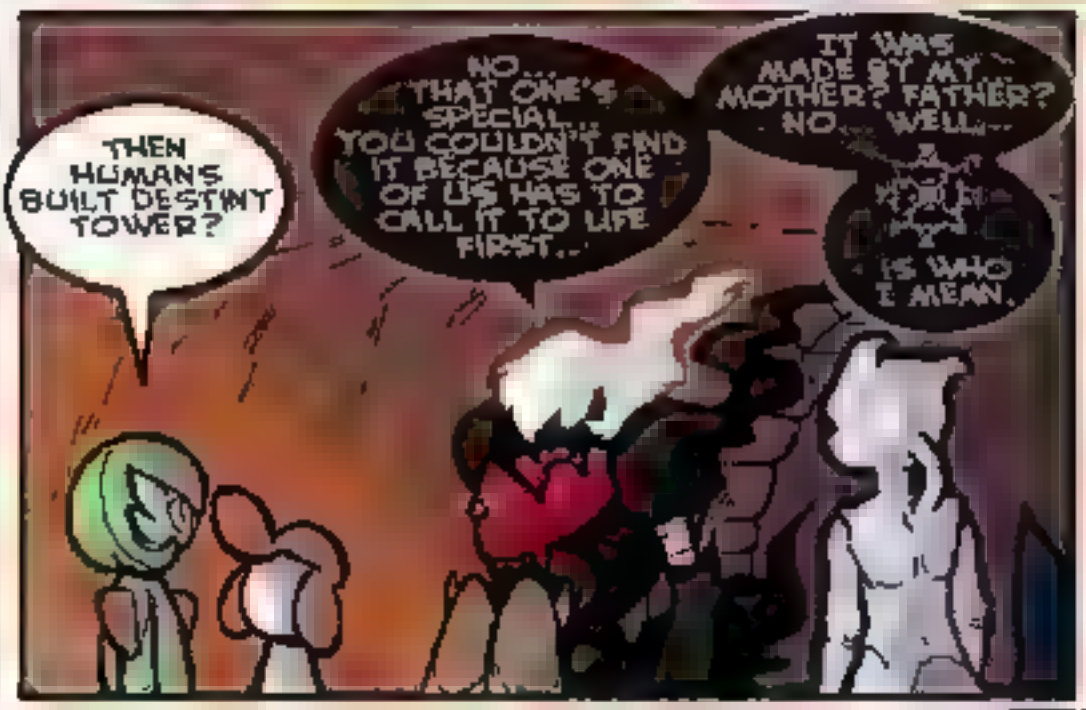

YOU WERE THERE BUT YOU COULDN'T SEE THE TOWER?
YES... THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE


WHAT DO YOU KNOW, WHO TOLD YOU, HOW'D YOU FIND OUT?!
KNOCK OFF!

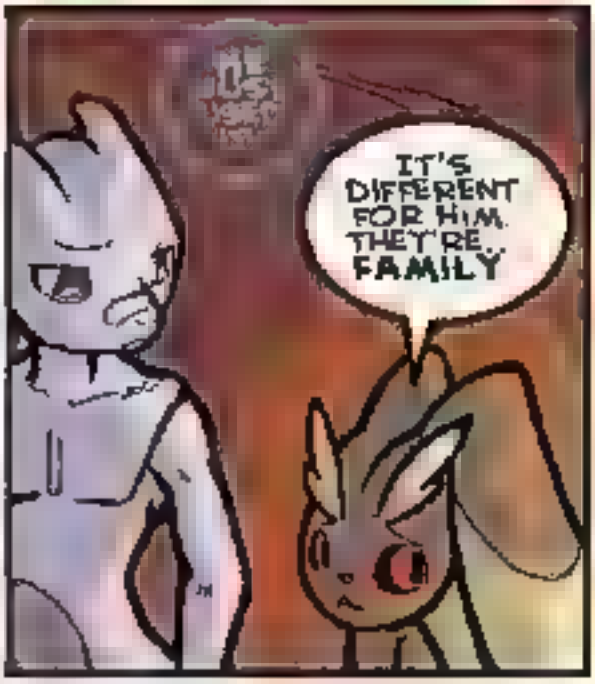
EHEHEH... SORRY
I GET REALLY EXCITED.
BUT-- COME ON, SPILL THE GUMMIS! PLEASE?


WELL-- DESTINY TOWER IS ONE OF THE PLACES THAT YOU CALL "MYSTERY DUNGEONS".
--HUMANS MADE MOST OF THEM LONG AGO, BEFORE WE WERE POKEMON.
BEFORE WHAT?
WHAT

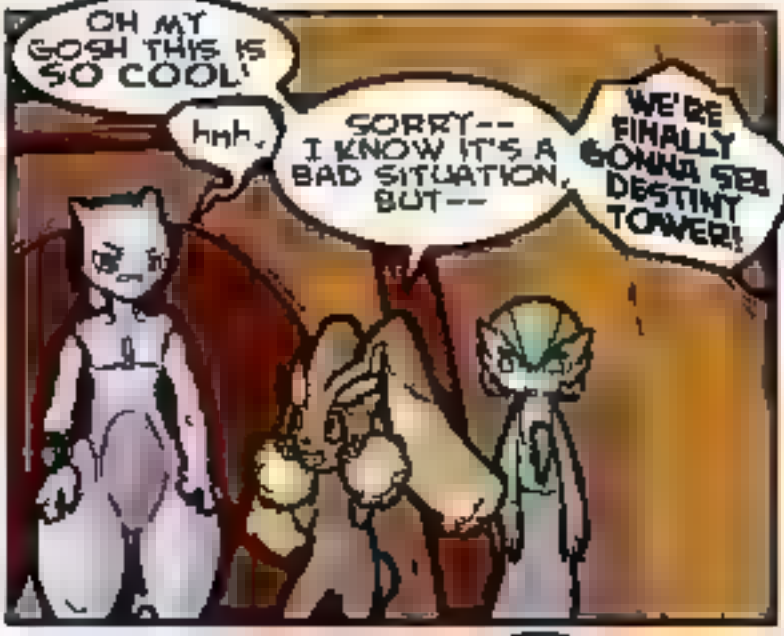
HUMANS NAMED US POKEMON WHEN THEY MADE THE POKEBALLS.
BEFORE THAT, WE WERE


THEN HUMANS BUILT DESTINY TOWER?
NO... THAT ONE'S SPECIAL. YOU COULDN'T FIND IT BECAUSE ONE OF US HAS TO CALL IT TO LIFE FIRST...
IT WAS MADE BY MY-- MOTHER? FATHER? NO... WELL--
IS WHO I MEAN.

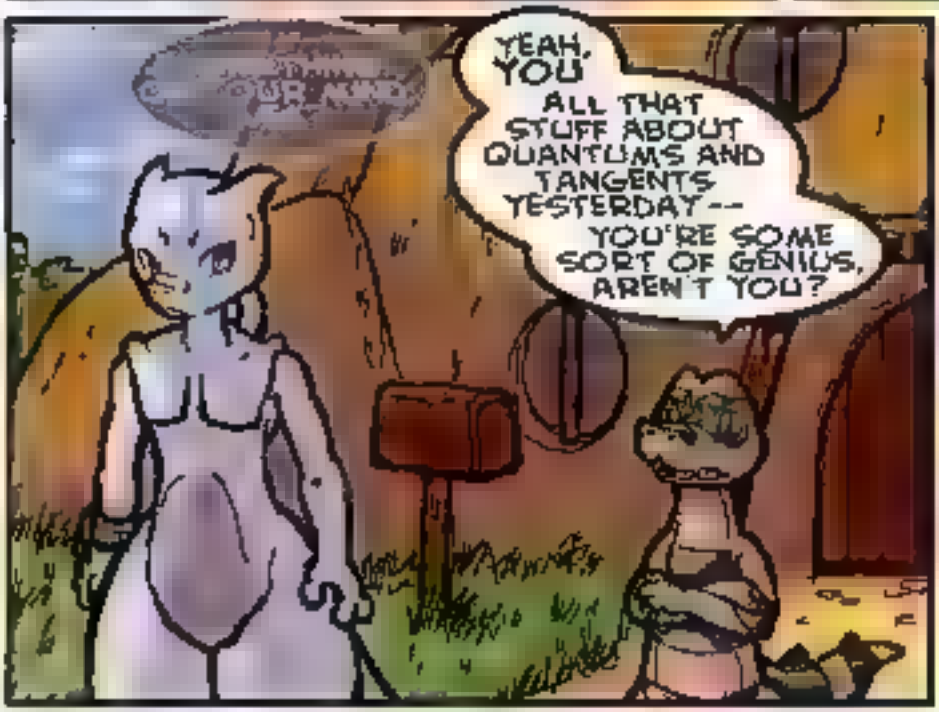
"arr kah..."?
NO! JUST SAY "THE ORIGINAL ONE".
WE DON'T USE THAT NAME

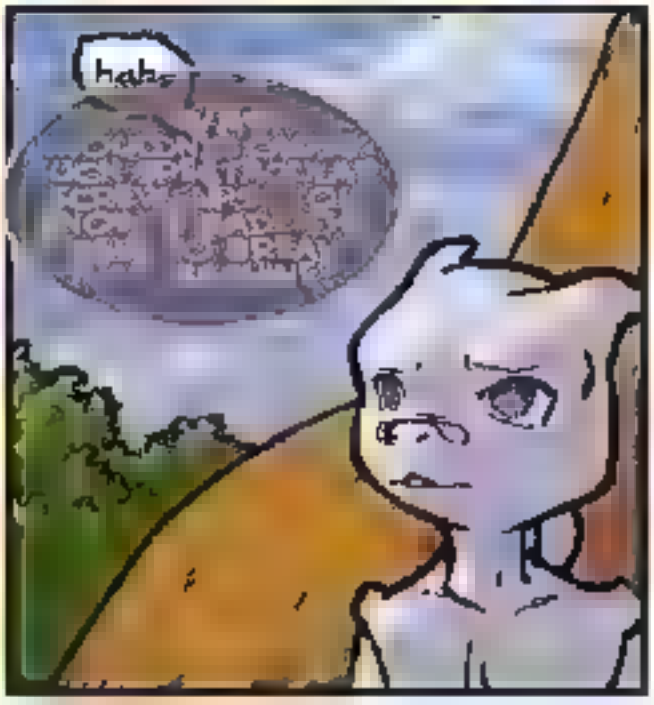

IT'S DIFFERENT FOR HIM. THEY'RE... FAMILY

DARKRAI, IF WE SENT A GROUP BACK THERE, COULD YOU REVEAL THE TOWER?
YES... I THINK SO. BUT GETTING IN MIGHT NOT BE SO EASY...

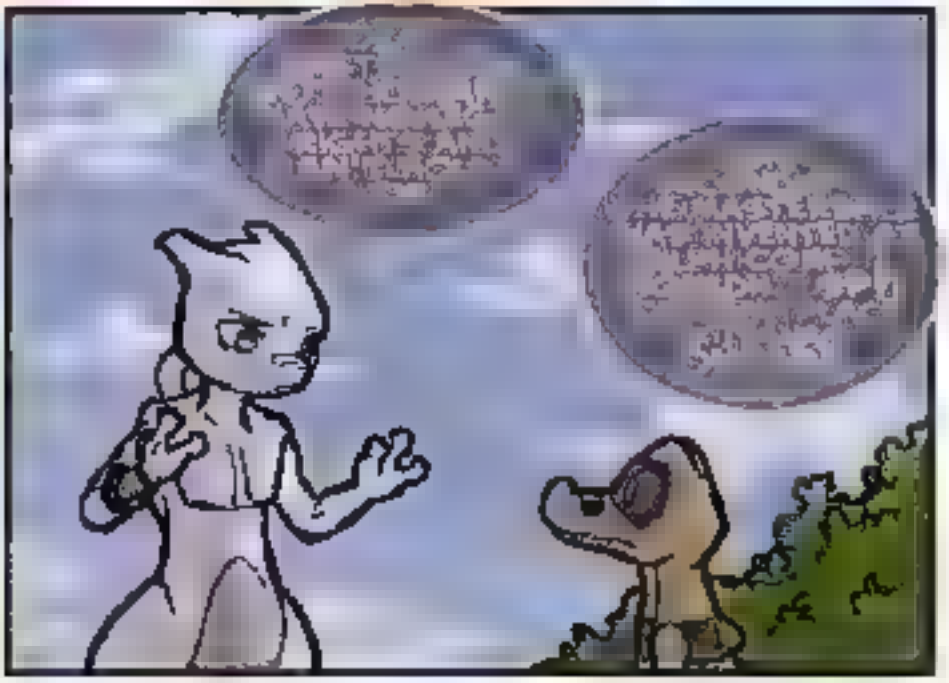

OH MY GOSH THIS IS SO COOL!
hmh.
SORRY-- I KNOW IT'S A BAD SITUATION, BUT--
WE'RE FINALLY GONNA SEE DESTINY TOWER!

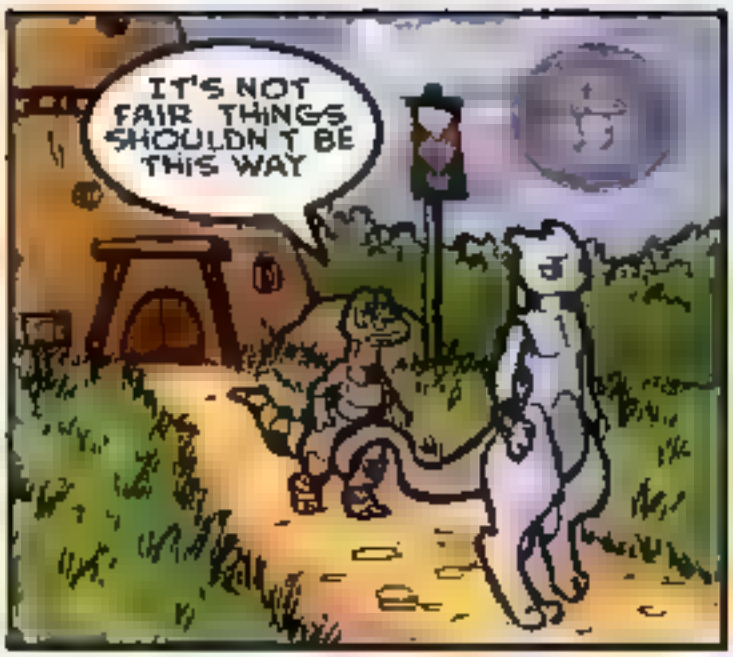
SO FIRST WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHO'S GOING, AND THEN FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH STUFF TO BRING--


YEAH, YOU ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT QUANTUMS AND TANGENTS YESTERDAY-- YOU'RE SOME SORT OF GENIUS, AREN'T YOU?


hah.

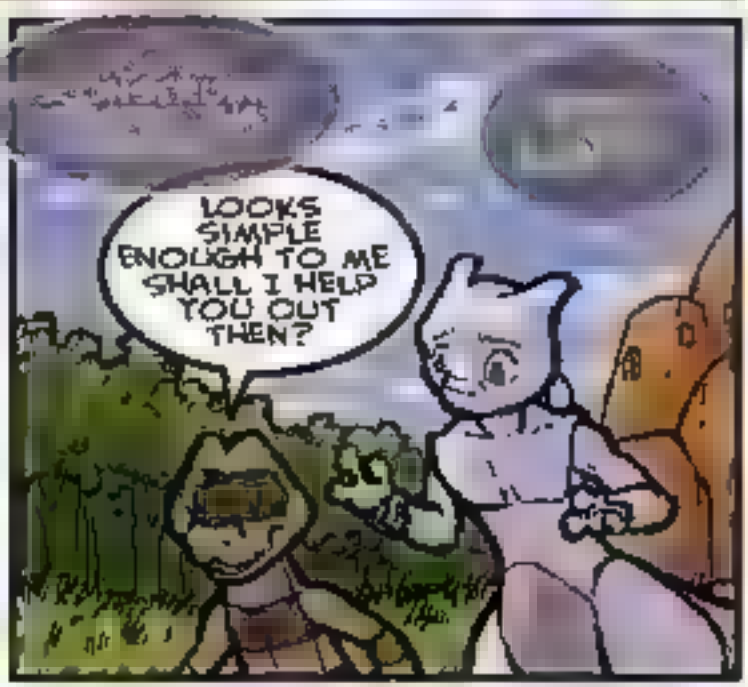
I'M SERIOUS MIND LIKE YOURS, YOU SHOULD BE BUILDING SPACESHIPS FOR SILPH OR SOMETHING--




IT'S NOT FAIR. THINGS SHOULDN'T BE THIS WAY

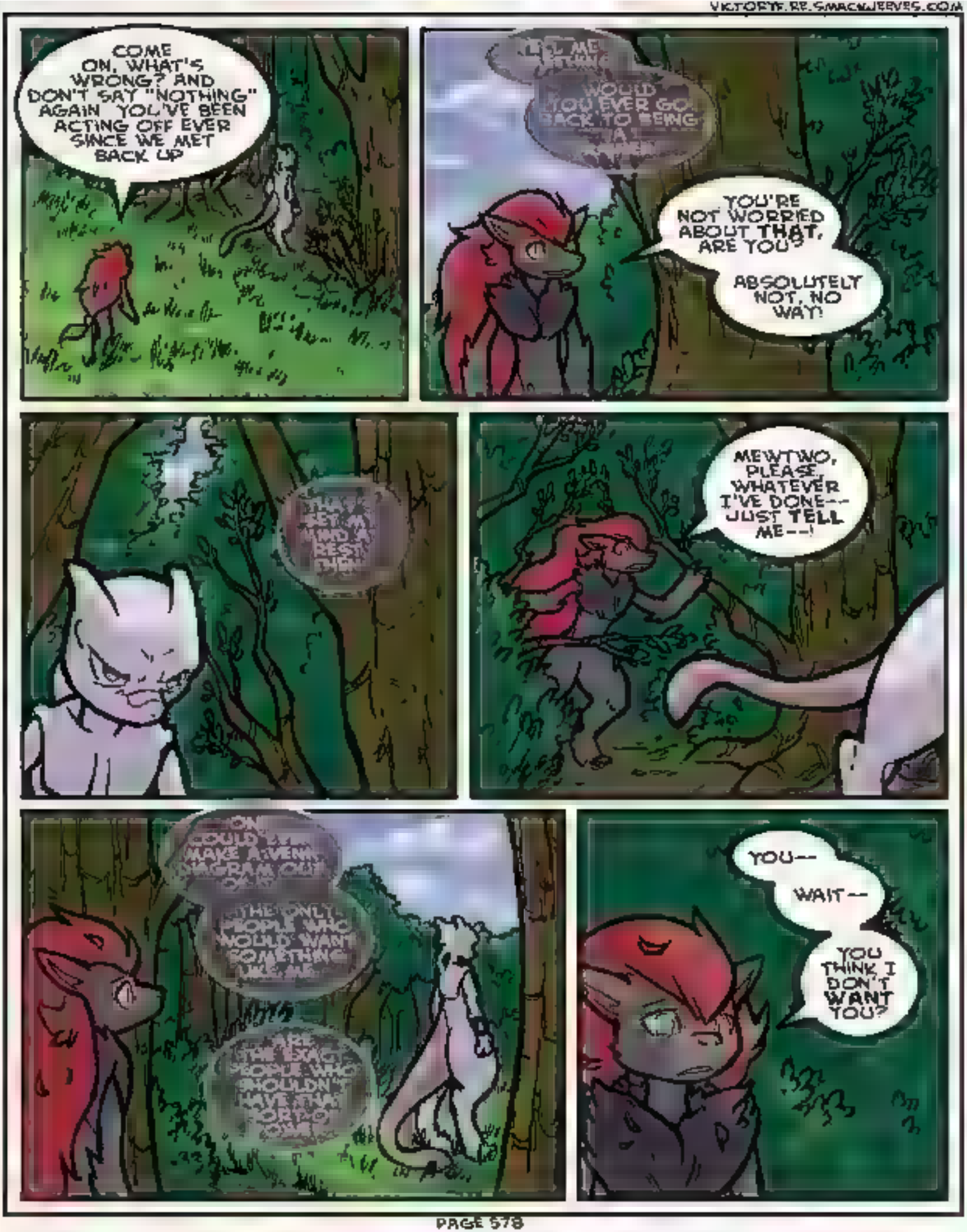
ANOTHER QUESTION, THEN WHEN ARE YOU GONNA TELL HIM?

ALL THOSE BRAINS, AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? COME ON, MATE.
I SEE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT HIM WHEN HE'S LOOKING THE OTHER WAY. I GET LOOKS LIKE THAT OFF MY TWO

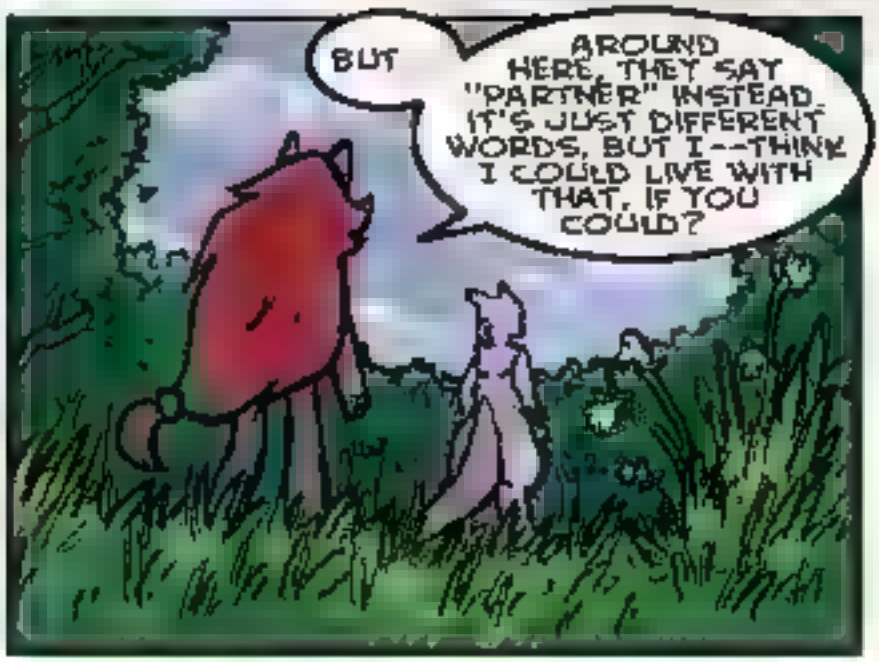

LOOKS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO ME. SHALL I HELP YOU OUT THEN?

OI, N!
GOT A MINUTE? BOSS KITTY WANTS TO TALK TO YOU

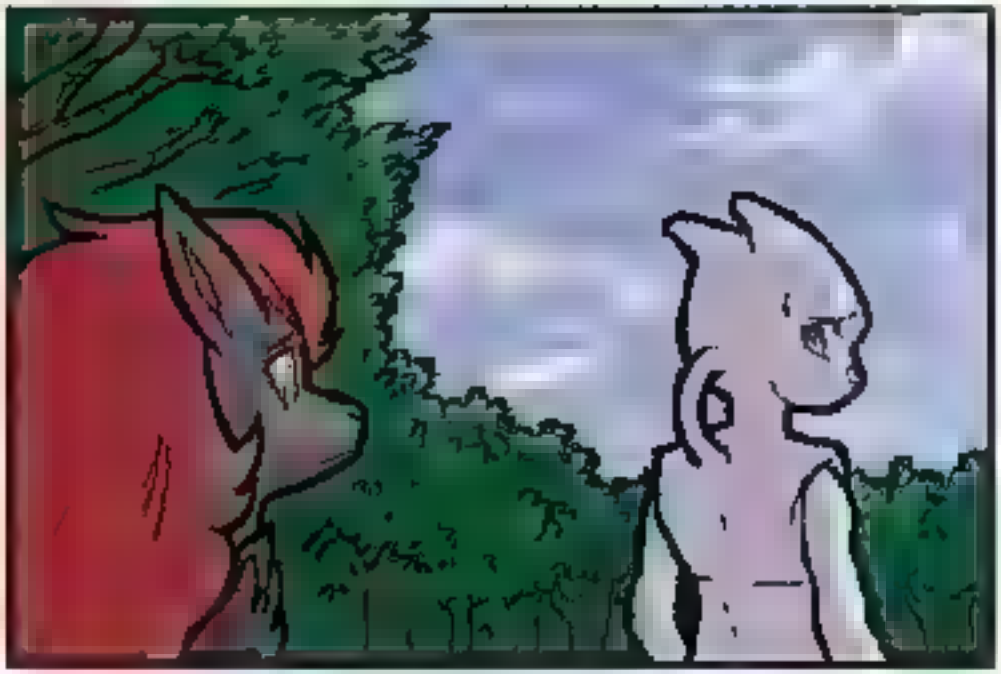
THERE YOU GO. HE'S COMING OVER NOW YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT


COME ON, WHAT'S WRONG? AND DON'T SAY "NOTHING" AGAIN YOU'VE BEEN ACTING OFF EVER SINCE WE MET BACK UP
WOULD YOU EVER GO BACK TO BEING A
YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT, ARE YOU?
ABSOLUTELY NOT, NO WAY!
MEWTWO, PLEASE, WHATEVER I'VE DONE-- JUST TELL ME--!
ON COULD MAKE A VENN DIAGRAM OUT OF
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WOULD WANT SOMETHING LIKE ME
ARE THE EXACT PEOPLE WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE THE OPTION
YOU--
WAIT--
YOU THINK I DON'T WANT YOU?

IT'S TRUE THAT I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE YOUR TRAINER
I RESPECT YOU TOO MUCH TO CALL MYSELF ANYTHING SO ARROGANT


BUT
AROUND HERE, THEY SAY "PARTNER" INSTEAD. IT'S JUST DIFFERENT WORDS, BUT I--THINK I COULD LIVE WITH THAT, IF YOU COULD?

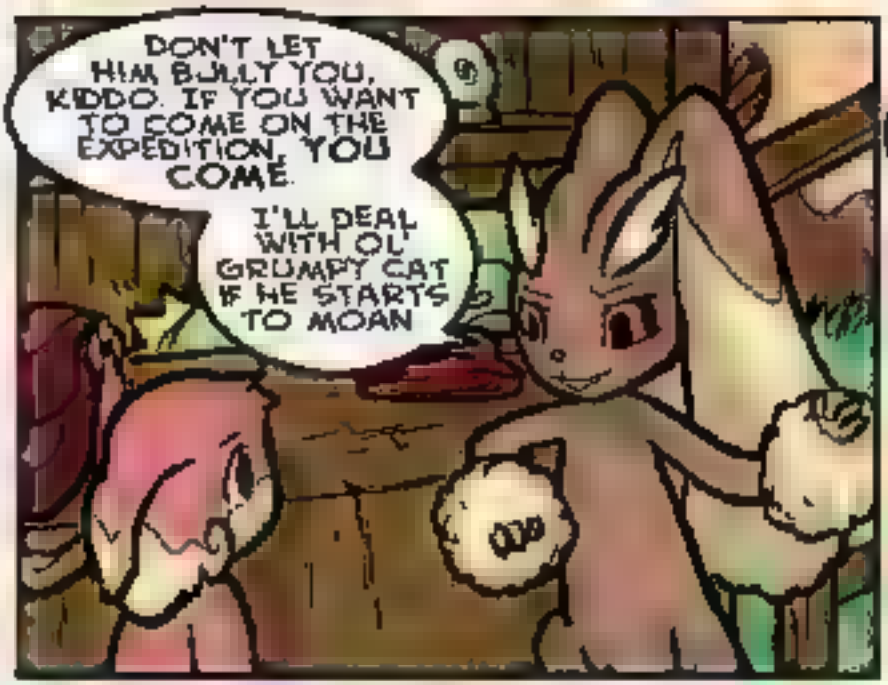
SO, UH...
TRY IT ON FOR SIZE?
"PARDNER"?
AHEHEH...

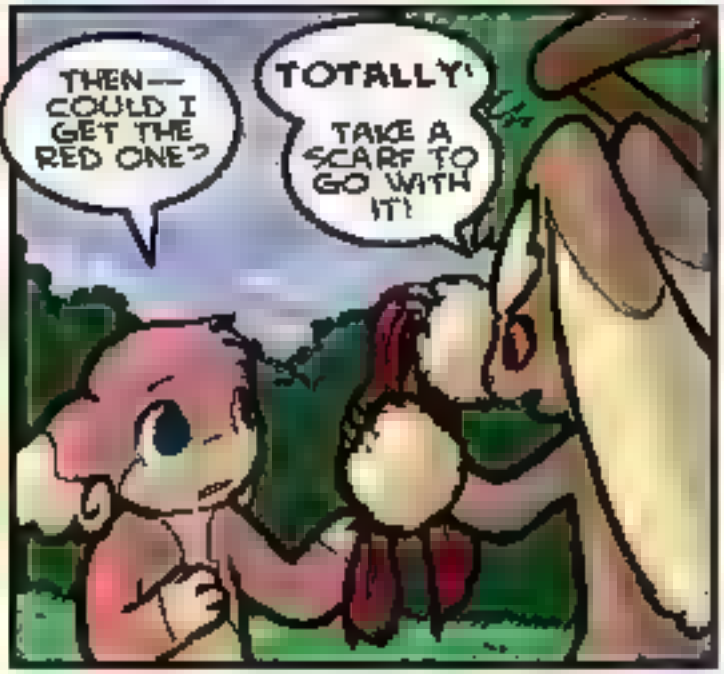


I WON'T. YOU KNOW I WON'T!

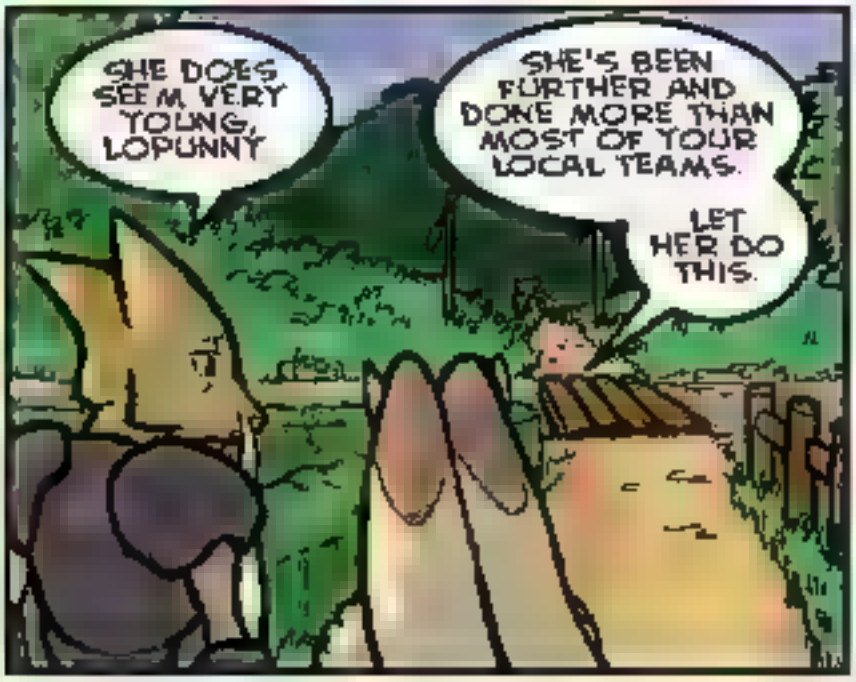
SO, WHICH ONE'S IT GONNA BE?

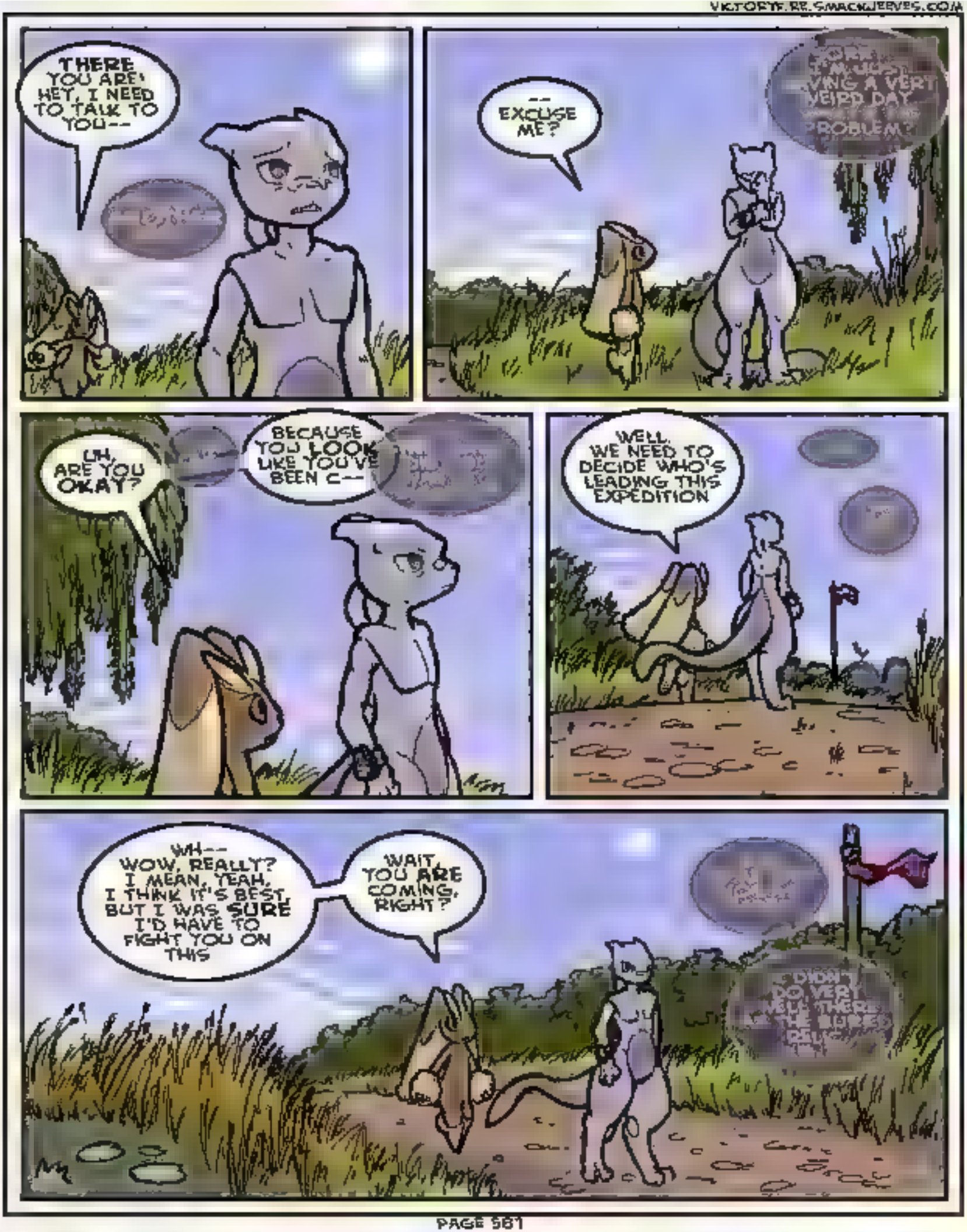
THEY'RE ALL NICE BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD PICK.
BUT IT'S FOR YOUR TEAM!
WELL, I DON'T THINK MEWTWO'S GONNA LET ME COME THIS TIME

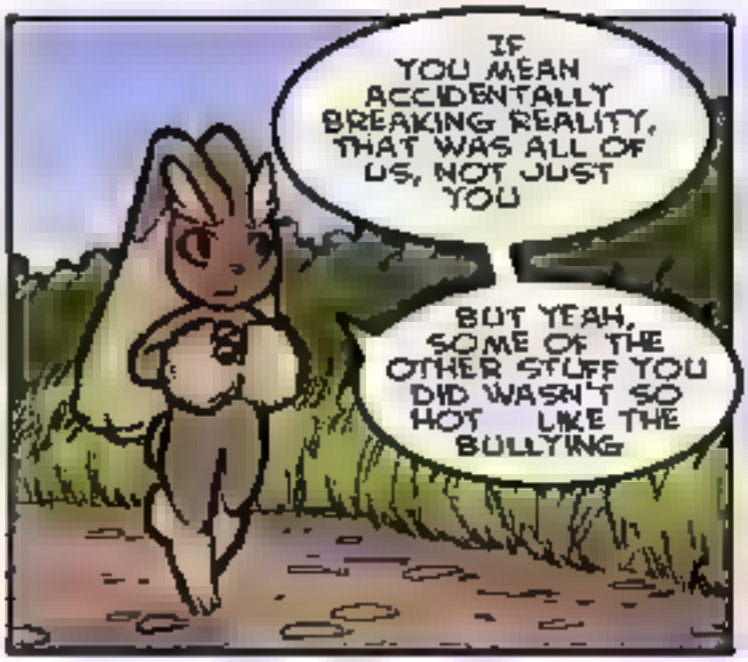

DON'T LET HIM BULLY YOU, KIDDO. IF YOU WANT TO COME ON THE EXPEDITION, YOU COME.
I'LL DEAL WITH OL' GRUMPY CAT IF HE STARTS TO MOAN

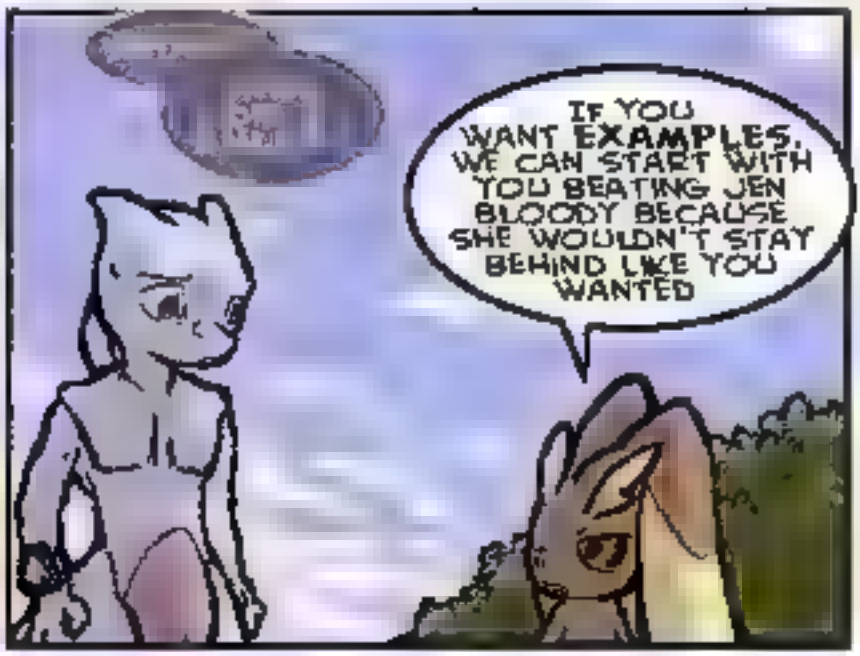

THEN— COULD I GET THE RED ONE?
TOTALLY!
TAKE A SCARF TO GO WITH IT!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
TEAM CHARM'S TREAT


SHE DOES SEEM VERY YOUNG, LOPUNNY
SHE'S BEEN FURTHER AND DONE MORE THAN MOST OF YOUR LOCAL TEAMS.
LET HER DO THIS.

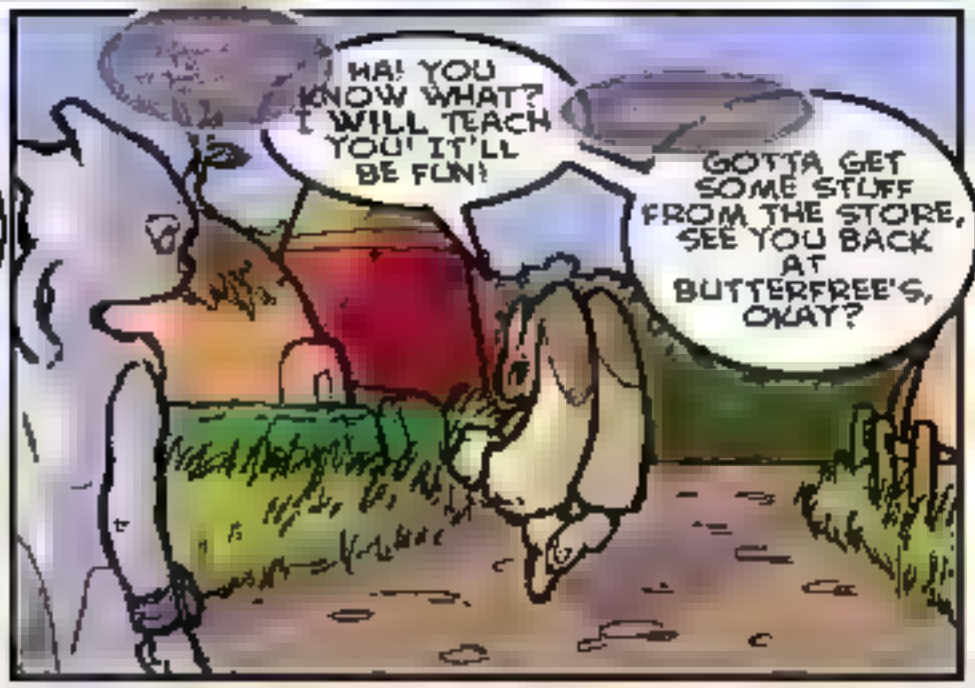

THERE YOU ARE! HEY, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU--
--EXCUSE ME?
I'M JUST HAVING A VERY WEIRD DAY. PROBLEM?
UH, ARE YOU OKAY?
BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN C--
WELL, WE NEED TO DECIDE WHO'S LEADING THIS EXPEDITION
WH-- WOW, REALLY? I MEAN, YEAH, I THINK IT'S BEST, BUT I WAS SURE I'D HAVE TO FIGHT YOU ON THIS
WAIT, YOU ARE COMING, RIGHT?


IF YOU MEAN ACCIDENTALLY BREAKING REALITY, THAT WAS ALL OF US, NOT JUST YOU
BUT YEAH, SOME OF THE OTHER STUFF YOU DID WASN'T SO HOT LIKE THE BULLYING


IF YOU WANT EXAMPLES, WE CAN START WITH YOU BEATING JEN BLOODY BECAUSE SHE WOULDN'T STAY BEHIND LIKE YOU WANTED

IT WAS, MEWTWO, AND YOU KNOW IT YOU WERE TAKING IT OUT ON HER

WELL, NOW I FEEL LIKE A JERK. LOOK, DO YOU WANT TO BE A TEAM LEADER?
BECAUSE I COULD PROBABLY TEACH YOU


HA! YOU KNOW WHAT? I WILL TEACH YOU! IT'LL BE FUN!
GOTTA GET SOME STUFF FROM THE STORE, SEE YOU BACK AT BUTTERFREE'S, OKAY?

ARE THESE SEEDS FOR EATING, OR ?

YEAH, TOTALLY, TRY ONE.

DON'T, KID NOT INSIDE, ANYWAY

LI'L BIT OF BAD NEWS-- TEAM A.C.T. AREN'T COMING

WITH VICTINI STILL AT LARGE, THEY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE UNDEFENDED, SO YEAH

N AND WES, AS AGREED, WILL ALSO STAY TO KEEP AN EYE ON-- UH, THINGS.

YEAH, GREAT, I LOVE BABY-SITTING.

WE'LL WORK AS TWO GROUPS. GROUP ONE IS TEAM CHARM-- THAT'S US.

GROUP TWO WILL BE TEAM MEANIES-- THAT'S DARKRAI, JEN, AND GENGAR AS GROUP LEADER

TEAM WHAT?

LONG STORY.

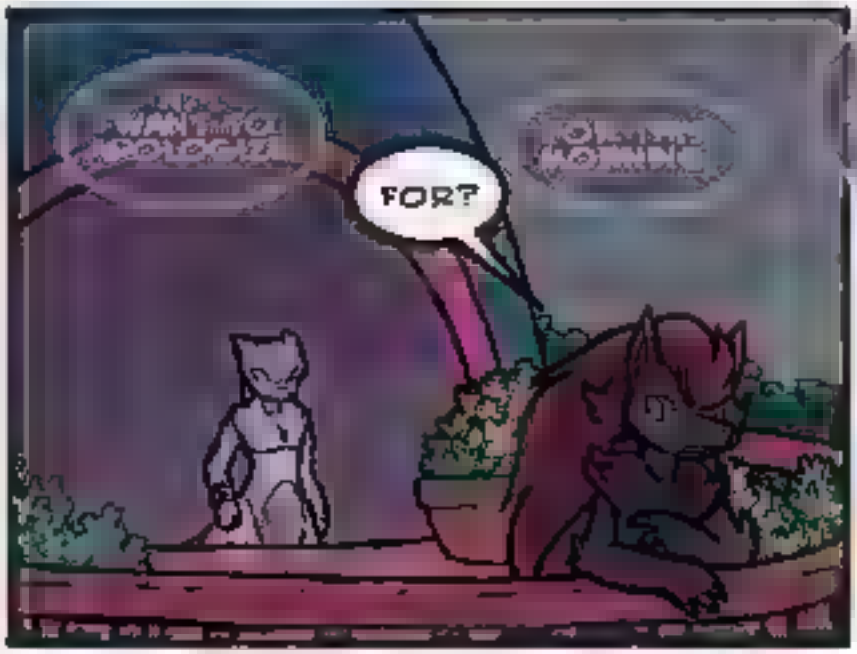
HEE HEE HEE

MEWTWO, YOU STICK WITH THE MEANIES. YOU AND GARDEVOIR ARE BOTH TELEPATHS, SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP US IN TOUCH IF WE GET SPLIT UP. COOL?

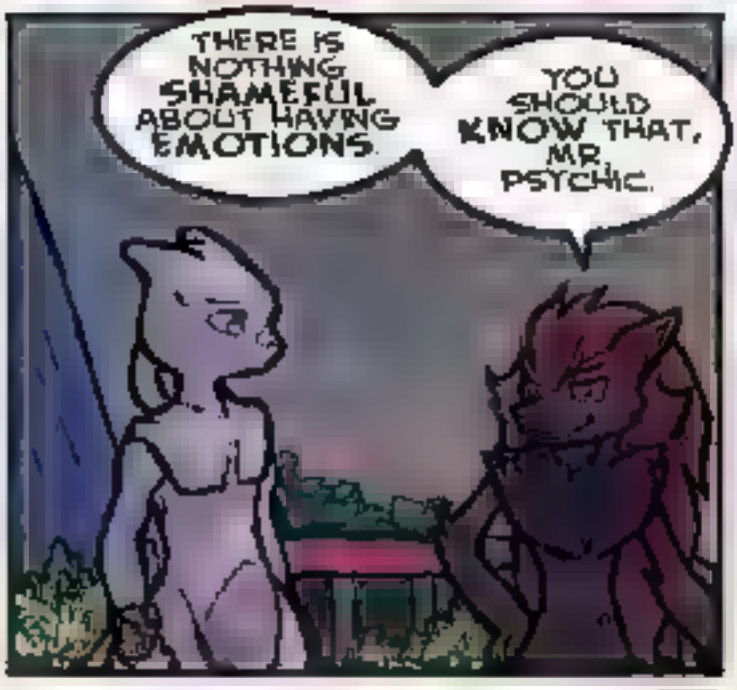
COOL. TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE OTHER STUFF LATER.

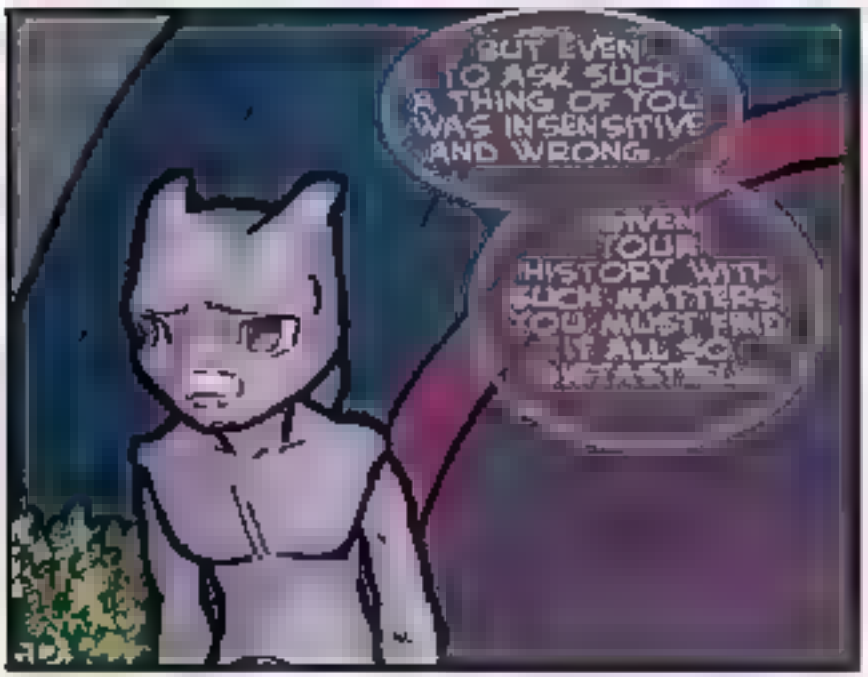
SO--AS YOUR EXPEDITION LEADER, I AM ORDERING EVERYONE TO TURN IN EARLY TONIGHT

BECAUSE AT DAWN, WE'RE HEADED FOR DESTINY TOWER!


I WANT TWO POKEMON
FOR?
OH MY MOMMY

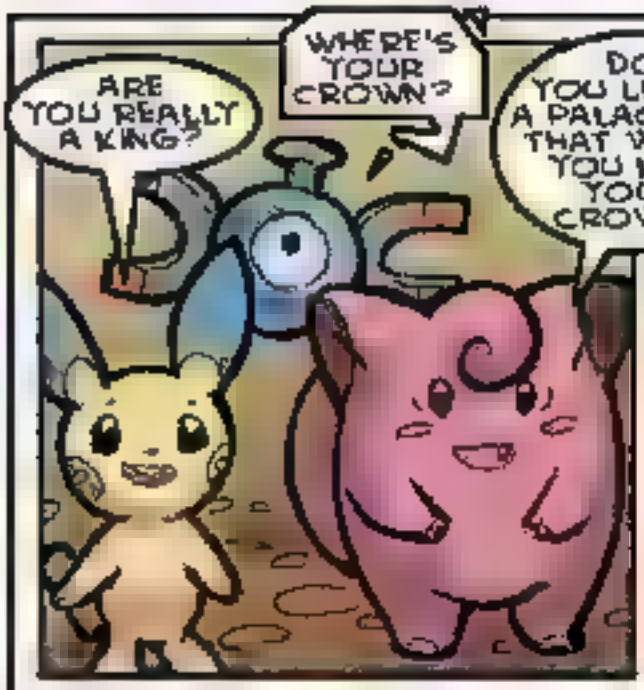
COMPLETELY LOST MY COMPOSURE SHAMEFUL CONDUCT--
OHH, BOY..


THERE IS NOTHING SHAMEFUL ABOUT HAVING EMOTIONS.
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT, MR. PSYCHIC.


BUT EVEN TO ASK SUCH A THING OF YOU WAS INSENSITIVE AND WRONG..
GIVEN YOUR HISTORY WITH SUCH MATTERS, YOU MUST FIND IT ALL SO INTRUSIVE.

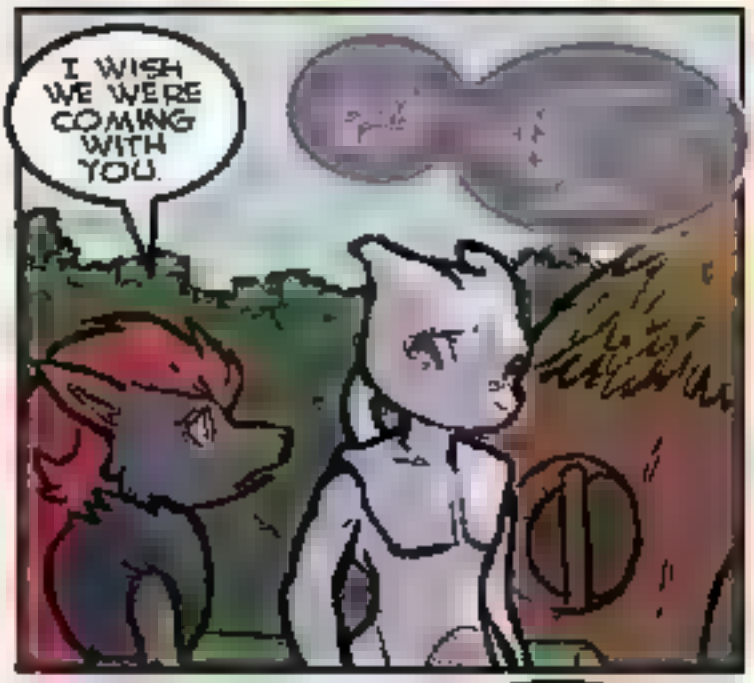
DO YOU EVER LISTEN TO YOURSELF?
THE MOST POWERFUL PSYCHIC IN THE WORLD WANTS TO BE MY POKEMON -- AND I'M THE ONE GETTING A RAW DEAL?

I ONLY HESITATE BECAUSE YOU DESERVE SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME

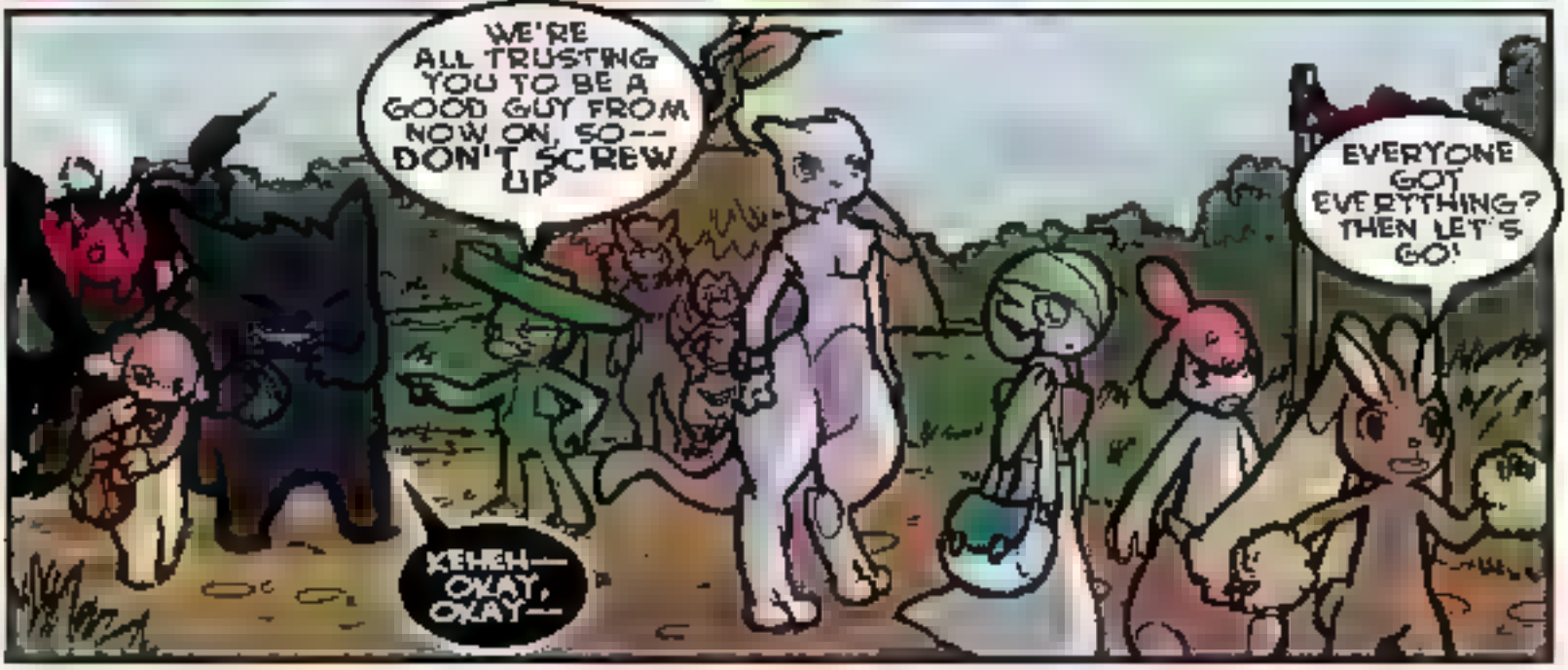

ARE YOU REALLY A KING?
WHERE'S YOUR CROWN?
DO YOU LIVE IN A PALACE? IS THAT WHERE YOU KEEP YOUR CROWN?

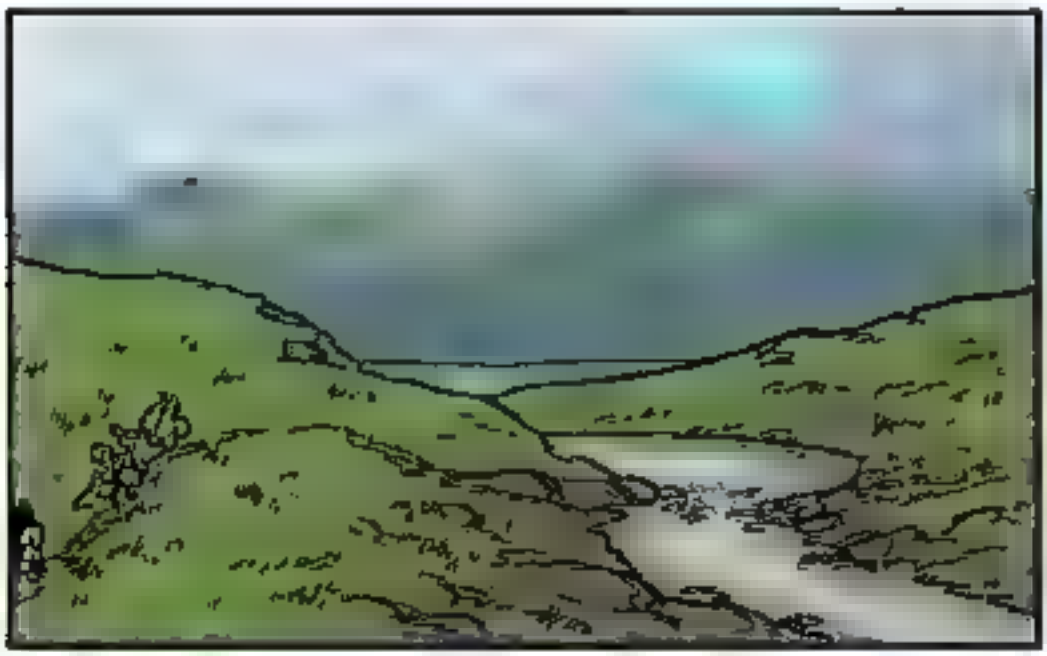
HAVE YOU GOT A GIRLFRIEND?

HELP.
CHILDREN, DON'T TEASE HIM.

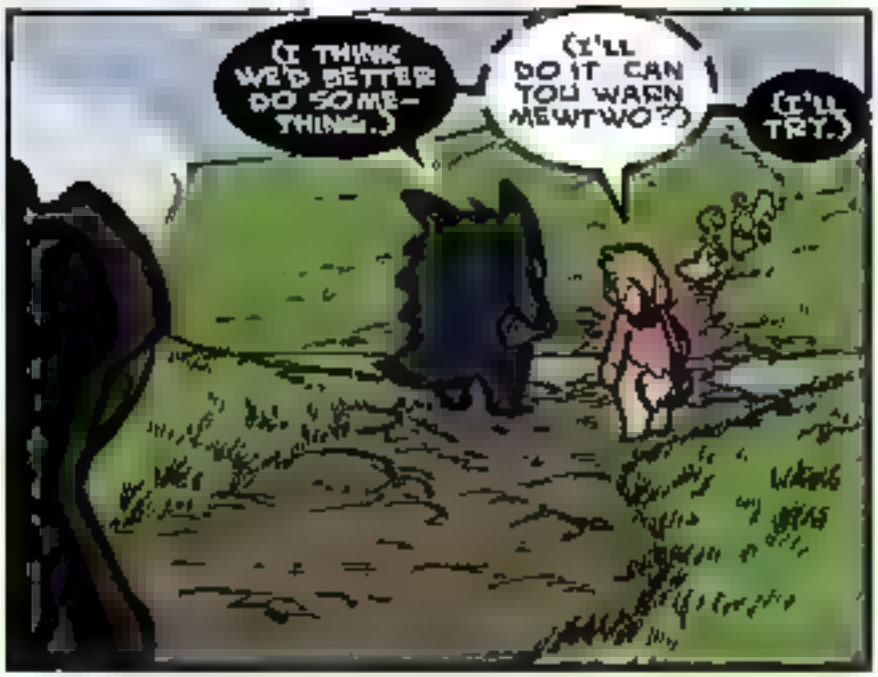

I WISH WE WERE COMING WITH YOU.

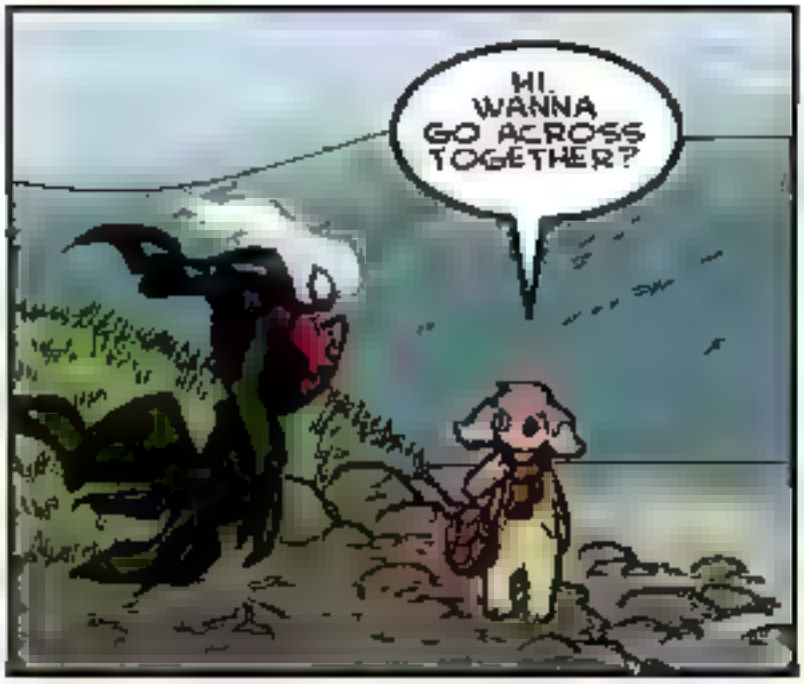
HEY, GENGAR A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOUR TEAM.
OH--! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO --
I KNOW, BUT I WANTED TO.


WE'RE ALL TRUSTING YOU TO BE A GOOD GUY FROM NOW ON, SO-- DON'T SCREW UP
KEHEH-- OKAY, OKAY--
EVERYONE GOT EVERYTHING? THEN LET'S GO!

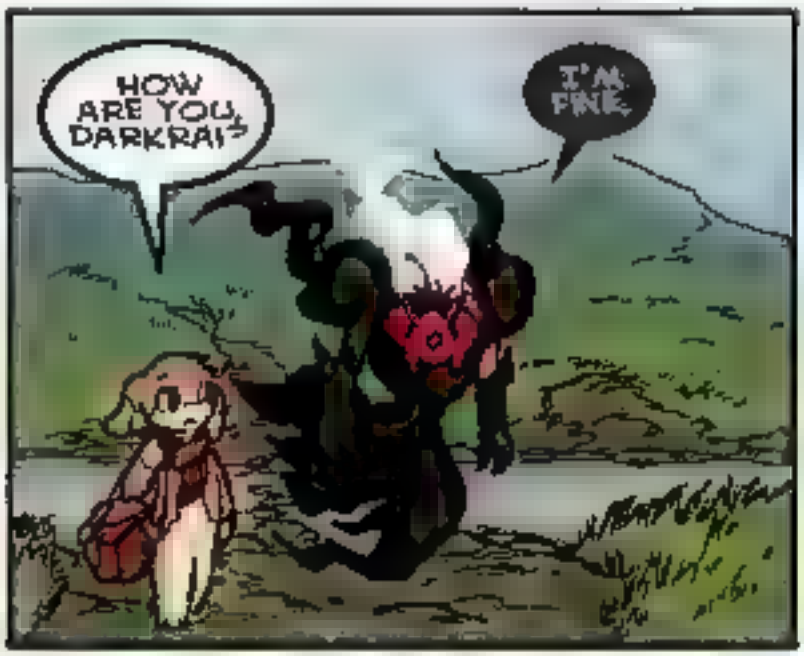


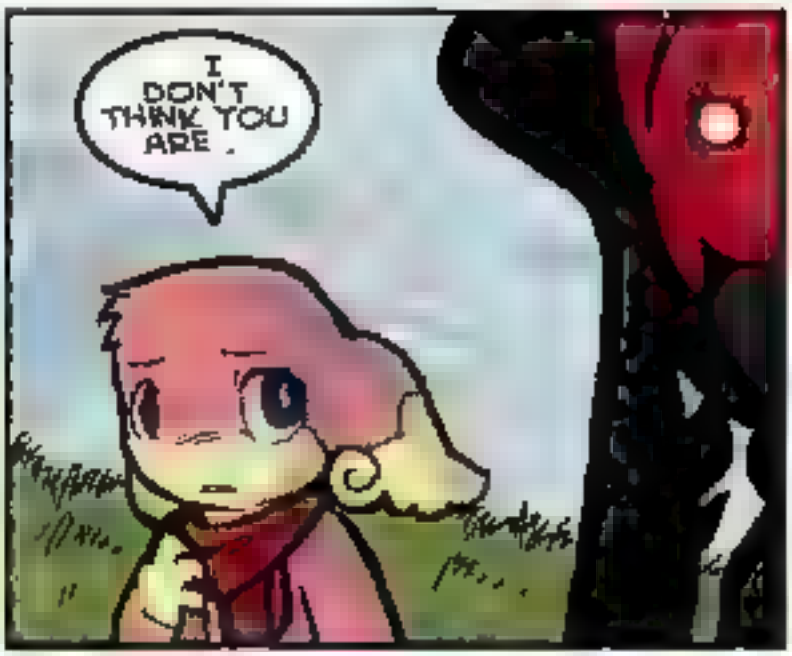
(YOU KEEP LOOKING BACK... IS HE --?)
(YEAH....)


(I THINK WE'D BETTER DO SOMETHING.)
(I'LL DO IT. CAN YOU WARN MEWTWO?)
(I'LL TRY.)

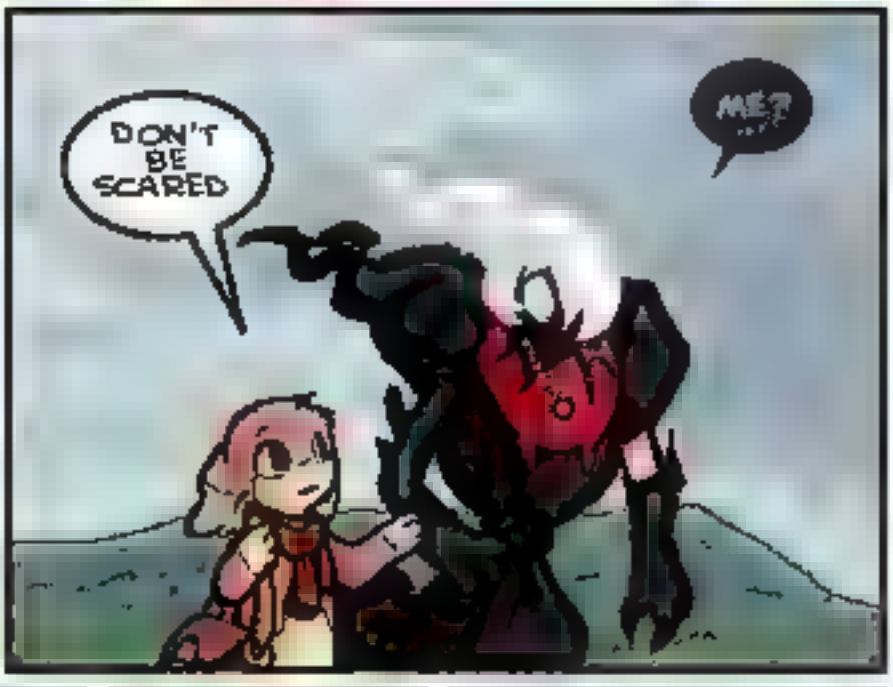

HI. WANNA GO ACROSS TOGETHER?

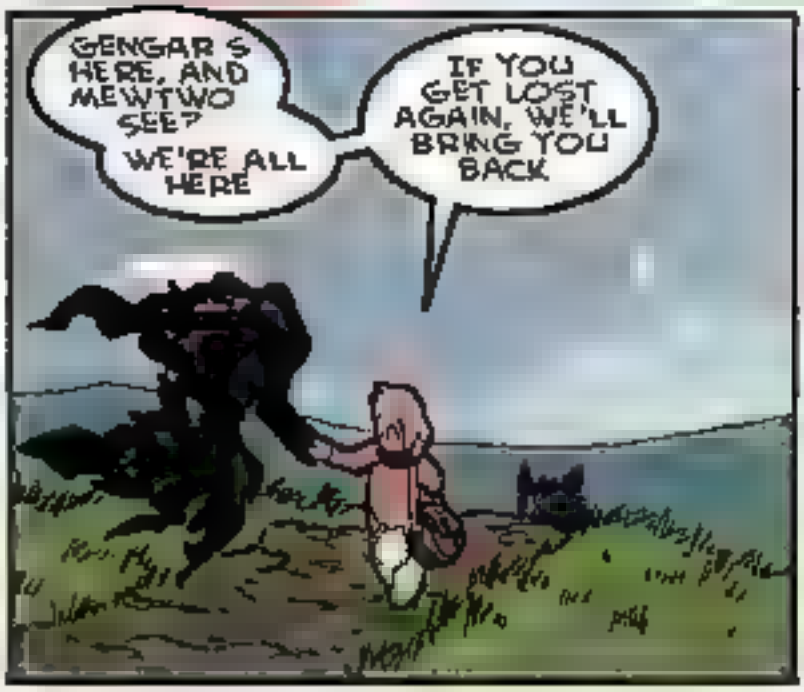
UH MEWTWO? CAN YOU HEAR M--?
BUT LET'S SEE HOW SHE HANDLES IT FIRST.

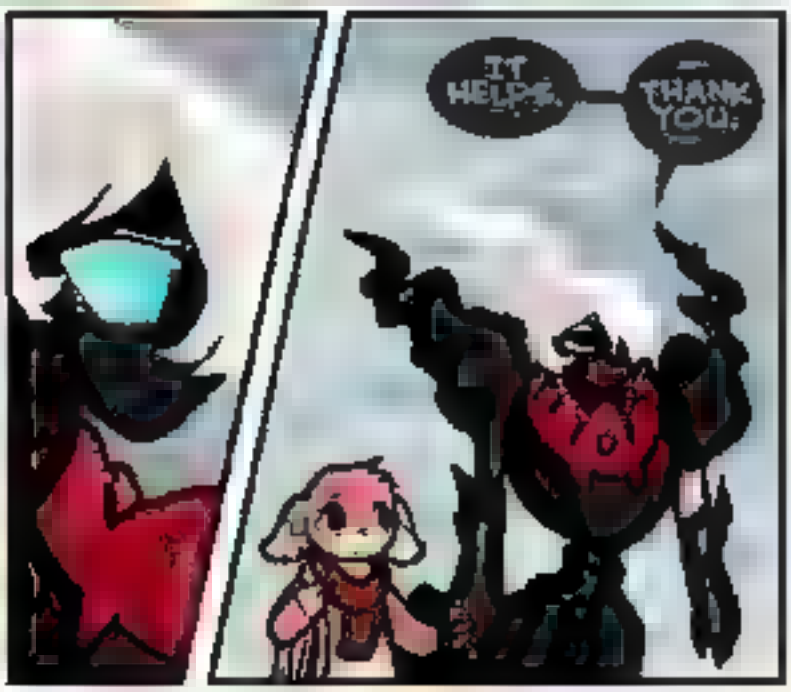

HOW ARE YOU, DARKRAI?
I'M FINE.


I DON'T THINK YOU ARE.

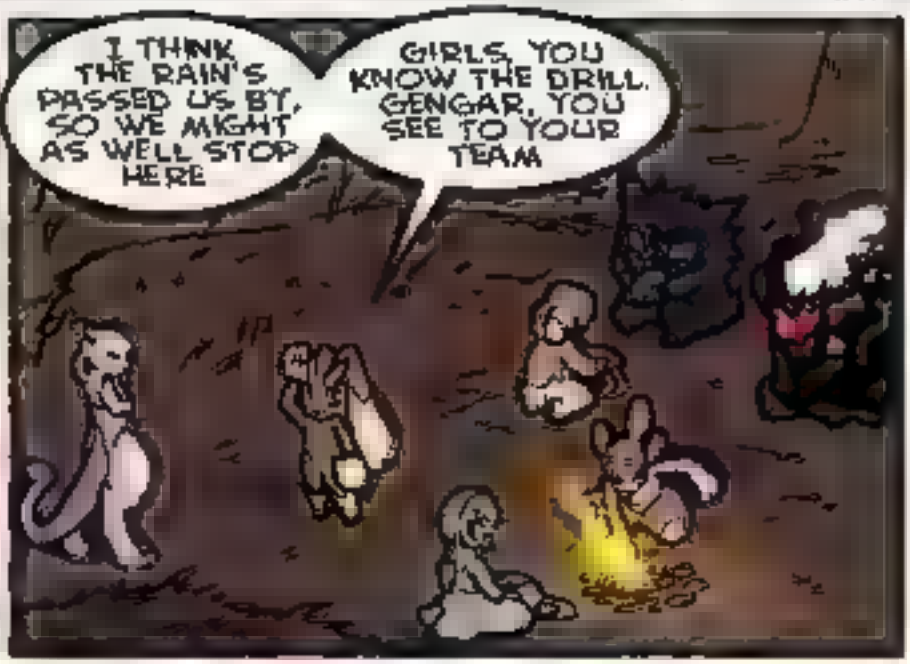
...MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO CLOSE TO ME RIGHT ...NOW.

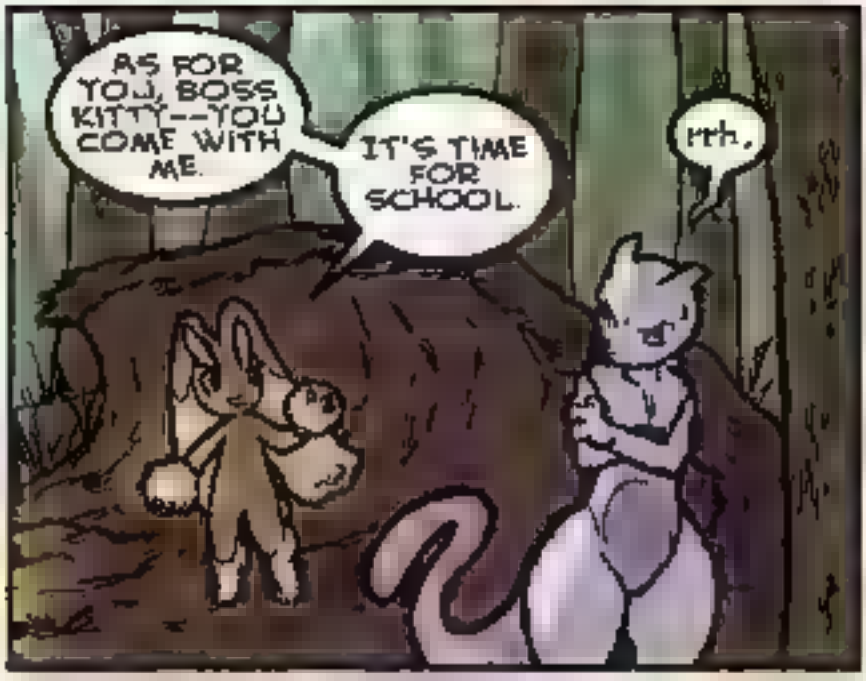

DON'T BE SCARED
ME?

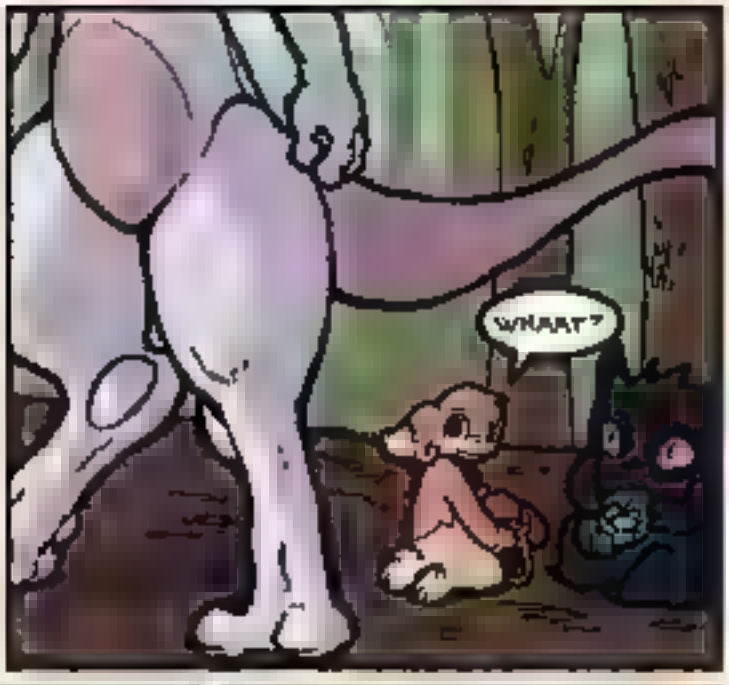

GENGAR'S HERE, AND MEWTWO SEE? WE'RE ALL HERE
IF YOU GET LOST AGAIN, WE'LL BRING YOU BACK


IT HELPS.
THANK YOU.

AH, THE STRAGGLERS! WHAT TIME D'YOU CALL THIS?
WE WERE THREE STEPS BEHIND YOU.


I THINK THE RAIN'S PASSED US BY, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL STOP HERE
GIRLS, YOU KNOW THE DRILL. GENGAR, YOU SEE TO YOUR TEAM

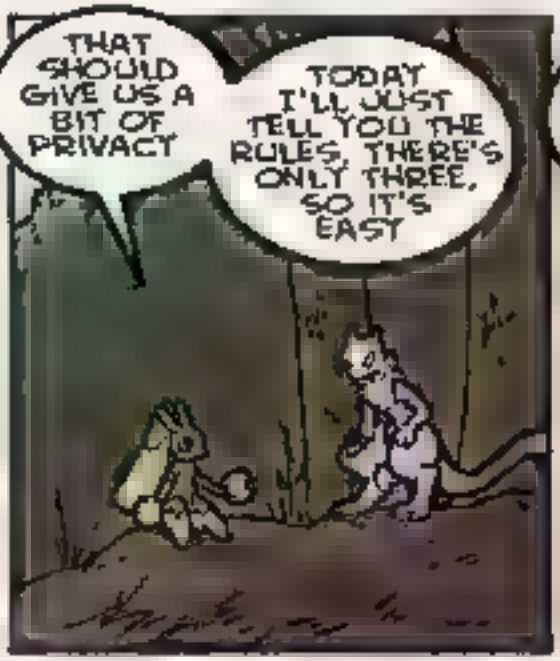

AS FOR YOU, BOSS KITTY--YOU COME WITH ME.
IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL.
rrh.


WHAAT?

WHY DO YOU WINCE WHEN I CALL YOU BOSS KITTY?
BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE IT

SURE YA DO

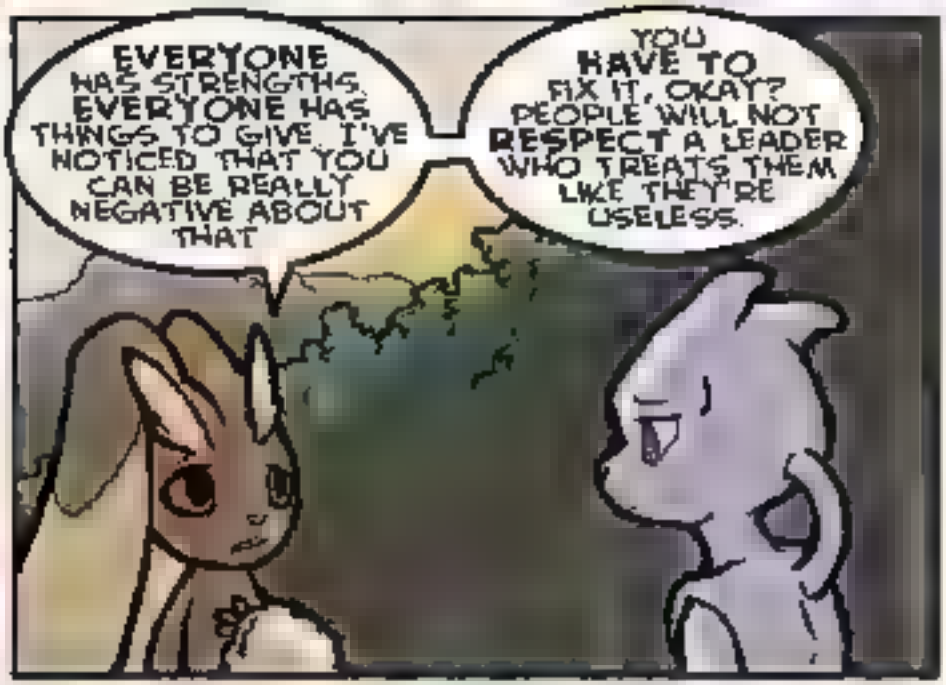
WELL, ONE DAY YOU WILL. I'LL WIN YOU OVER

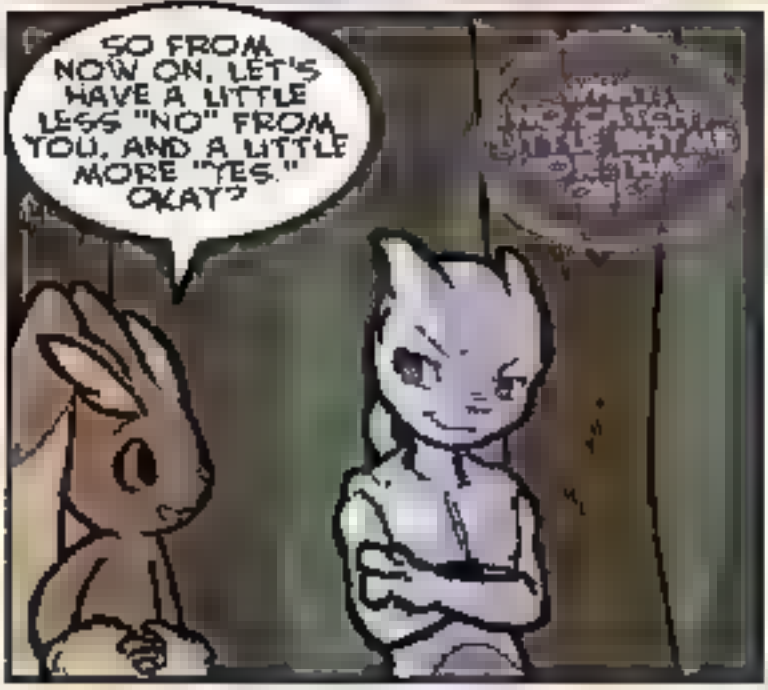

THAT SHOULD GIVE US A BIT OF PRIVACY
TODAY I'LL JUST TELL YOU THE RULES, THERE'S ONLY THREE, SO IT'S EASY

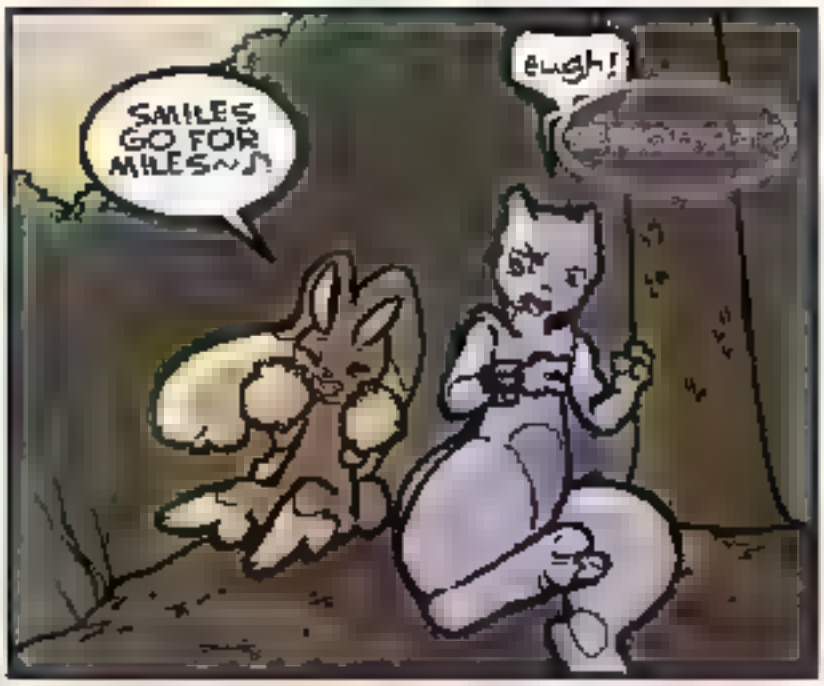
NUMBER ONE: A TEAM LEADER TAKES CARE OF EVERYONE ON THE TEAM
IN SHORT-- DON'T SHIRK WORK!

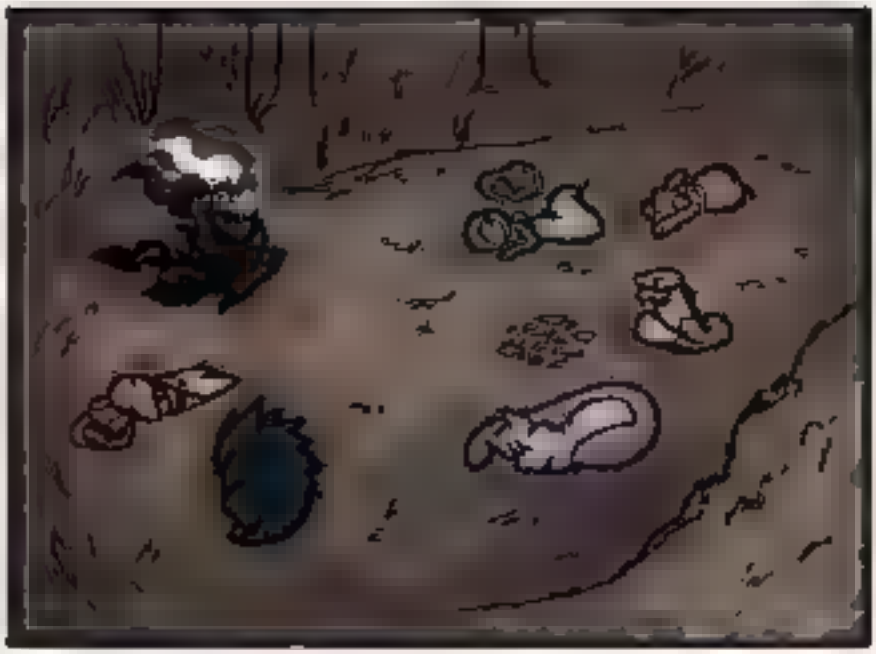
NUMBER TWO: TEAM LEADER STAYS WITH THE TEAM. NO MORE HOTSHOT HERO STUFF!
IF YOU RUN AWAY EVERYONE PAYS.

NUMBER THREE!
THIS IS THE REALLY IMPORTANT ONE FOR YOU, SO LISTEN UP!

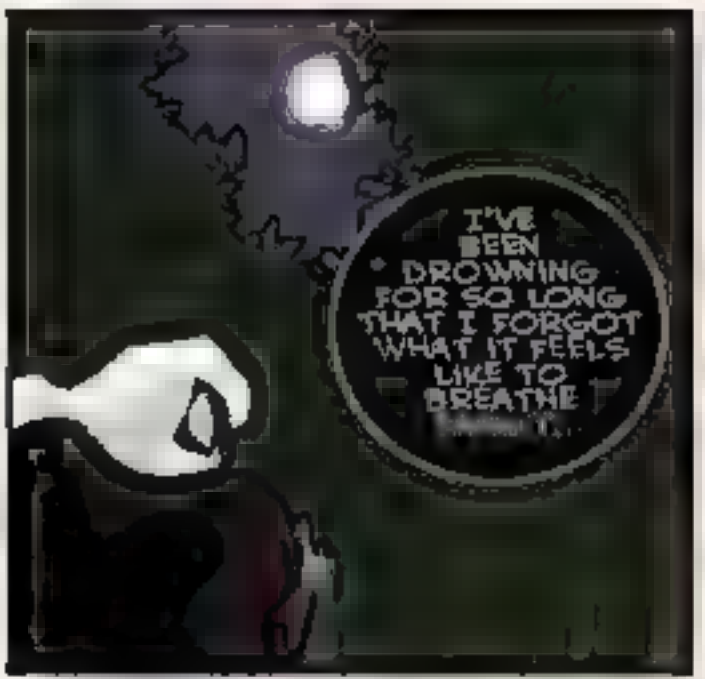

EVERYONE HAS STRENGTHS. EVERYONE HAS THINGS TO GIVE. I'VE NOTICED THAT YOU CAN BE REALLY NEGATIVE ABOUT THAT
YOU HAVE TO FIX IT, OKAY? PEOPLE WILL NOT RESPECT A LEADER WHO TREATS THEM LIKE THEY'RE USELESS.

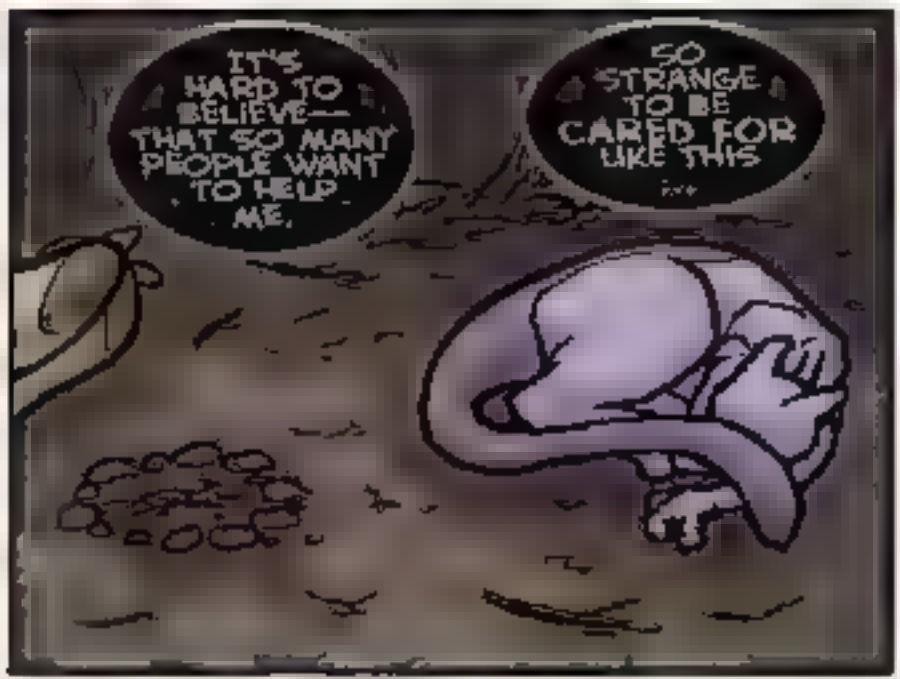

SO FROM NOW ON, LET'S HAVE A LITTLE LESS "NO" FROM YOU, AND A LITTLE MORE "YES." OKAY?


SMILES GO FOR MILES~♪
eugh!



THE MOON IS WANING
MY TIME IS COMING BACK AROUND.


I'VE BEEN DROWNING FOR SO LONG THAT I FORGOT WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BREATHE

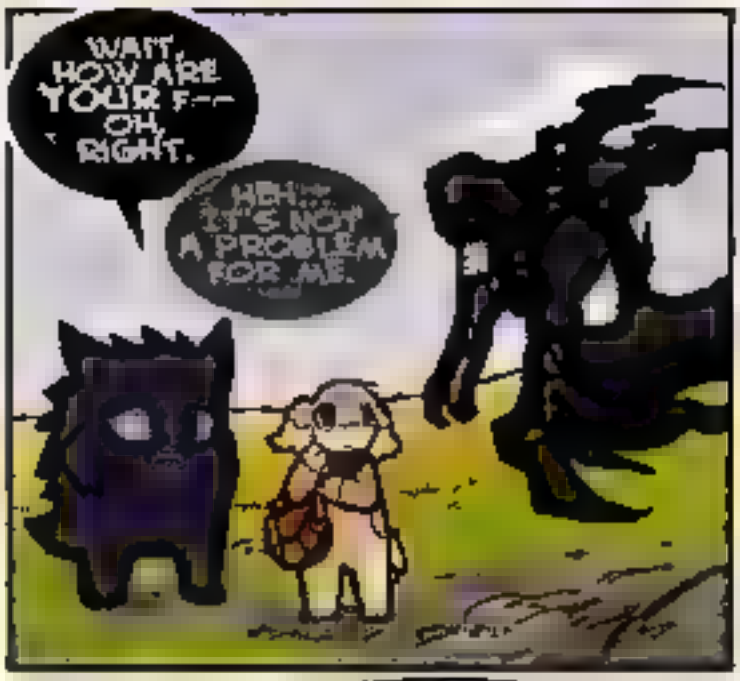

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE— THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WANT TO HELP ME.
SO STRANGE TO BE CARED FOR LIKE THIS

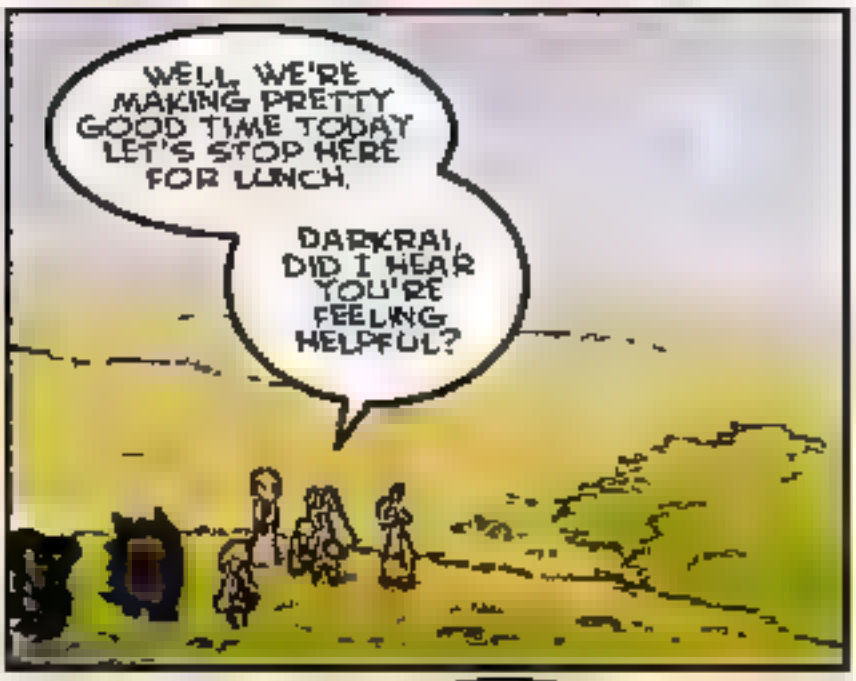
ESPECIALLY FROM YOU, LITTLE ONE.
GET LOST AGAIN, WE'LL BRING YOU BACK."

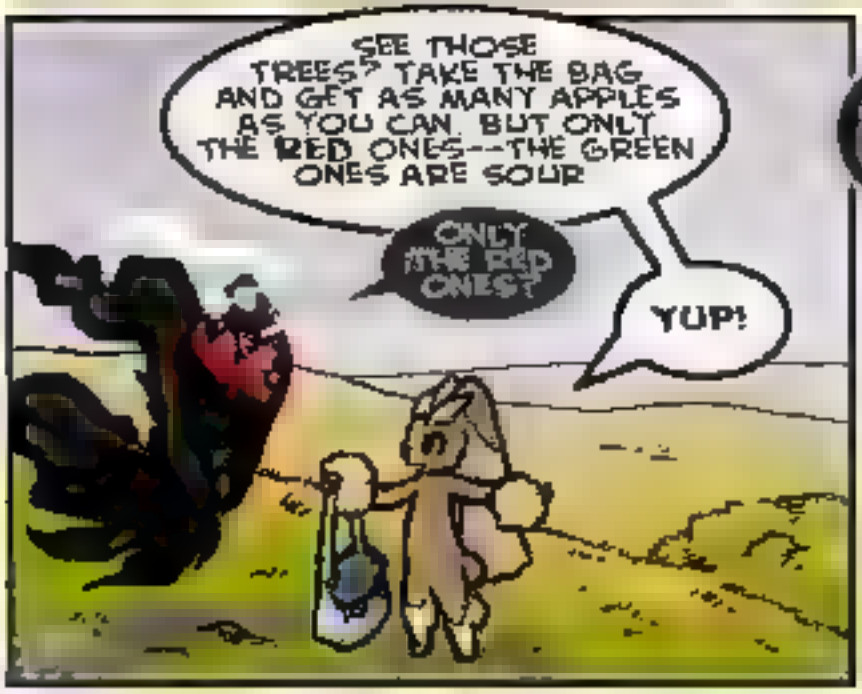
WELL, I WON'T GET I'VE DECIDED.
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO FIGHT.
I KNOW I CAN'T BEAT THIS SICKNESS BY MYSELF, BUT
MAYBE WITH HELP

hff.
WHAT WAS THAT? YOU DIDN'T HURT YOURSELF --?
NO-- I'M JUST A BIT SORE FROM THE WALKING

I COULD PROBABLY CARRY YOU FOR A WHILE. THAT WOULD HELP.

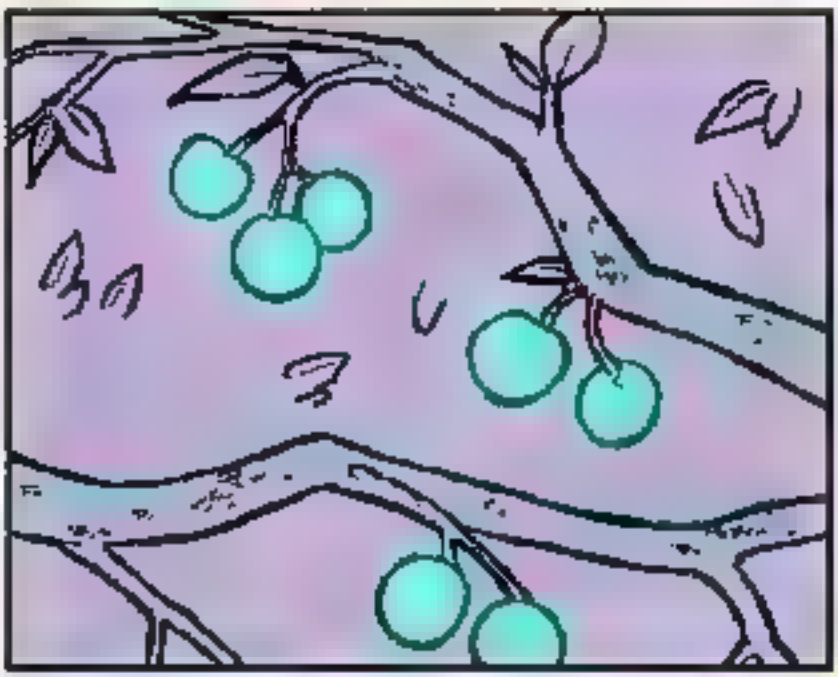

WAIT, HOW ARE YOUR F-- OH, RIGHT.
HEH... IT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR ME.

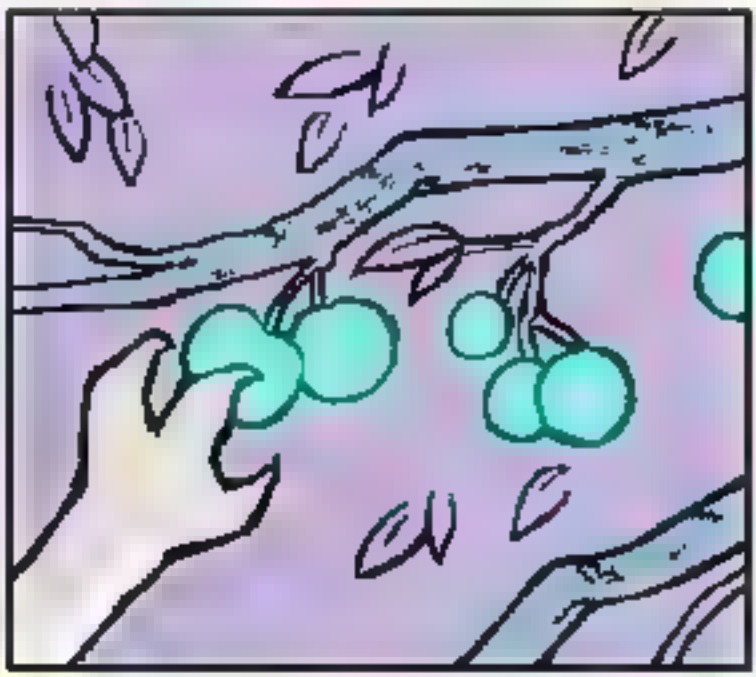

WELL, WE'RE MAKING PRETTY GOOD TIME TODAY. LET'S STOP HERE FOR LUNCH.
DARKRAI, DID I HEAR YOU'RE FEELING HELPFUL?

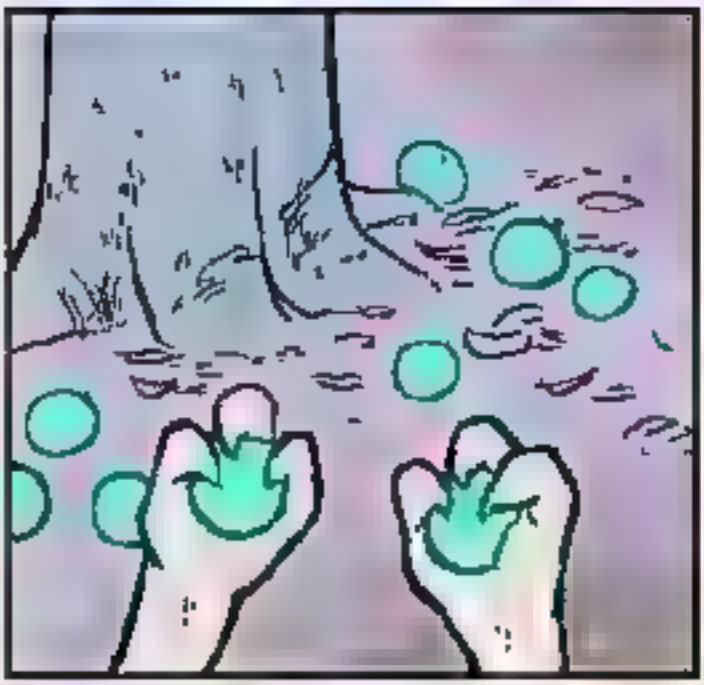

SEE THOSE TREES? TAKE THE BAG AND GET AS MANY APPLES AS YOU CAN. BUT ONLY THE RED ONES--THE GREEN ONES ARE SOUR.
ONLY THE RED ONES?
YUP!

HOW DO I T-- OH, OKAY.
MEWTWO! UGH, HE'S DOING LOOP-DE-LOOPS AGAIN. GARDEVOIR, COULD YOU TELL HIM WE'RE--

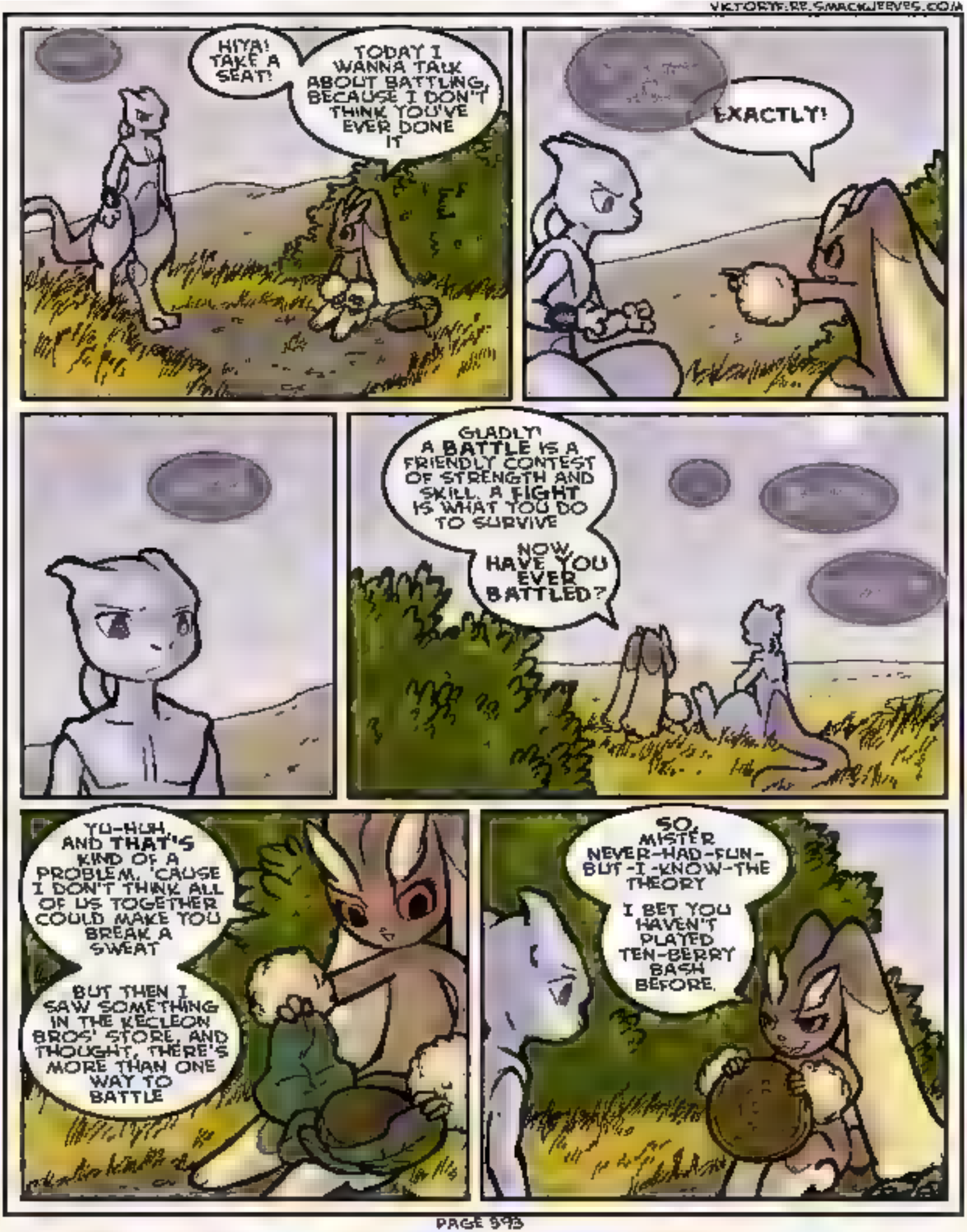
OH... THESE MUST BE WHAT SHE WANTED...
"APPLES"!
...I... REMEMBER, MISS LOPUNNY GAVE ME ONE BEFORE...

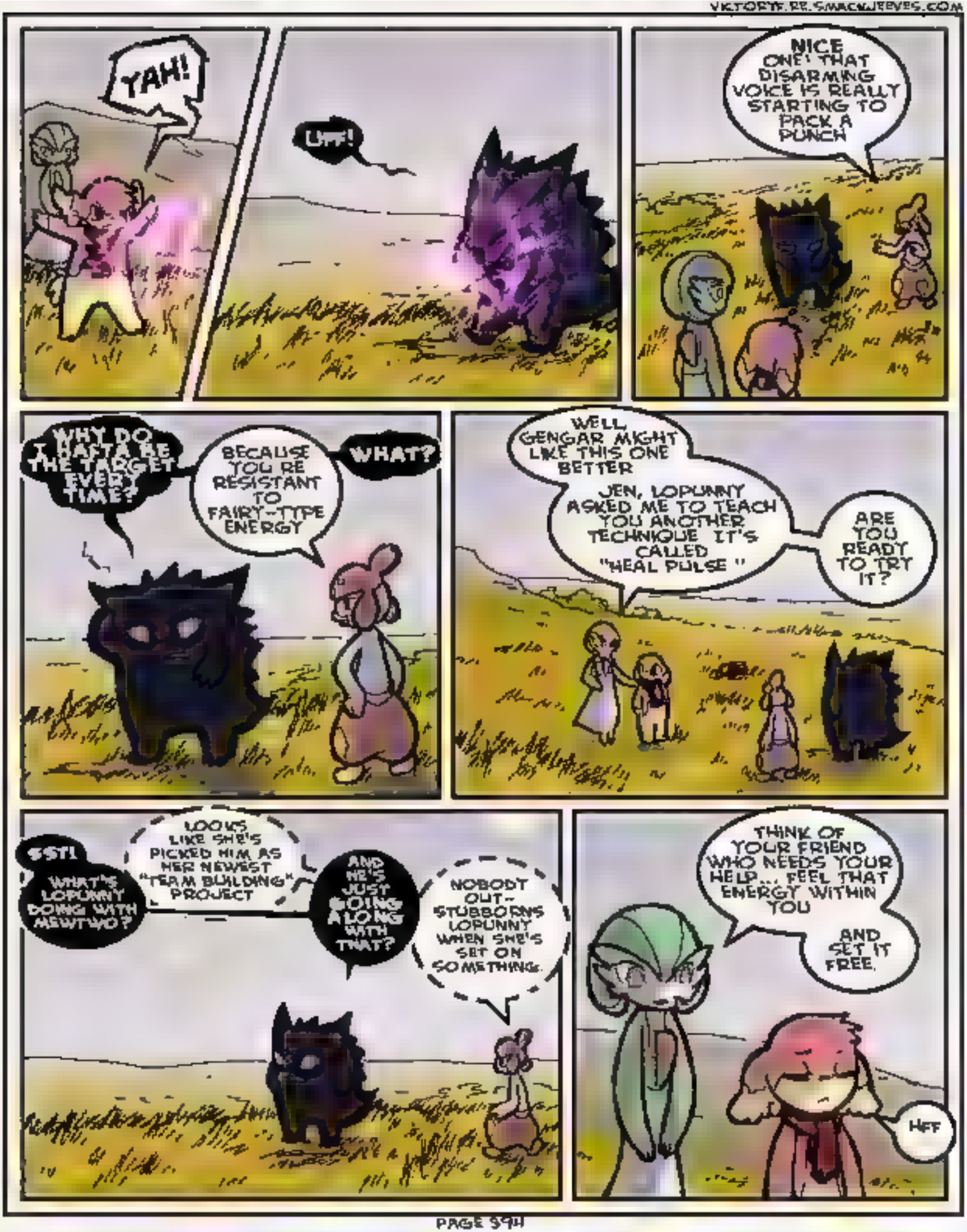




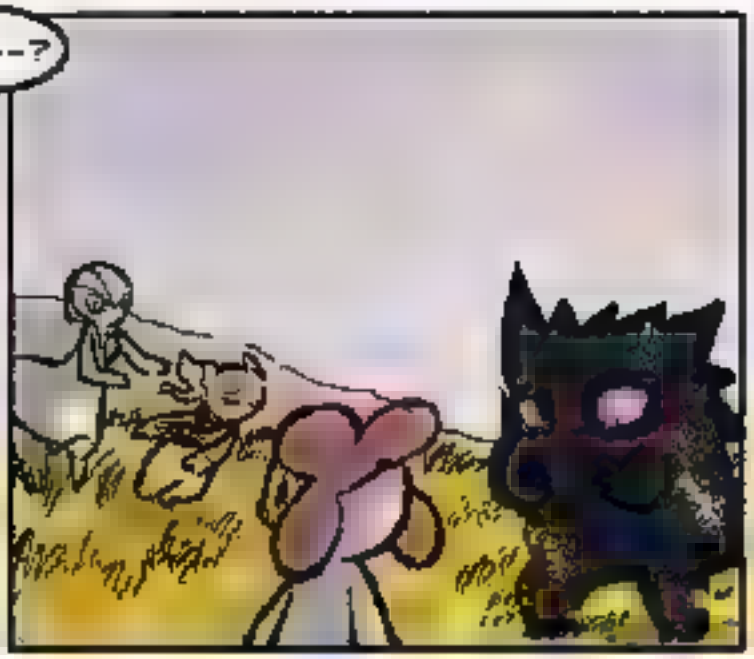


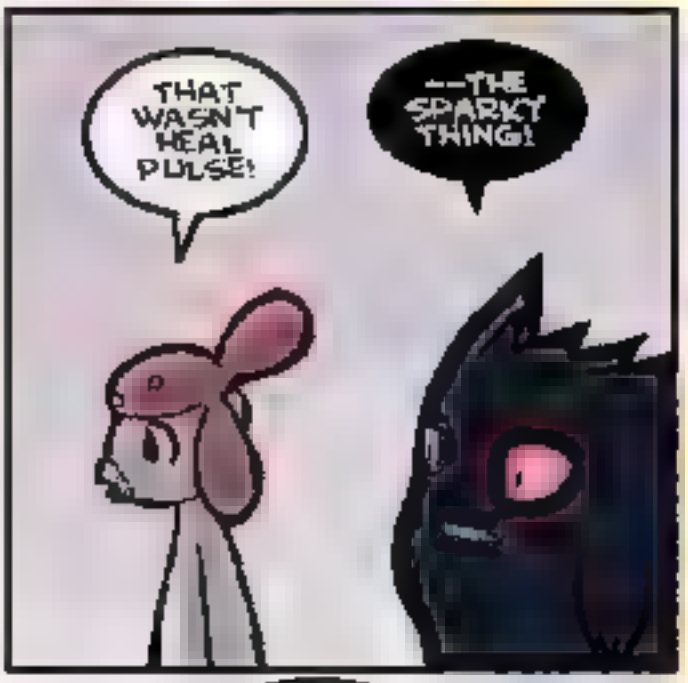
SO...
WHICH ARE THE "RED" ONES...?

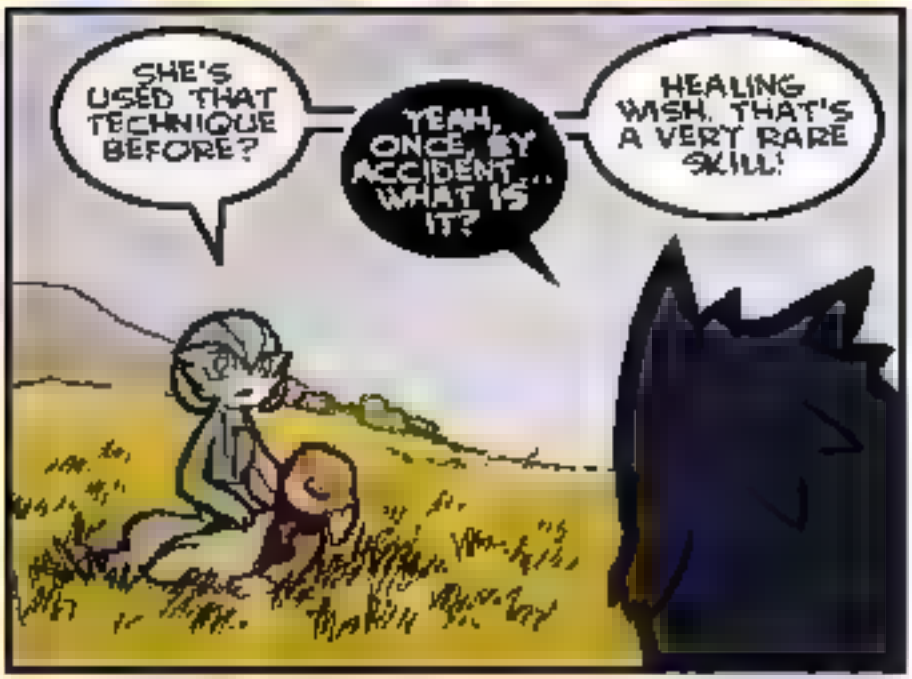

HIYA! TAKE A SEAT!
TODAY I WANNA TALK ABOUT BATTLING, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER DONE IT
EXACTLY!
GLADLY! A BATTLE IS A FRIENDLY CONTEST OF STRENGTH AND SKILL. A FIGHT IS WHAT YOU DO TO SURVIVE
NOW, HAVE YOU EVER BATTLED?
YU-HUH, AND THAT'S KIND OF A PROBLEM, 'CAUSE I DON'T THINK ALL OF US TOGETHER COULD MAKE YOU BREAK A SWEAT
BUT THEN I SAW SOMETHING IN THE KECLEON BROS' STORE, AND THOUGHT, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO BATTLE
SO, MISTER NEVER-HAD-FUN-BUT-I-KNOW-THE THEORY
I BET YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED TEN-BERRY BASH BEFORE.

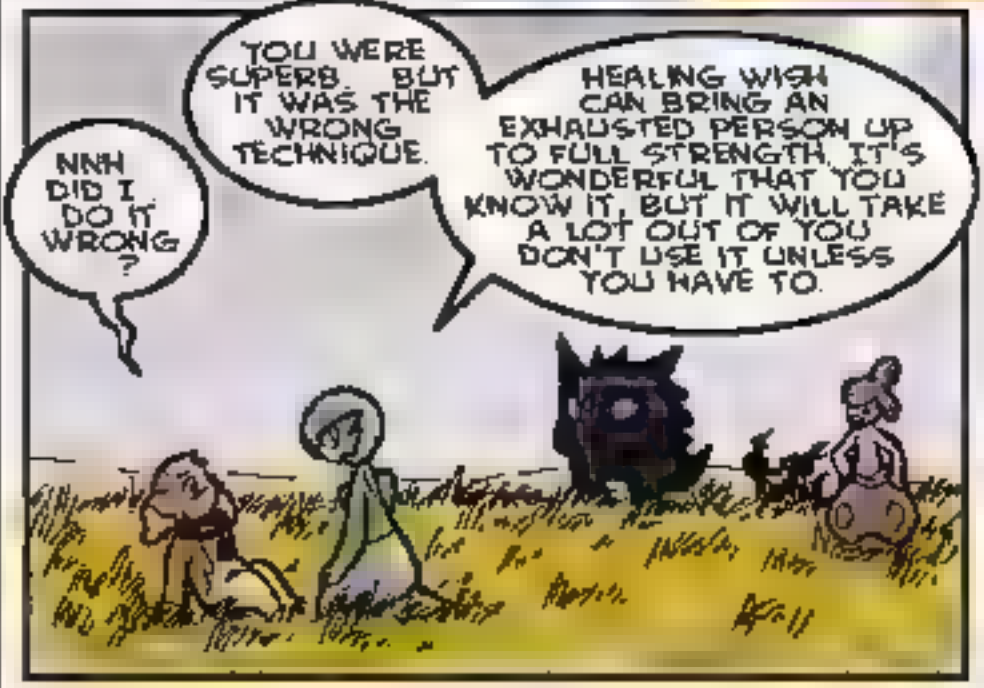

YAH!
UFF!
NICE ONE! THAT DISARMING VOICE IS REALLY STARTING TO PACK A PUNCH
WHY DO I HAFTA BE THE TARGET EVERY TIME?
BECAUSE YOU RE RESISTANT TO FAIRY-TYPE ENERGY
WHAT?
WELL, GENGAR MIGHT LIKE THIS ONE BETTER
JEN, LOPUNNY ASKED ME TO TEACH YOU ANOTHER TECHNIQUE IT'S CALLED "HEAL PULSE"
ARE YOU READY TO TRY IT?
SSTI
WHAT'S LOPUNNY DOING WITH MEWTWO?
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S PICKED HIM AS HER NEWEST "TEAM BUILDING" PROJECT
AND HE'S JUST GOING ALONG WITH THAT?
NOBODY OUT-STUBBORNS LOPUNNY WHEN SHE'S SET ON SOMETHING.
THINK OF YOUR FRIEND WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP... FEEL THAT ENERGY WITHIN YOU
AND SET IT FREE.
HEF

WHA--?

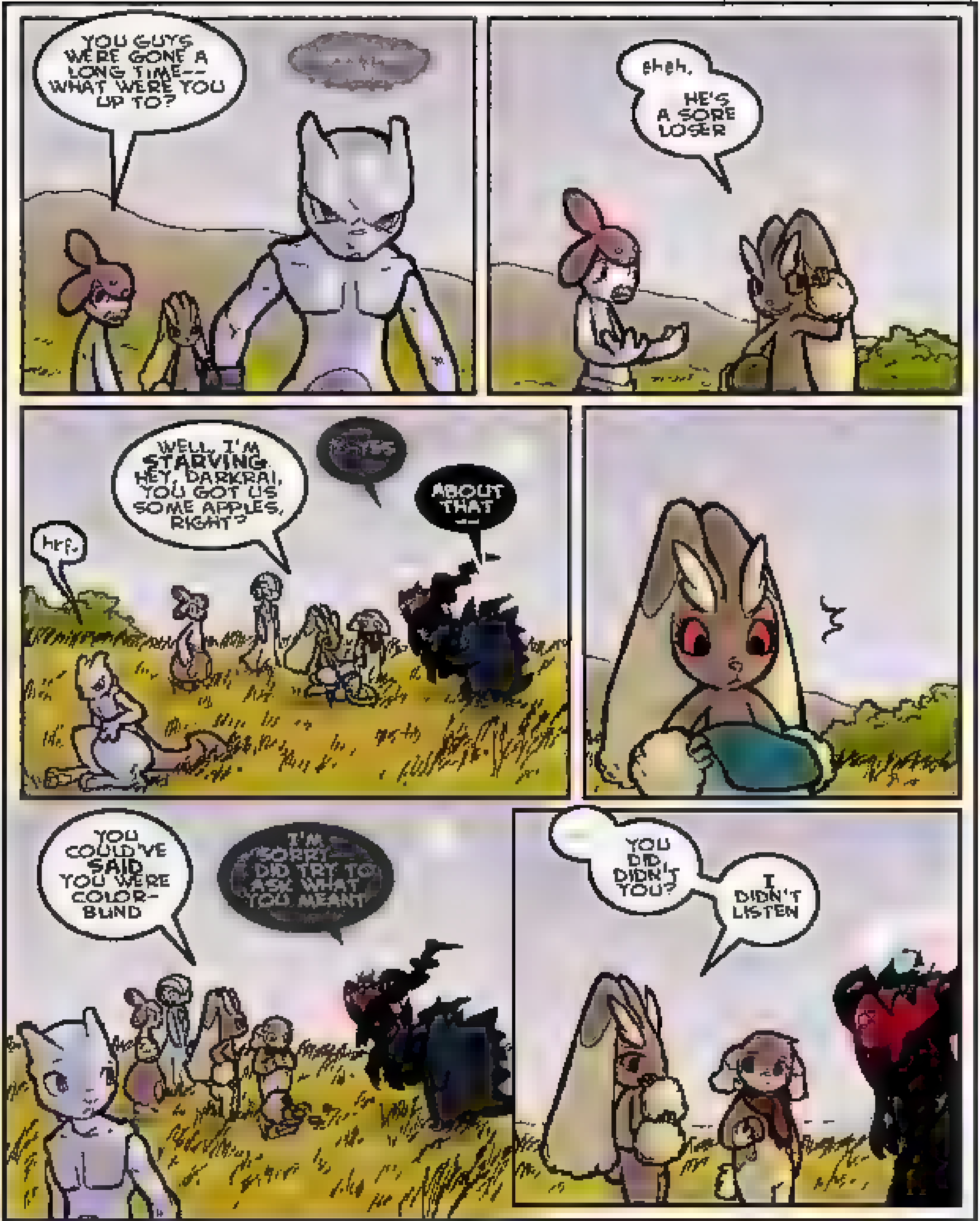


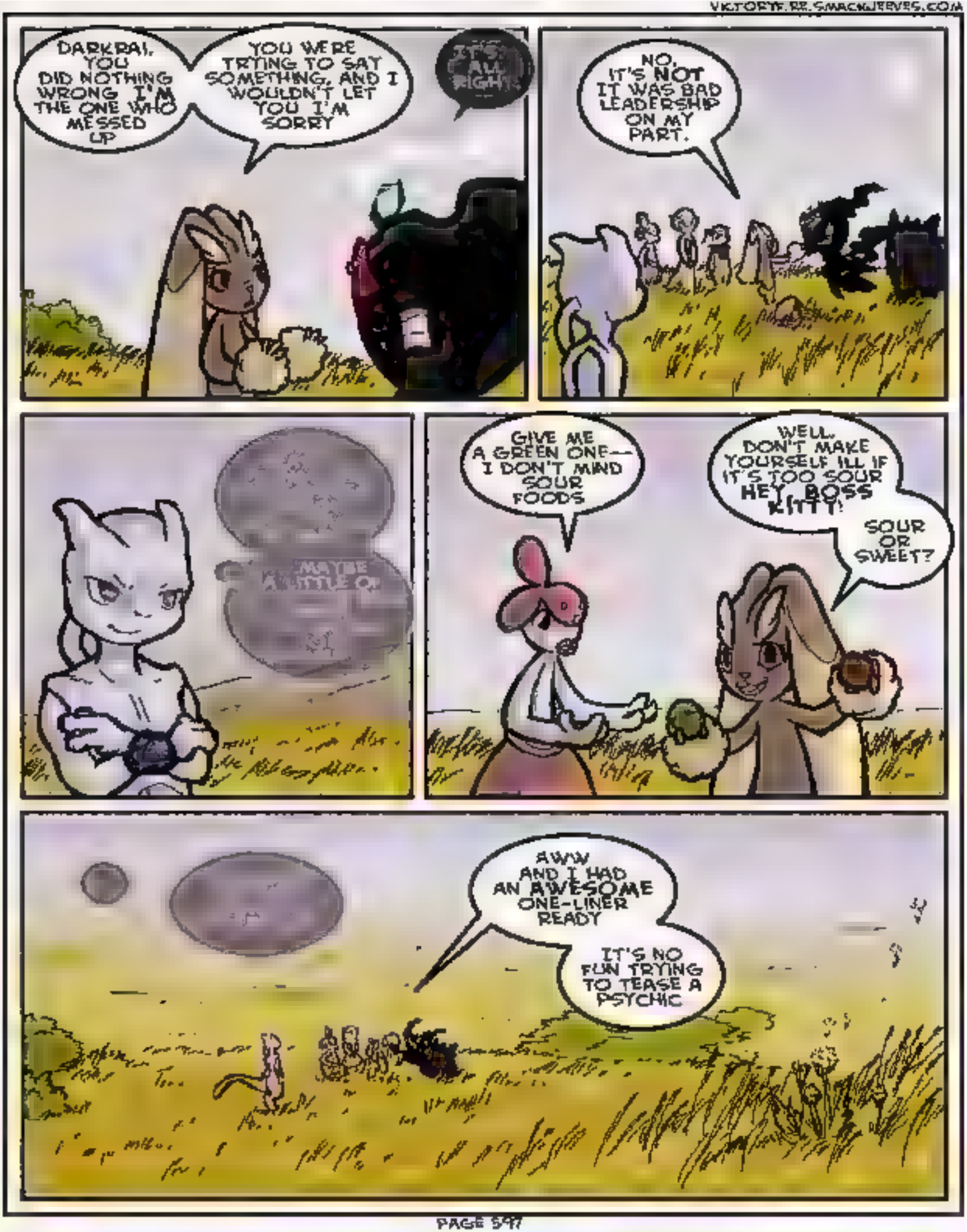

THAT WASN'T HEAL PULSE!
--THE SPARKY THING!


SHE'S USED THAT TECHNIQUE BEFORE?
YEAH, ONCE, BY ACCIDENT... WHAT IS IT?
HEALING WISH. THAT'S A VERY RARE SKILL!

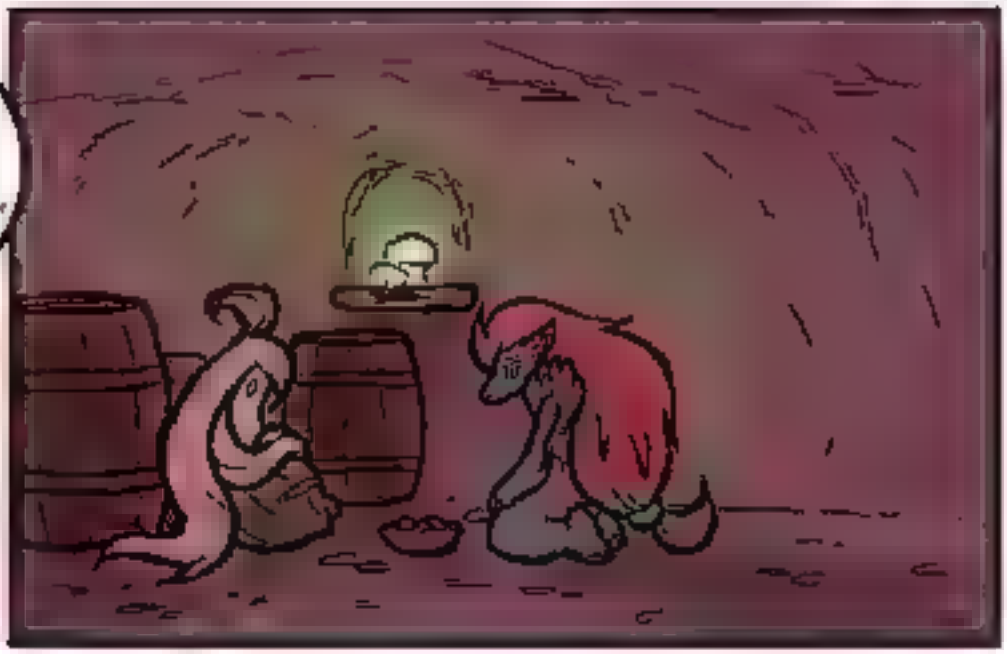

NNH DID I DO IT WRONG?
YOU WERE SUPERB. BUT IT WAS THE WRONG TECHNIQUE.
HEALING WISH CAN BRING AN EXHAUSTED PERSON UP TO FULL STRENGTH. IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU KNOW IT, BUT IT WILL TAKE A LOT OUT OF YOU. DON'T USE IT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO.

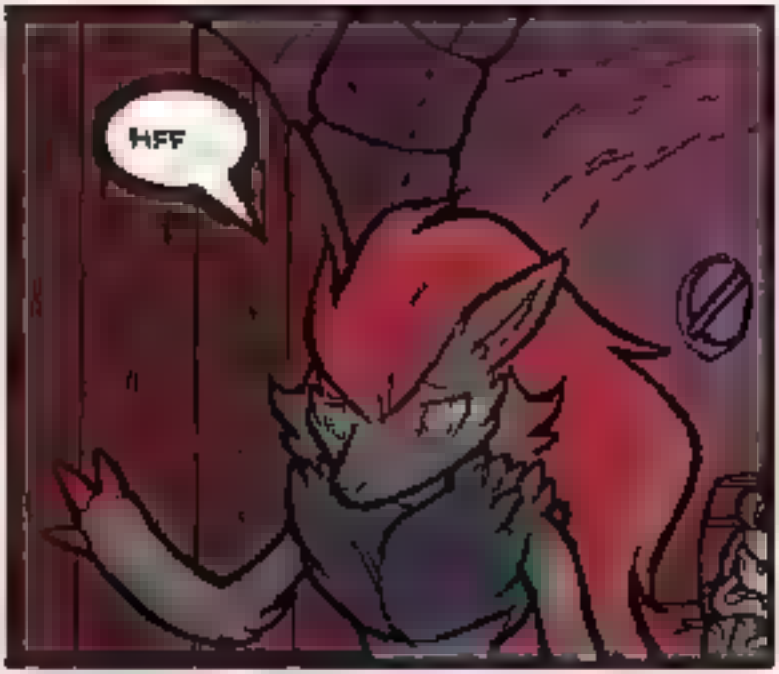
YOU OKAY, DARKRAI?
I THINK I MESSED UP.


YOU GUYS WERE GONE A LONG TIME-- WHAT WERE YOU UP TO?
eheh,
HE'S A SORE LOSER
hrf.
WELL, I'M STARVING. HEY, DARKRAI, YOU GOT US SOME APPLES, RIGHT?
ABOUT THAT --
YOU COULD'VE SAID YOU WERE COLOR-BLIND
I'M SORRY. DID TRY TO ASK WHAT YOU MEANT
YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU?
I DIDN'T LISTEN


DARKRAI, YOU DID NOTHING WRONG I'M THE ONE WHO MESSED UP
YOU WERE TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING, AND I WOULDN'T LET YOU I'M SORRY
IT'S ALL RIGHT
NO, IT'S NOT IT WAS BAD LEADERSHIP ON MY PART.
MAYBE A LITTLE ON
GIVE ME A GREEN ONE— I DON'T MIND SOUR FOODS
WELL, DON'T MAKE YOURSELF ILL IF IT'S TOO SOUR HEY BOSS KITTY!
SOUR OR SWEET?
AWW AND I HAD AN AWESOME ONE-LINER READY
IT'S NO FUN TRYING TO TEASE A PSYCHIC

HEY
I THINK YOU COULD REALLY USE A FRIEND RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANT TO TALK, I'M HERE FOR YOU

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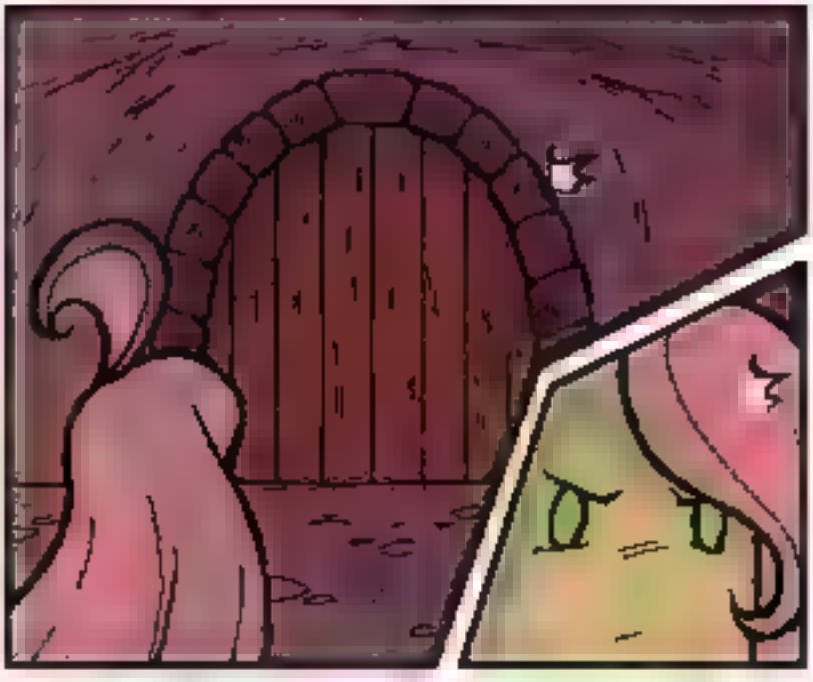
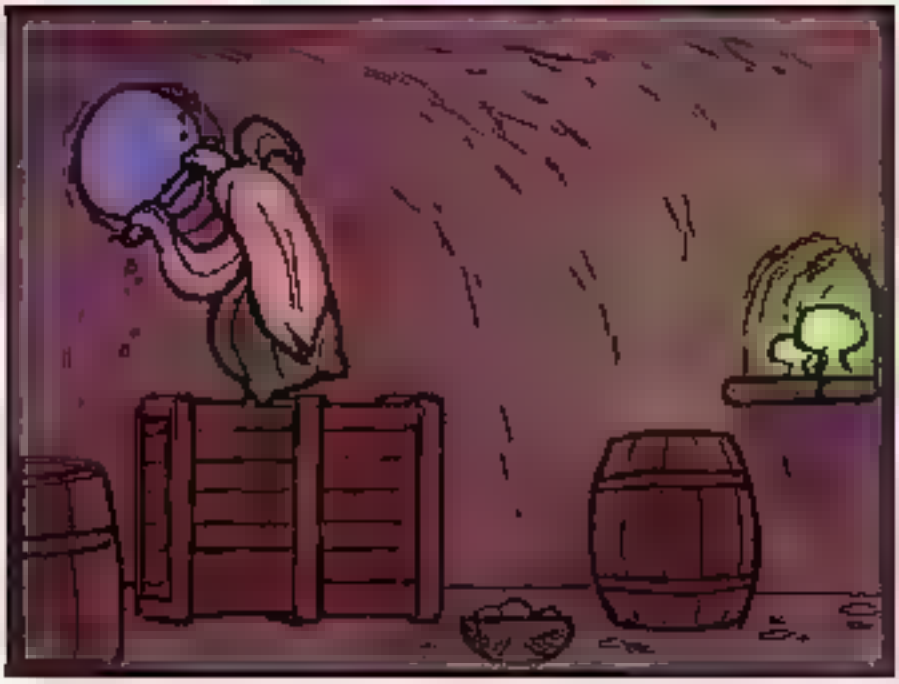
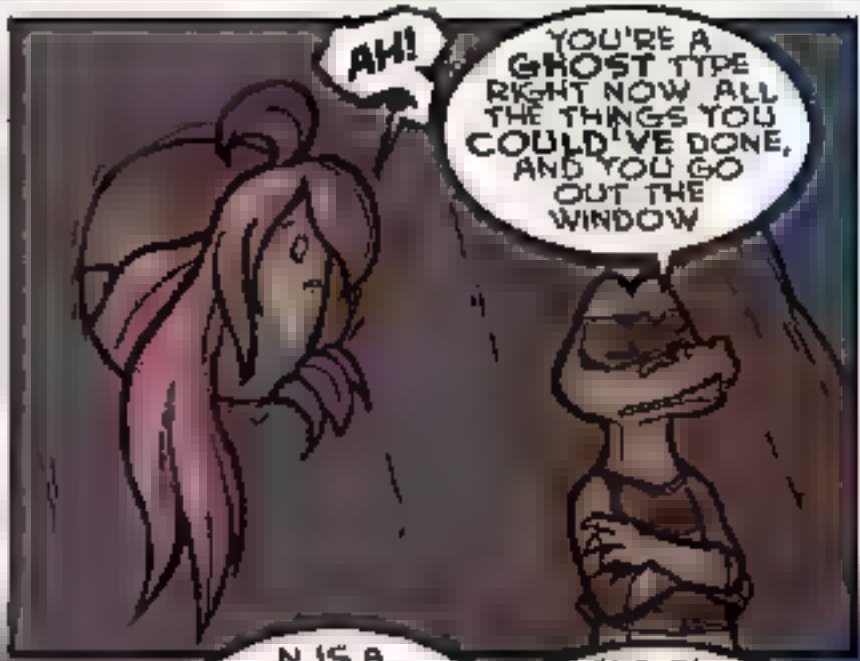
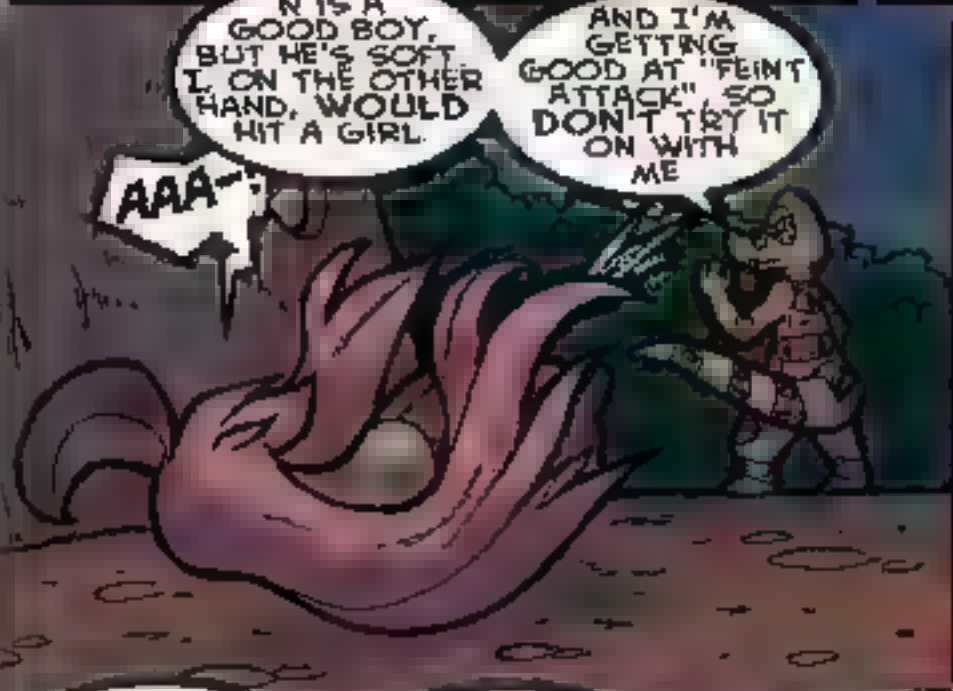
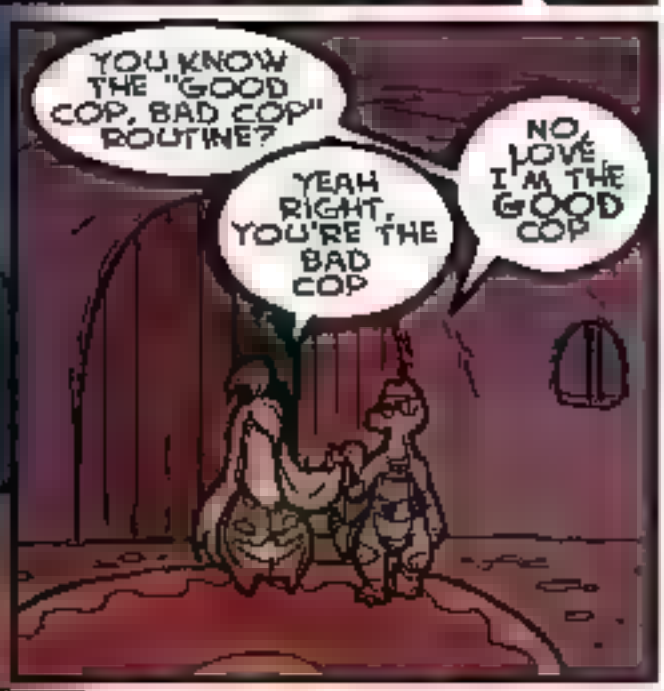


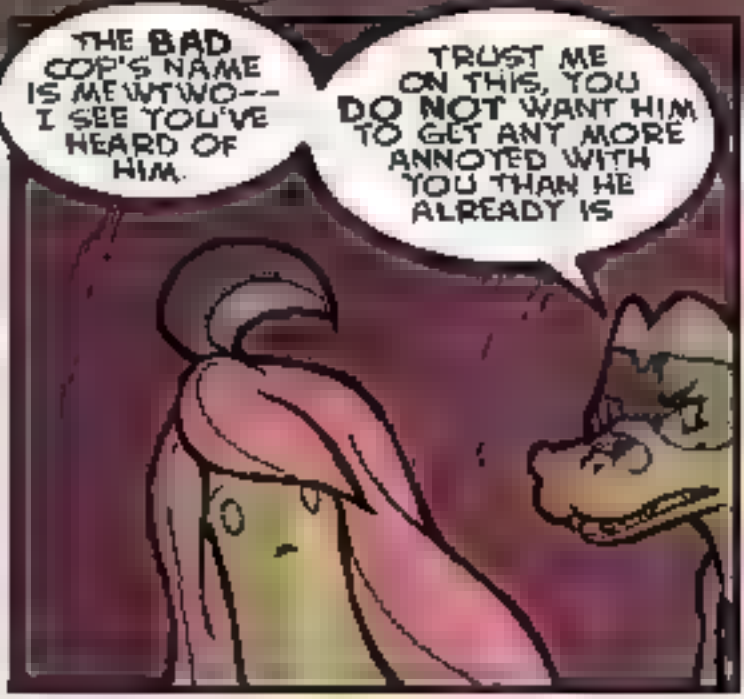


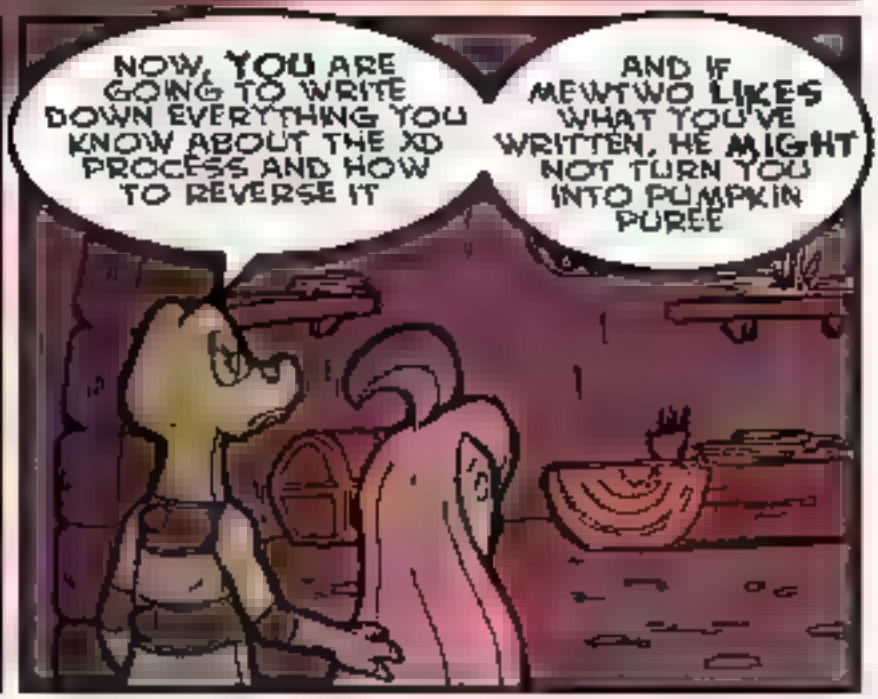

AH!
YOU'RE A GHOST TYPE RIGHT NOW. ALL THE THINGS YOU COULD'VE DONE, AND YOU GO OUT THE WINDOW

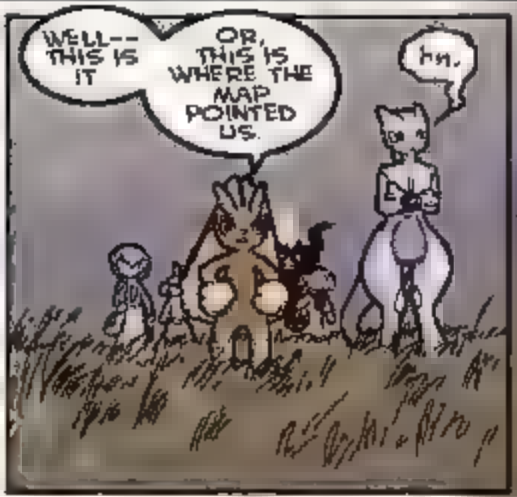
HSS--!


N IS A GOOD BOY, BUT HE'S SOFT. I, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD HIT A GIRL.
AND I'M GETTING GOOD AT "FEINT ATTACK", SO DON'T TRY IT ON WITH ME
AAA--!


YOU KNOW THE "GOOD COP, BAD COP" ROUTINE?
YEAH RIGHT, YOU'RE THE BAD COP
NO, LOVE I'M THE GOOD COP

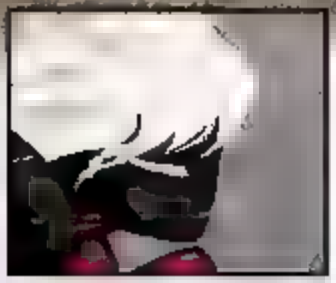

THE BAD COP'S NAME IS MEWTWO-- I SEE YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM.
TRUST ME ON THIS, YOU DO NOT WANT HIM TO GET ANY MORE ANNOYED WITH YOU THAN HE ALREADY IS

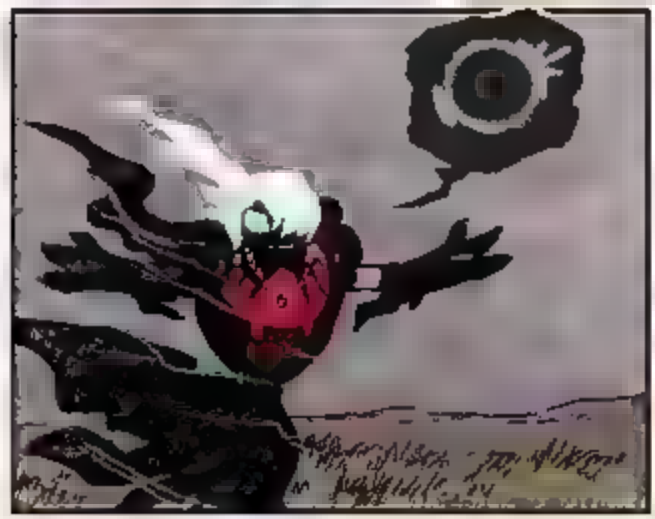

NOW, YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE DOWN EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THE XD PROCESS AND HOW TO REVERSE IT
AND IF MEWTWO LIKES WHAT YOU'VE WRITTEN, HE MIGHT NOT TURN YOU INTO PUMPKIN PUREE

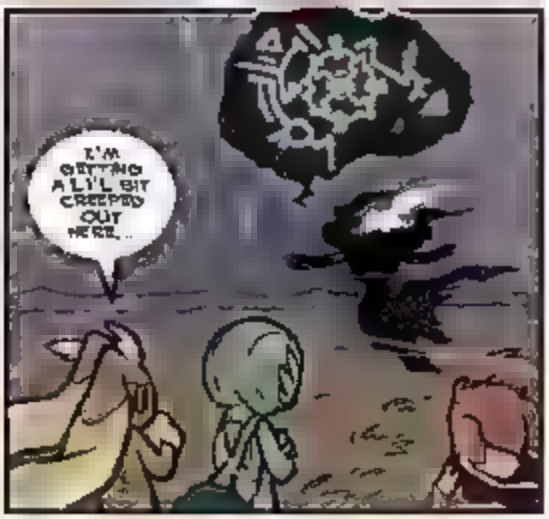

WELL-- THIS IS IT
OR, THIS IS WHERE THE MAP POINTED US.
hm.

TES...
ONE MOMENT, I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE.

WHUFF! WIND'S-- GETTING UP--





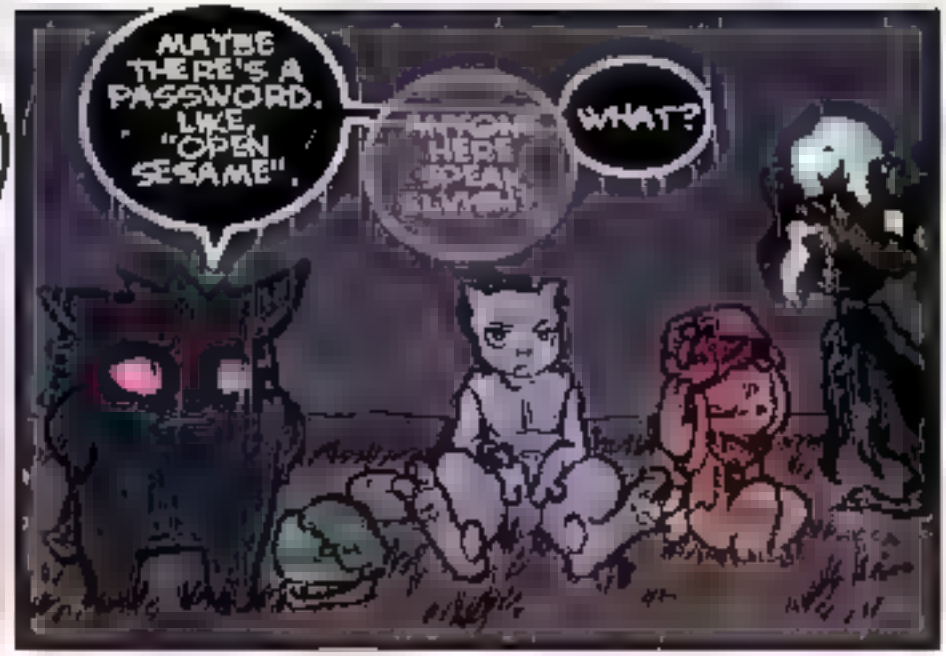

I'M GETTING A LI'L BIT CREEPED OUT HERE...

HUM...
THERE.

WOW
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID-- OW!

SO, WHERE'S THE DOOR?
UH-OH... I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE SOME TROUBLE THERE.

OKAY, WE MUST HAVE MISSED SOME-THING
A BUTTON, A SLIDING PANEL. LET'S GO ROUND AGAIN

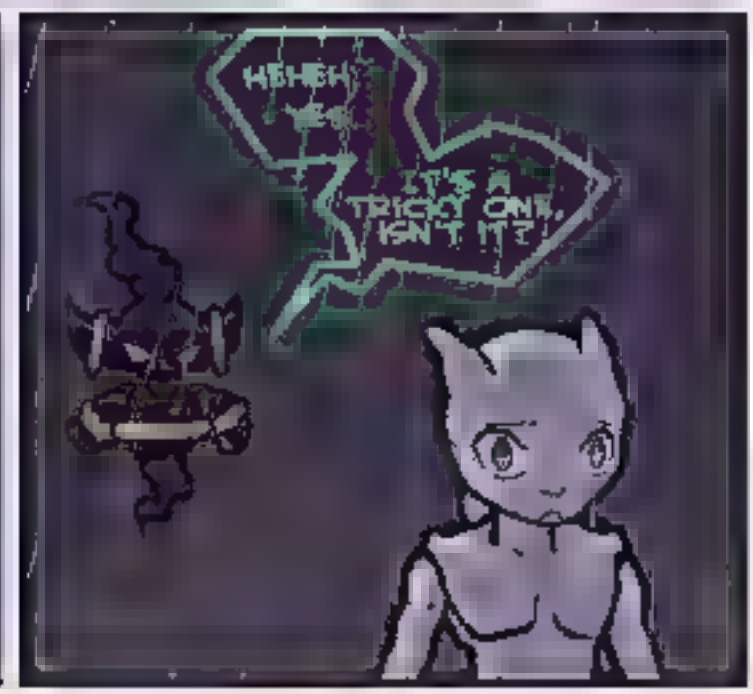

MAYBE THERE'S A PASSWORD, LIKE, "OPEN SESAME".
WHAT?

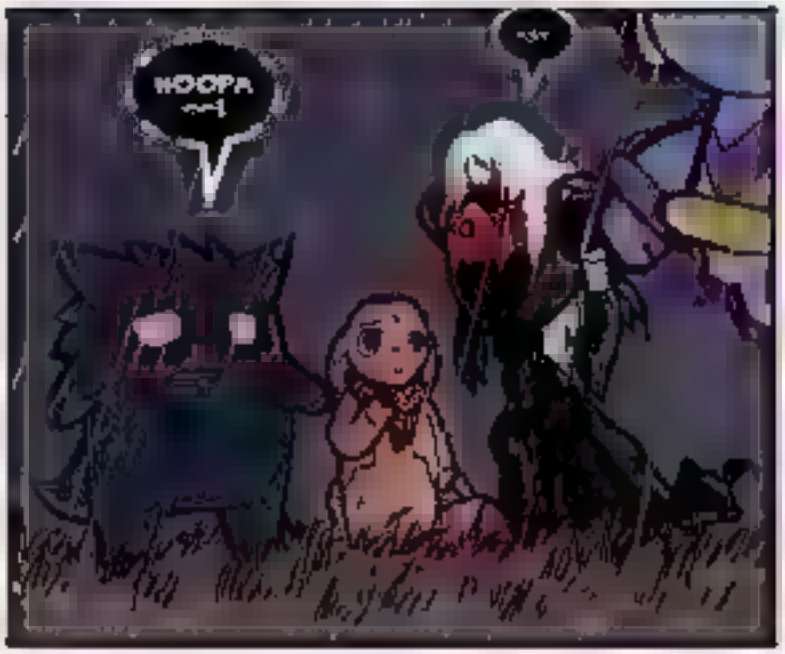
YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

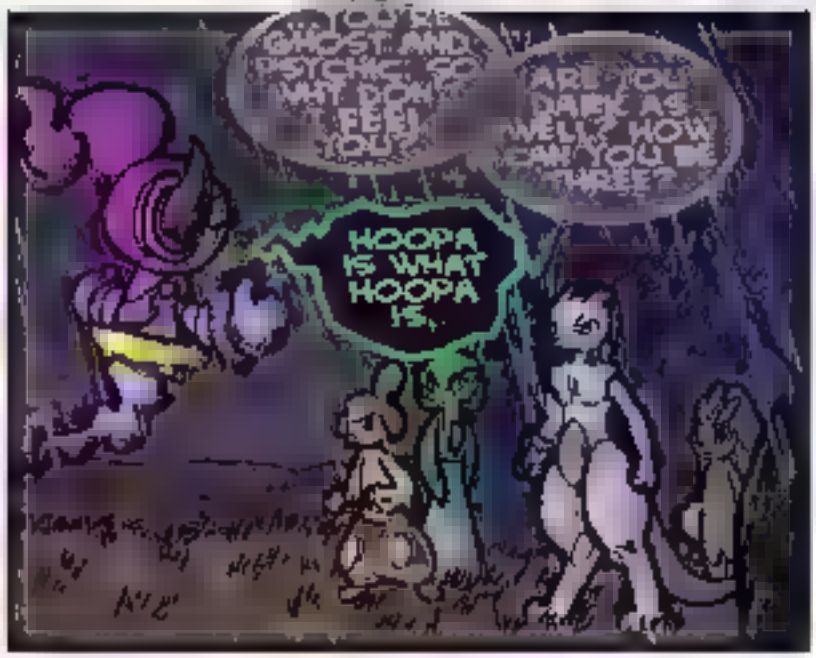
YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THAT.

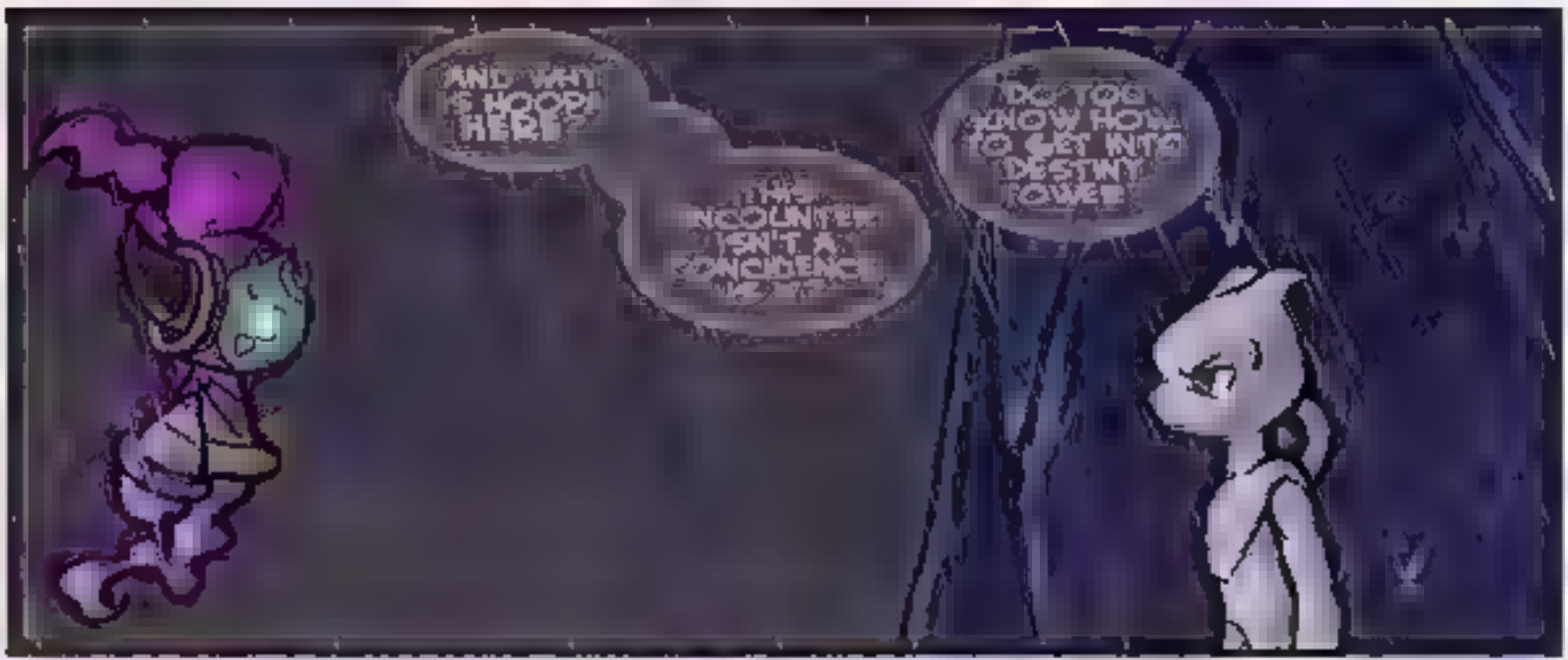
SORRY.

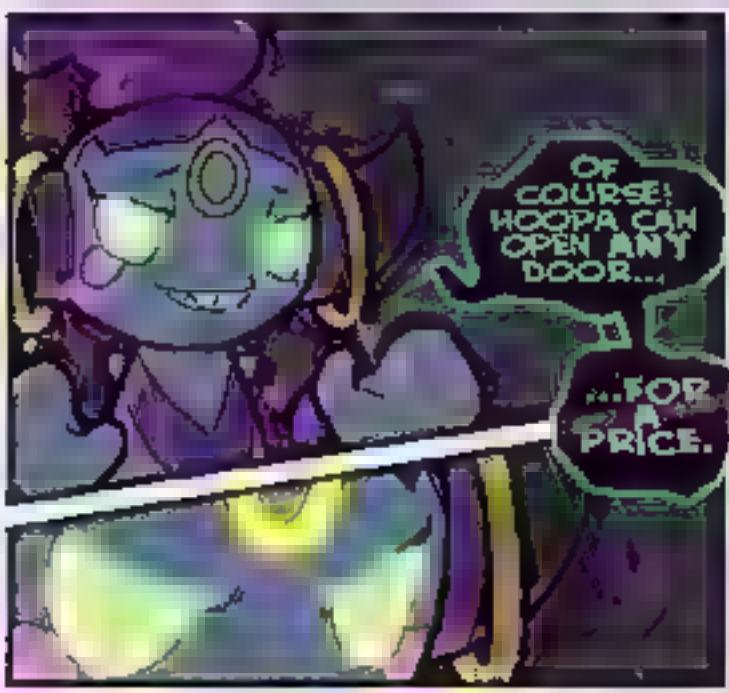
Aarg!
WHOA, COOL IT!

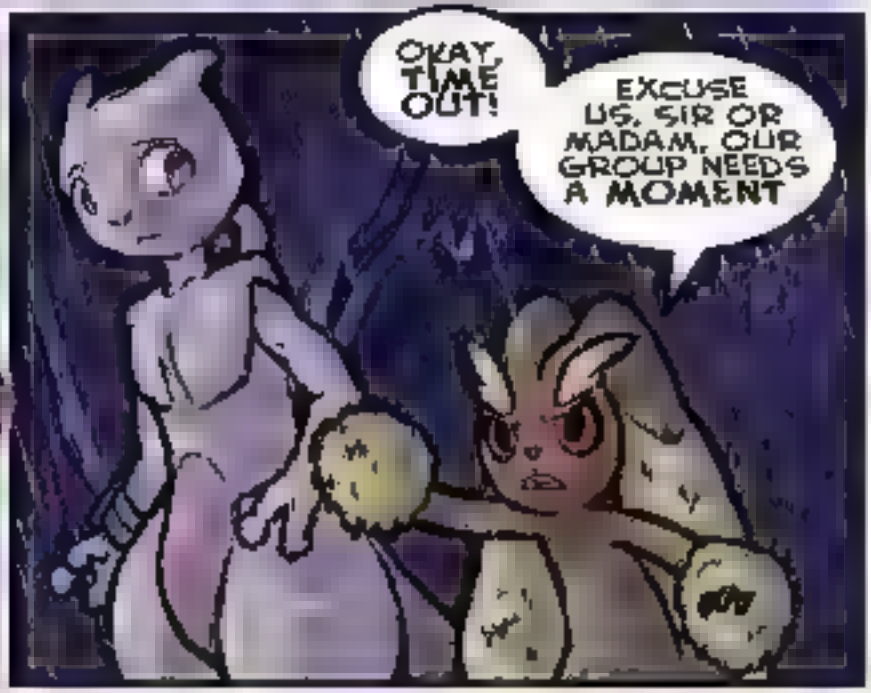

HEHEH
IT'S A TRICKY ONE, ISN'T IT?


HOOPA

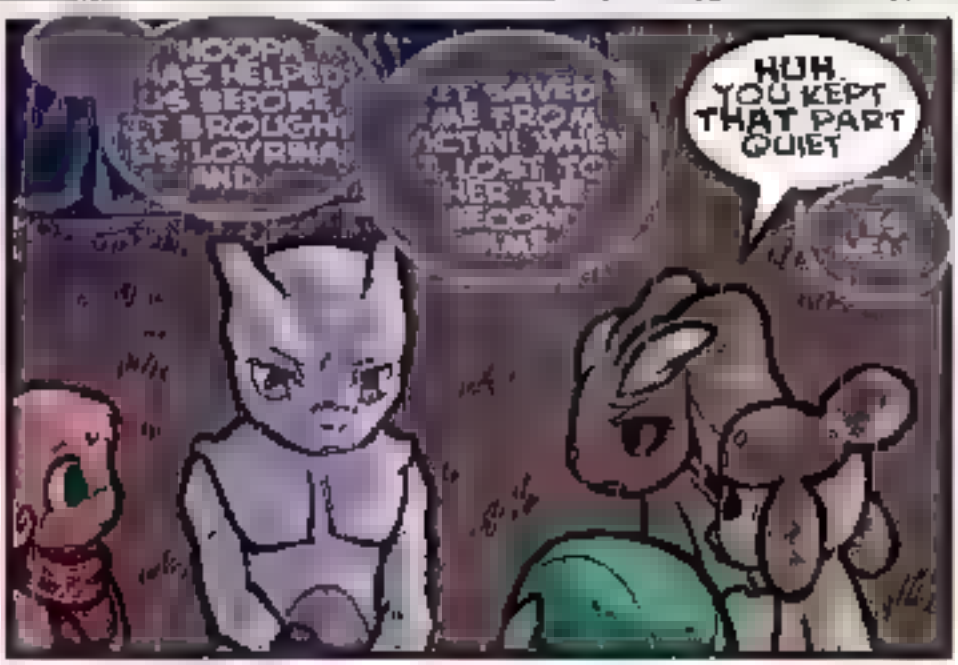

I'M A GHOST AND PSYCHIC SO WHY DON'T I FEEL YOU?
ARE YOU DARK AS WELL? HOW CAN YOU BE THREE?
HOOPA IS WHAT HOOPA IS.


AND WHY IS HOOPA HERE?
THIS ENCOUNTER ISN'T A COINCIDENCE, IS IT?
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET INTO DESTINY TOWER?

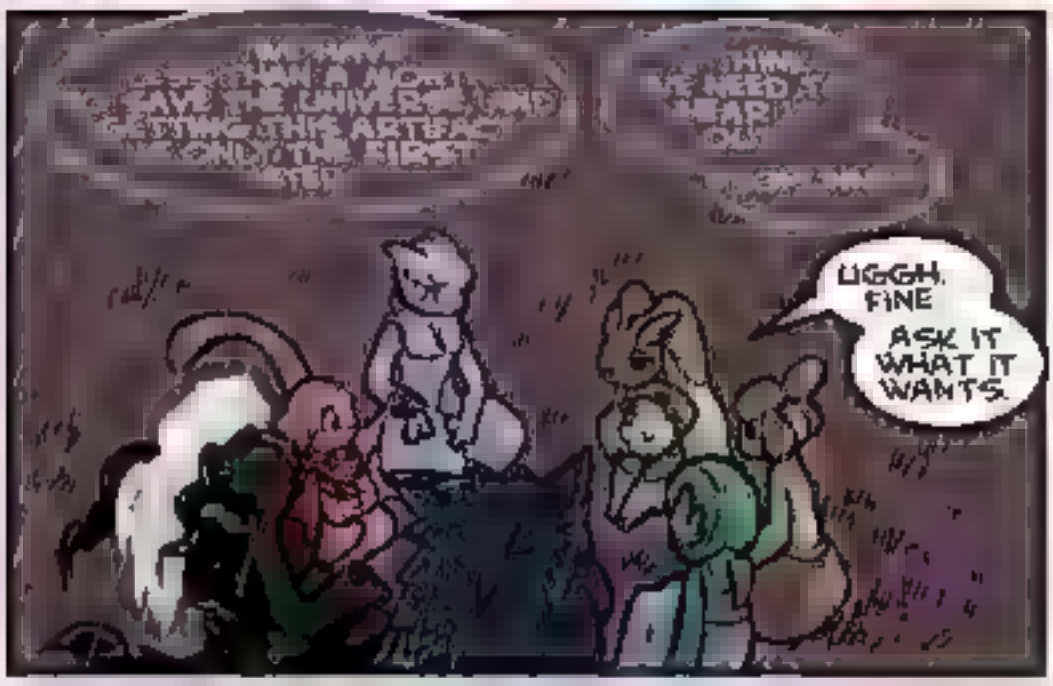

OF COURSE! HOOPA CAN OPEN ANY DOOR...
...FOR A PRICE.

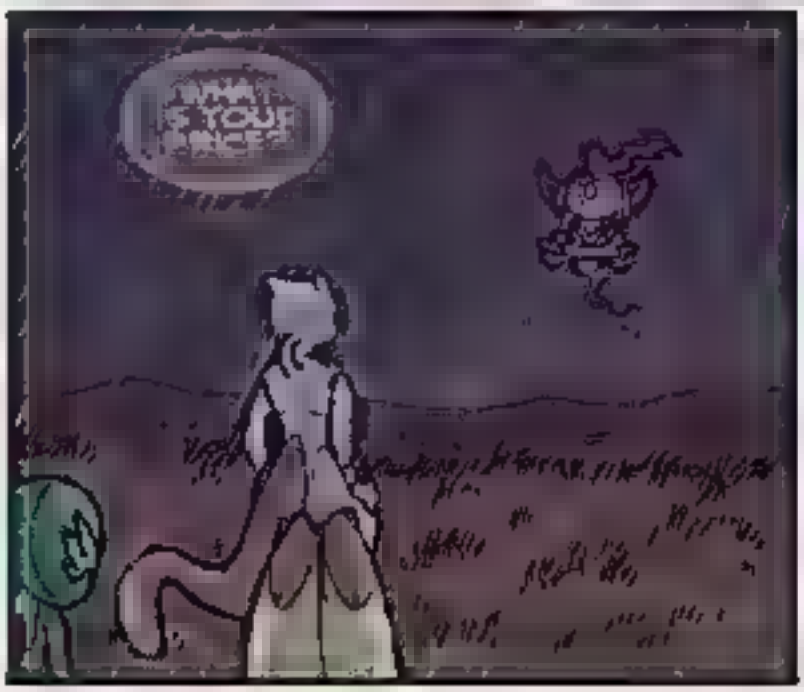

OKAY, TIME OUT!
EXCUSE US, SIR OR MADAM, OUR GROUP NEEDS A MOMENT

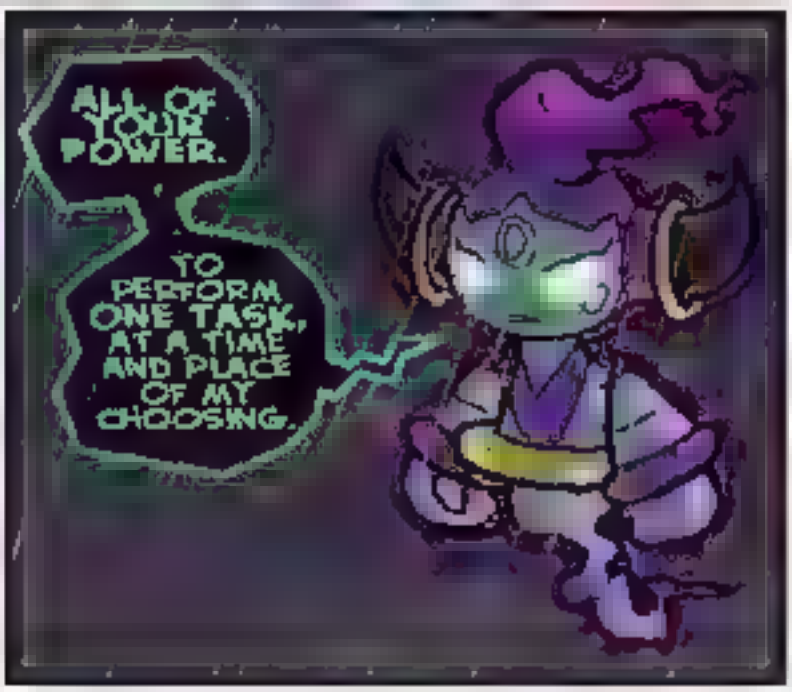
I DON'T KNOW THE HISTORY HERE, BOSS KITTY, BUT THIS--PERSON-- IS CLEARLY SUPER SHADY


HUH. YOU KEPT THAT PART QUIET

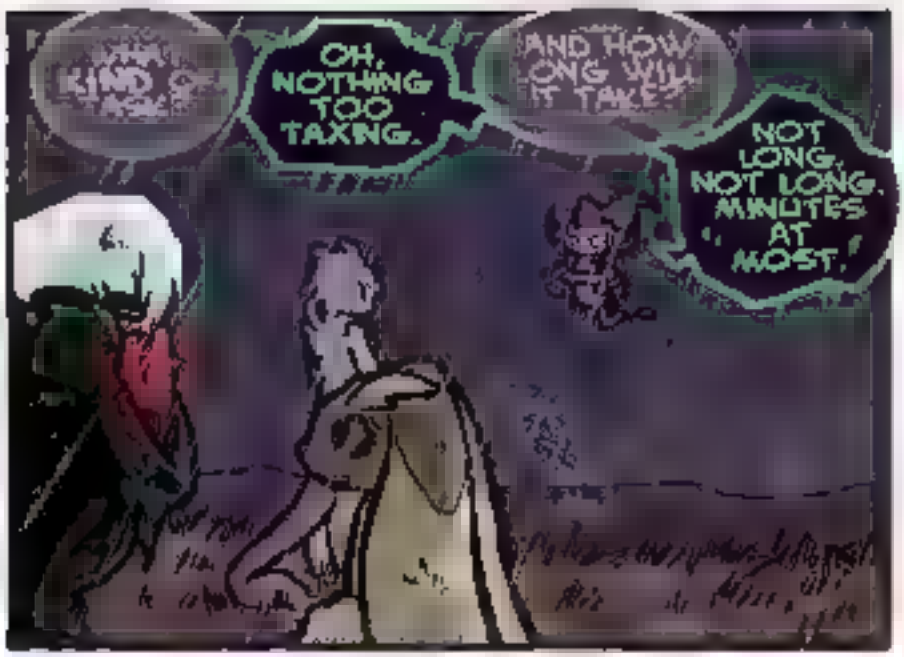
IF WE STRIKE A DEAL WITH HOOPA, WE CANNOT GO BACK ON IT.


UGGH. FINE ASK IT WHAT IT WANTS.

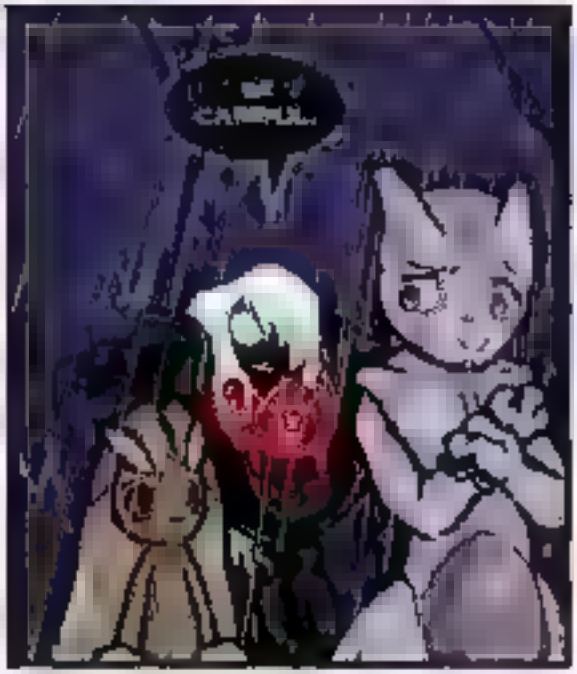

WHAT IS YOUR PRICE?


ALL OF YOUR POWER.
TO PERFORM ONE TASK, AT A TIME AND PLACE OF MY CHOOSING.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
THEN YOU WILL NEVER ENTER DESTINY TOWER.

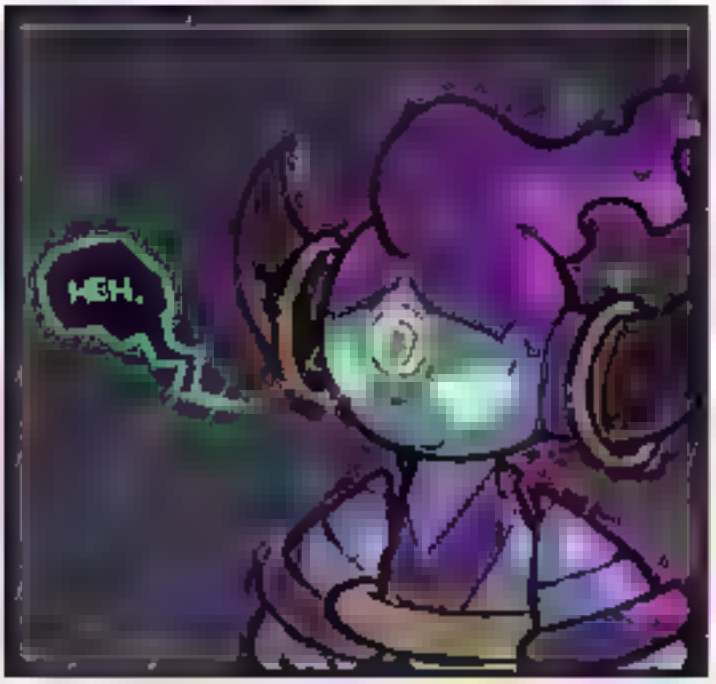

WHAT KIND OF ASK?
OH, NOTHING TOO TAXING.
AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
NOT LONG, NOT LONG. MINUTES AT MOST.

NOT SURE? HOOPA DOESN'T MIND WAITING. HOOPA ISN'T IN A RUSH.


BE CAREFUL.

DO
DO WHAT YOU FEEL IS BEST

WHOOSH


HEH.

Pokémon
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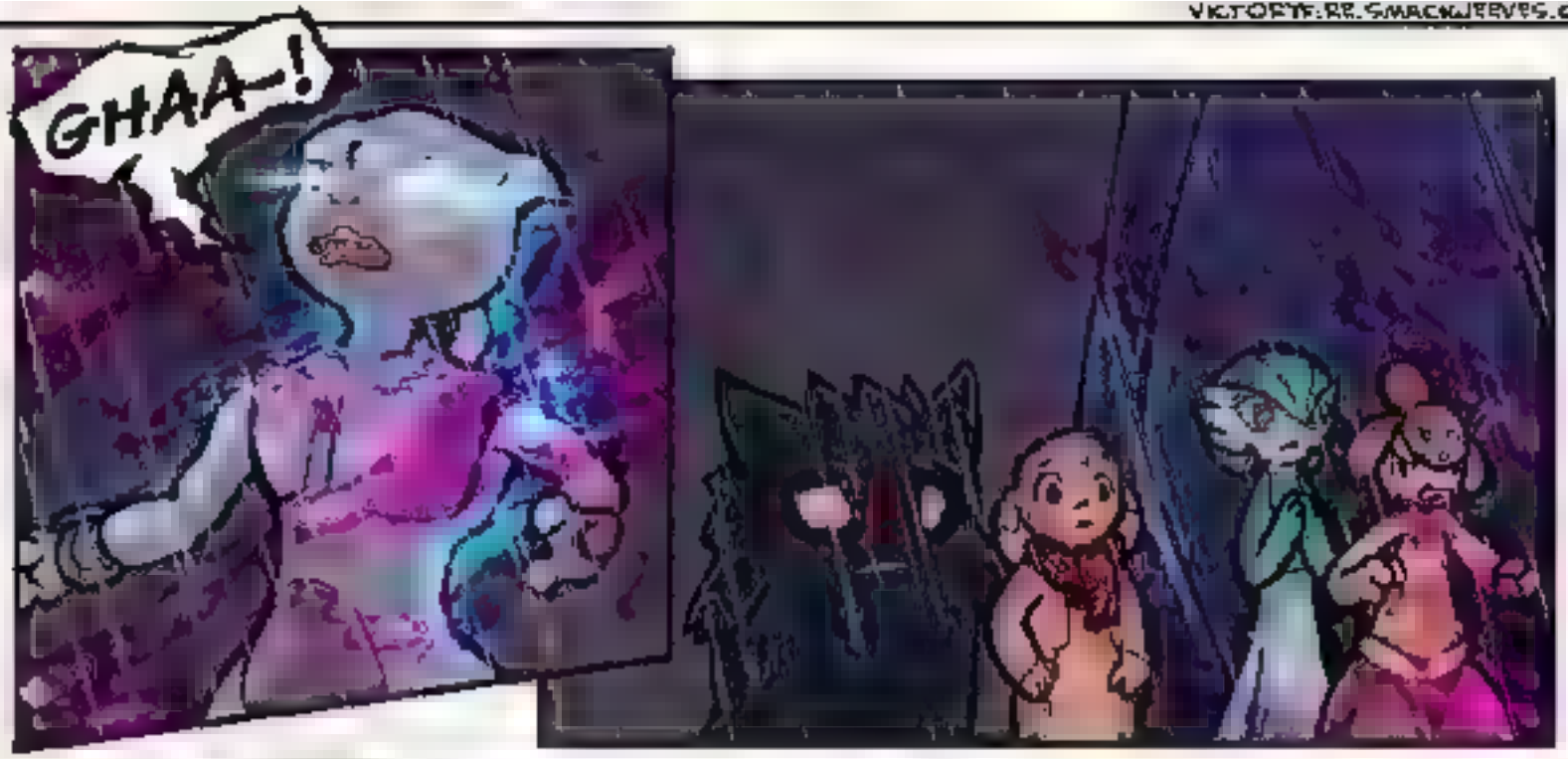
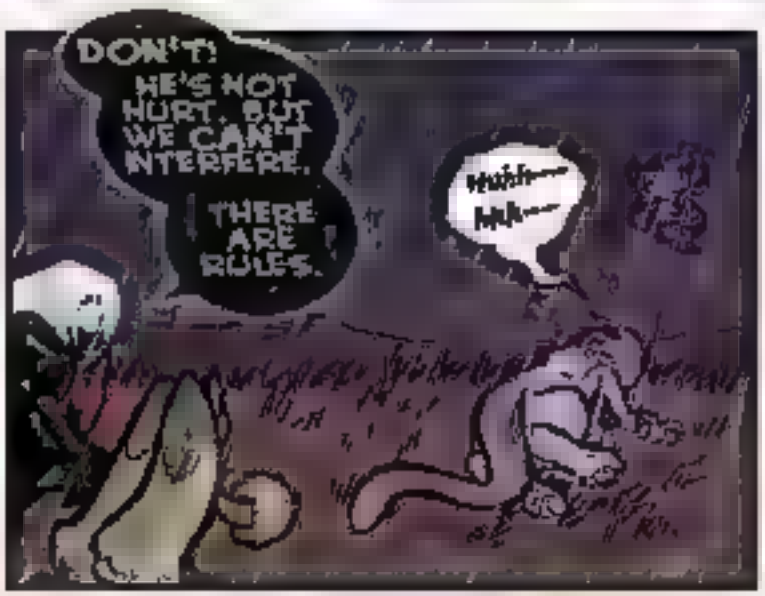
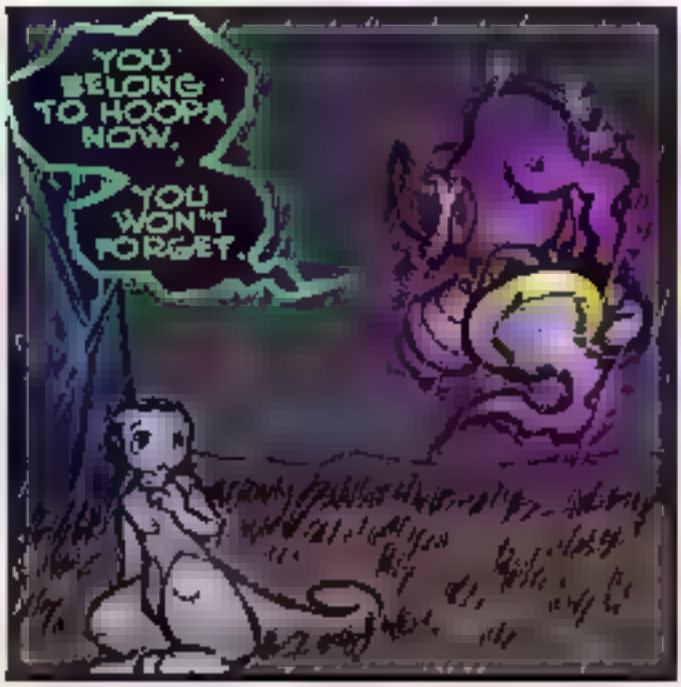
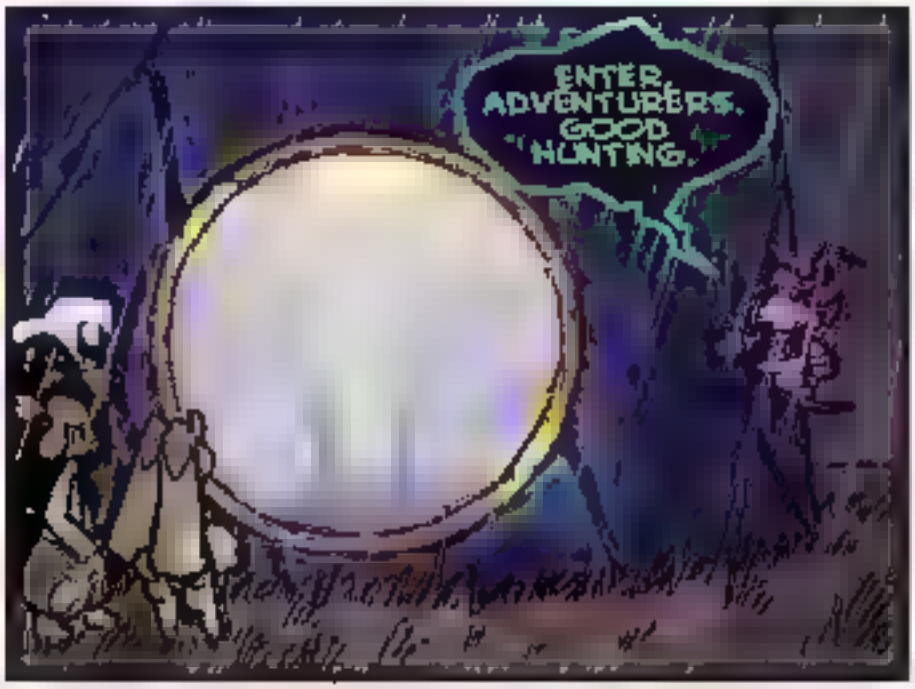
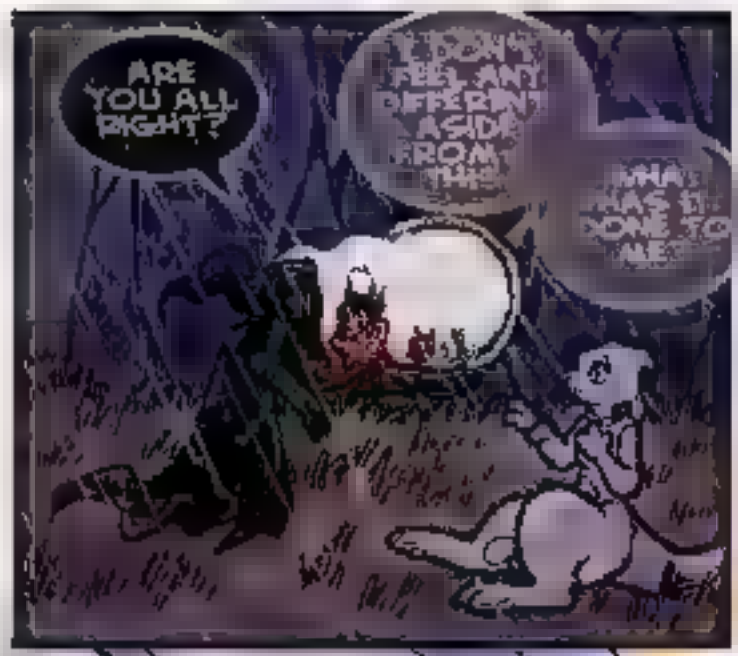

GHAA-!

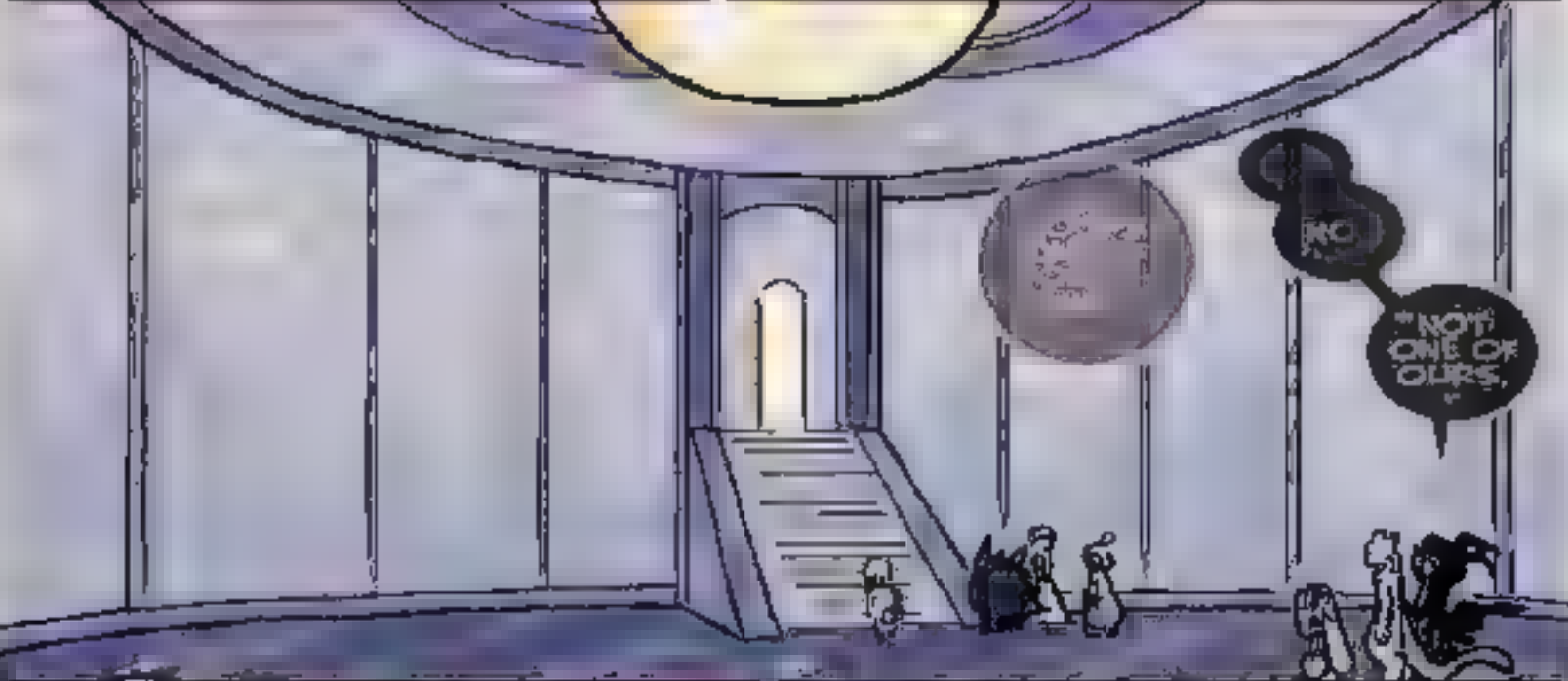

DON'T! HE'S NOT HURT, BUT WE CAN'T INTERFERE.
THERE ARE RULES.
Huhh— hhh—

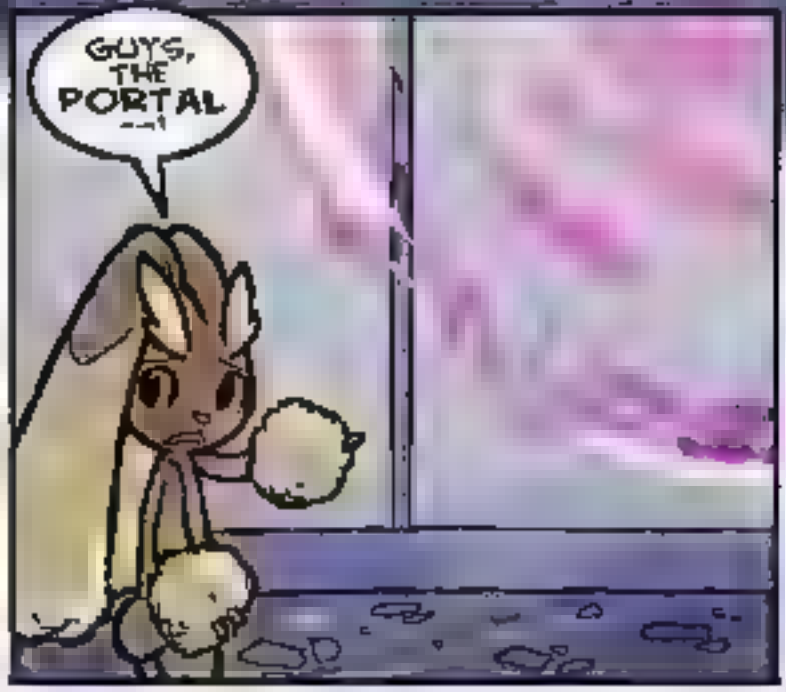

YOU BELONG TO HOOPA NOW.
YOU WON'T FORGET.

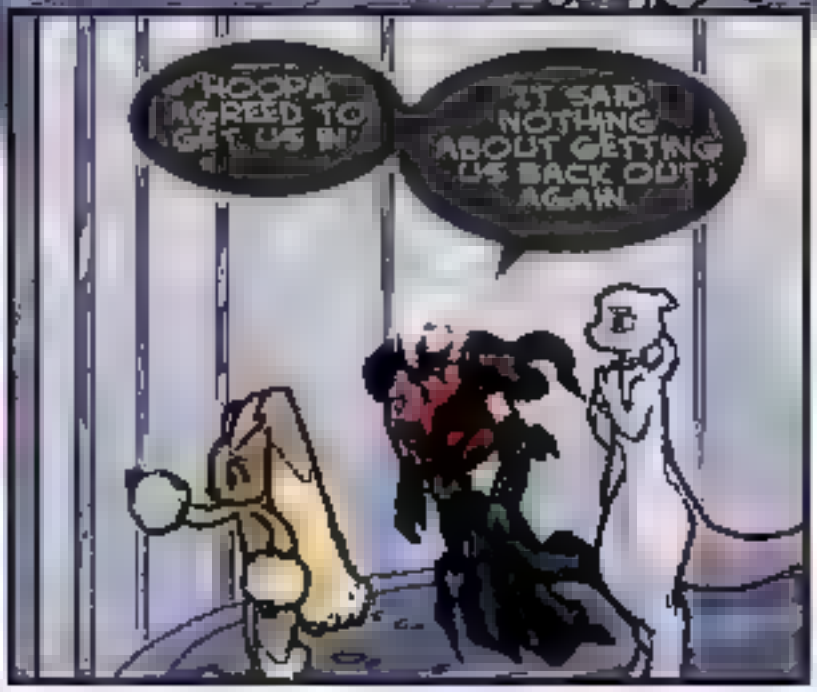

ENTER, ADVENTURERS. GOOD HUNTING.

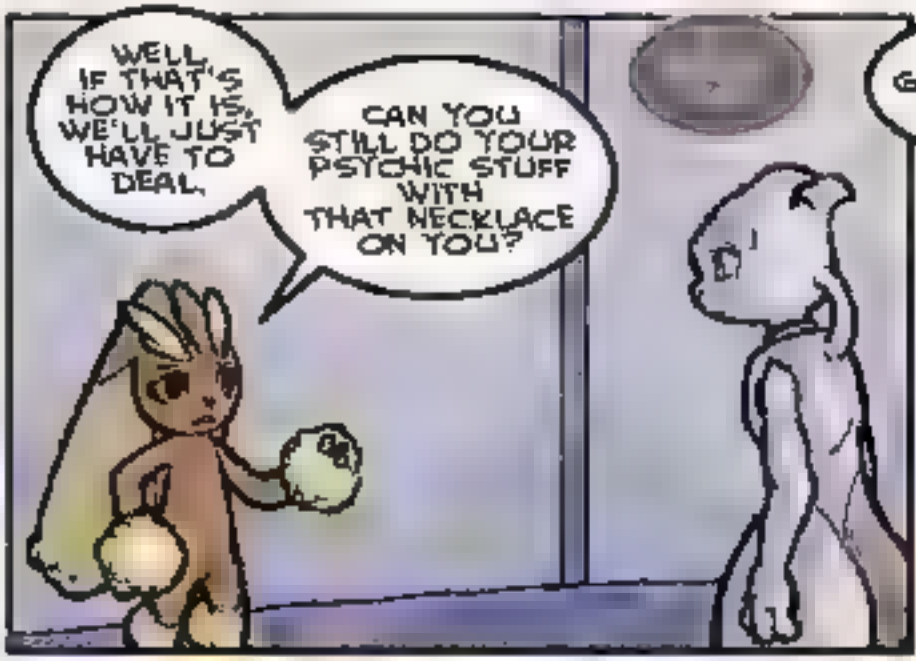

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT ASIDE FROM THIS.
WHAT HAS IT DONE TO US?

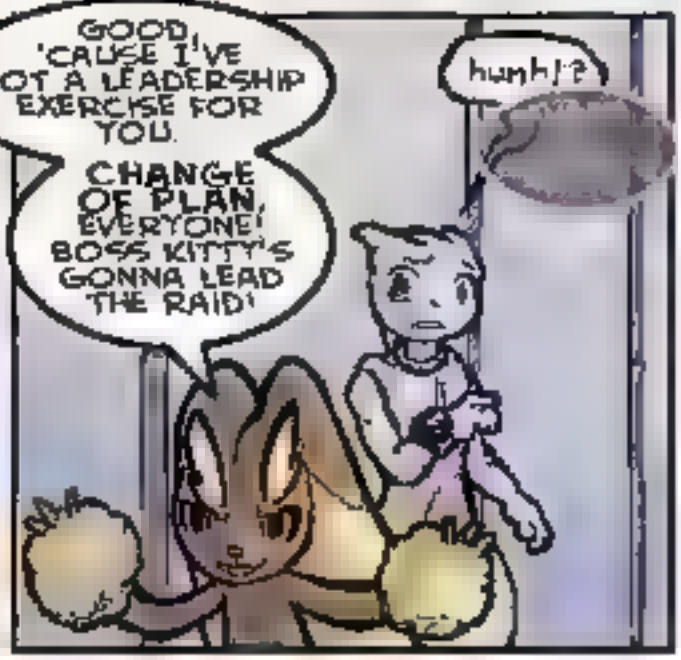
YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOOPA. I CAN'T SAY YET WHETHER IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT--
YOU WILL BE HELD TO YOUR WORD.

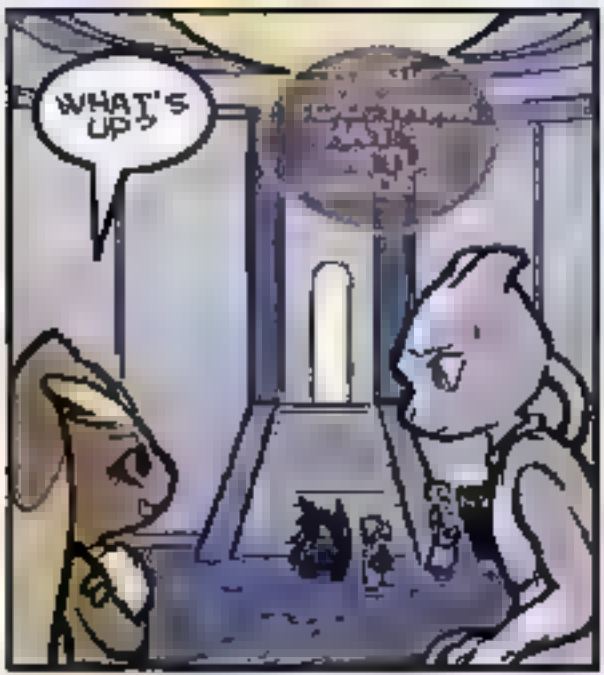

NO
"NOT ONE OF OURS."

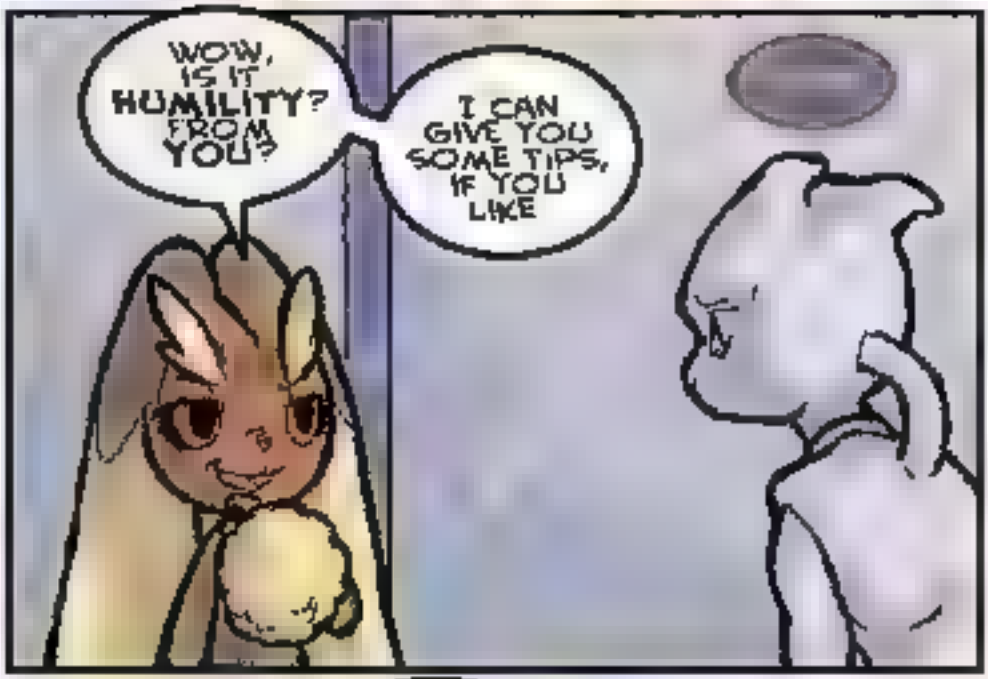

GUYS, THE PORTAL --!

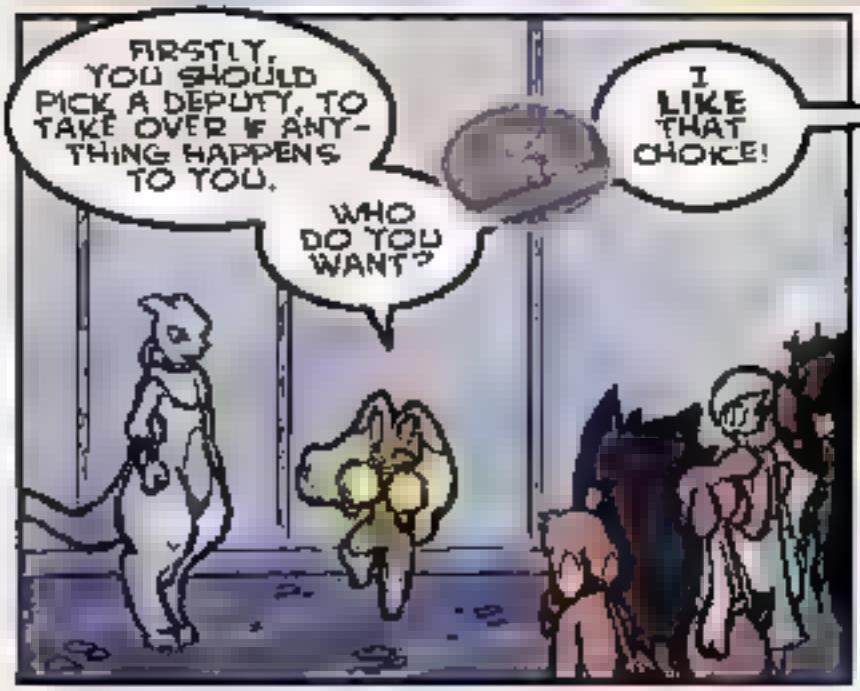

"HOOPA" AGREED TO GET US IN!
IT SAID NOTHING ABOUT GETTING US BACK OUT AGAIN.


WELL, IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DEAL.
CAN YOU STILL DO YOUR PSYCHIC STUFF WITH THAT NECKLACE ON YOU?

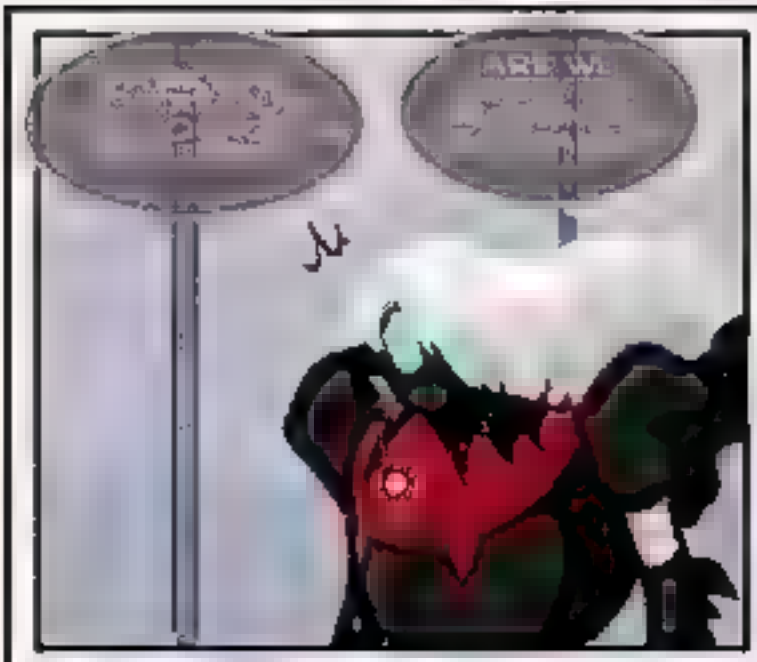

GOOD, 'CAUSE I'VE GOT A LEADERSHIP EXERCISE FOR YOU.
CHANGE OF PLAN, EVERYONE! BOSS KITTY'S GONNA LEAD THE RAID!
hunh!?


WHAT'S UP?

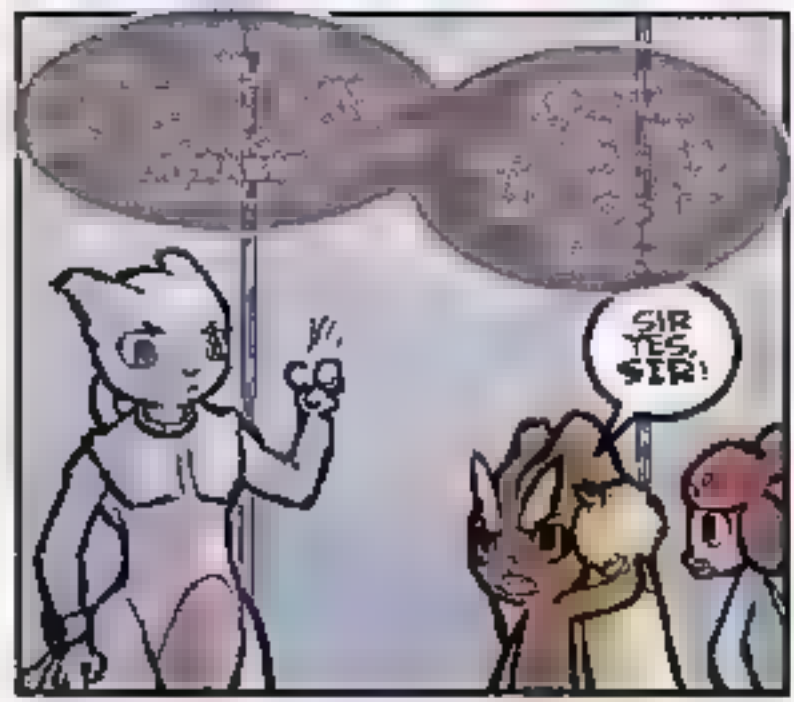

WOW, IS IT HUMILITY? FROM YOU?
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME TIPS, IF YOU LIKE

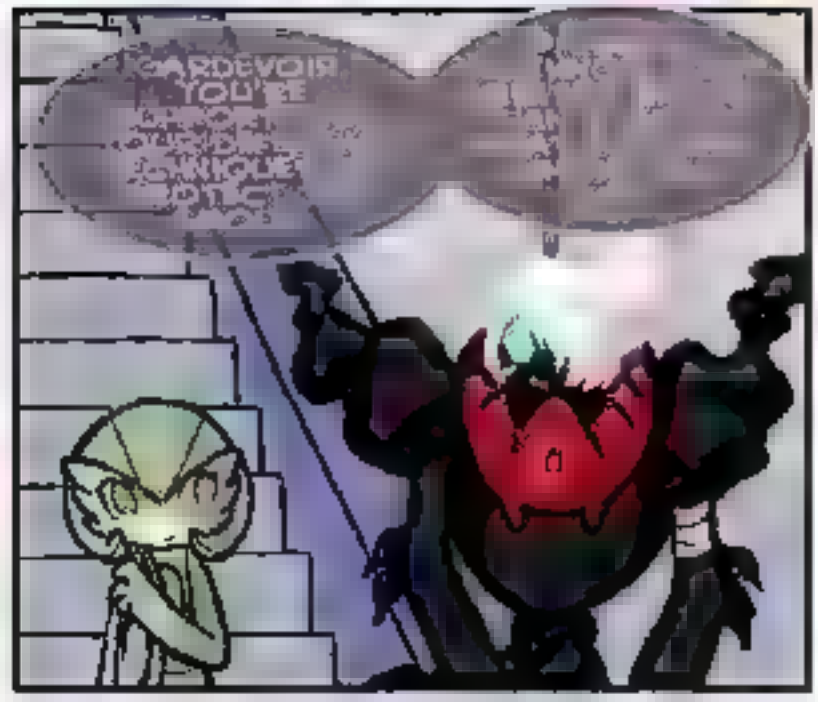

FIRSTLY, YOU SHOULD PICK A DEPUTY, TO TAKE OVER IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU.
WHO DO YOU WANT?
I LIKE THAT CHOICE!

HERE'S YOUR TEAM. WHAT D'YOU WANT THEM TO DO?
JUST REMEMBER RULE THREE

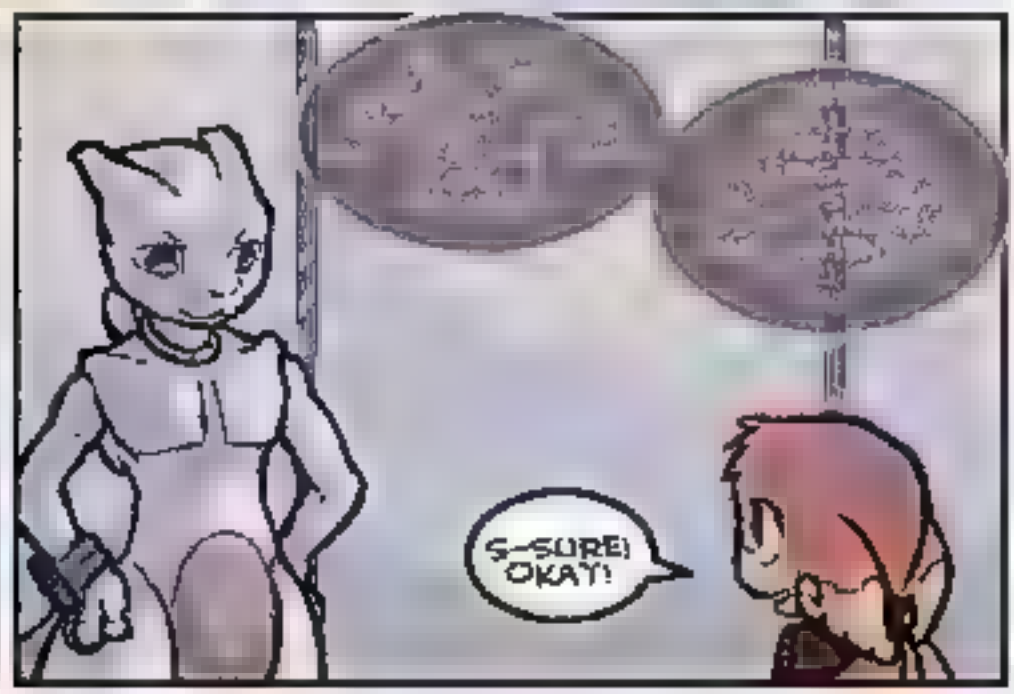

ARE WE

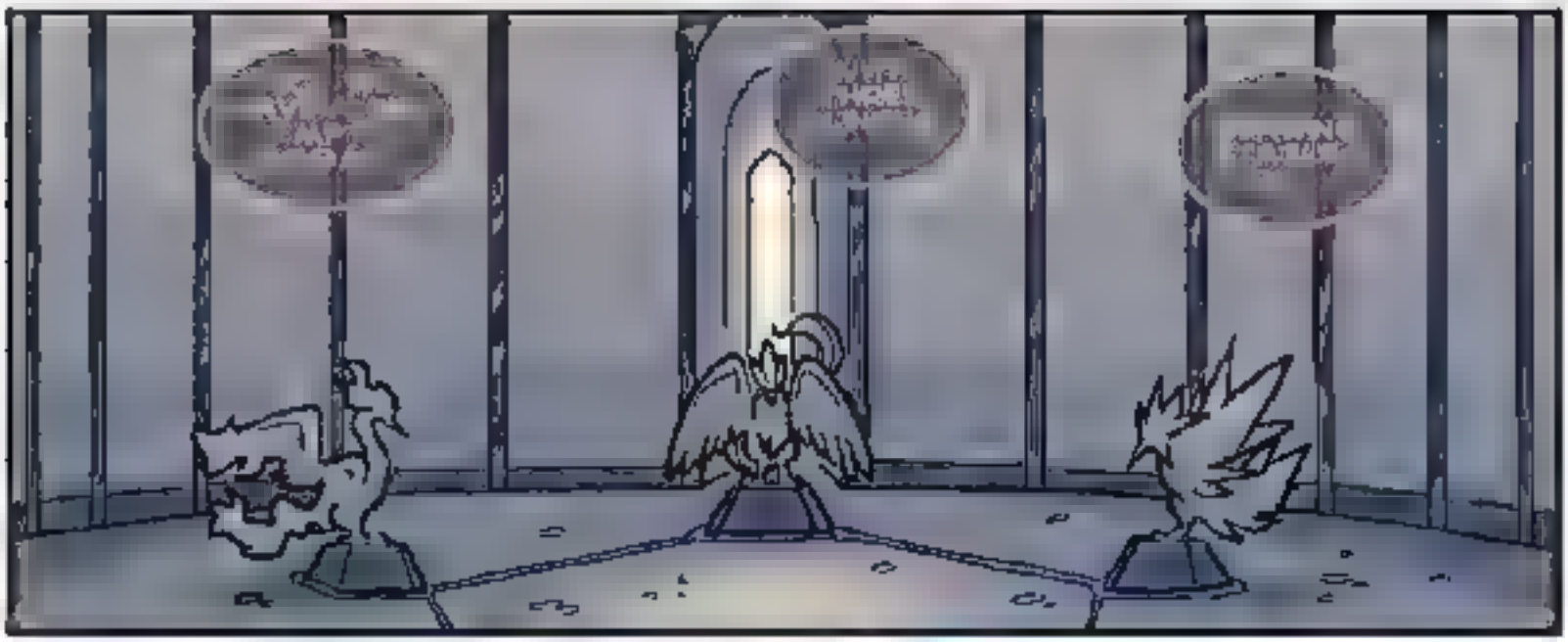
THERE WILL BE DEFENSES... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT FORM THEY'LL TAKE.
hrm.

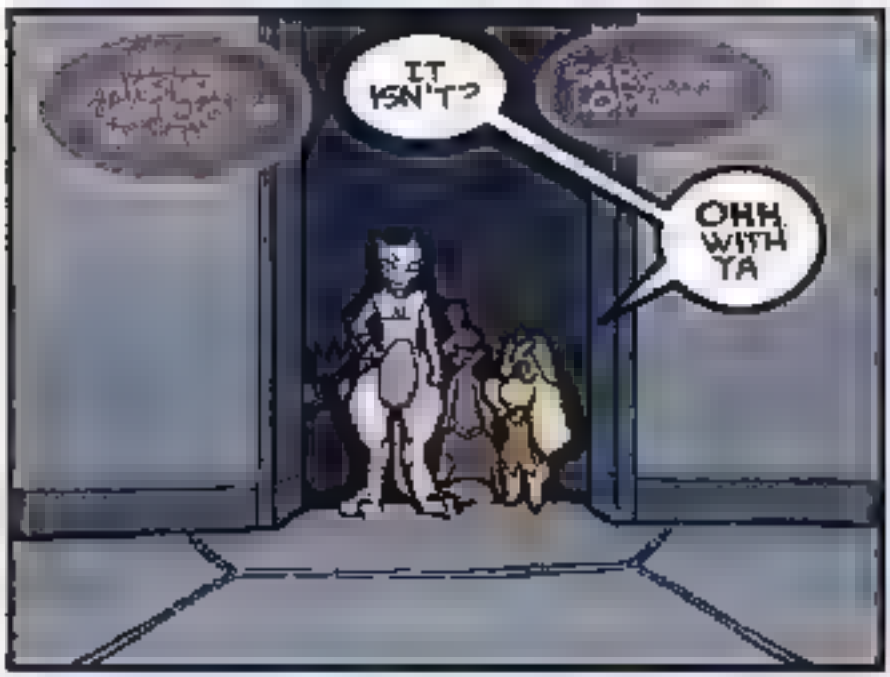

SIR YES, SIR!

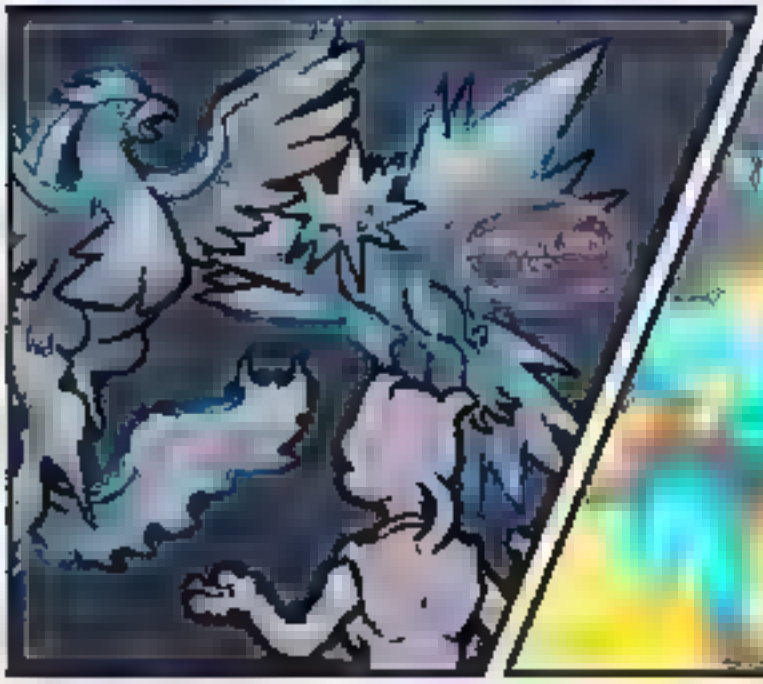

GARDEVOIR YOU'RE

YOU WANT ME TO STAY HERE WHERE IT'S SAFE

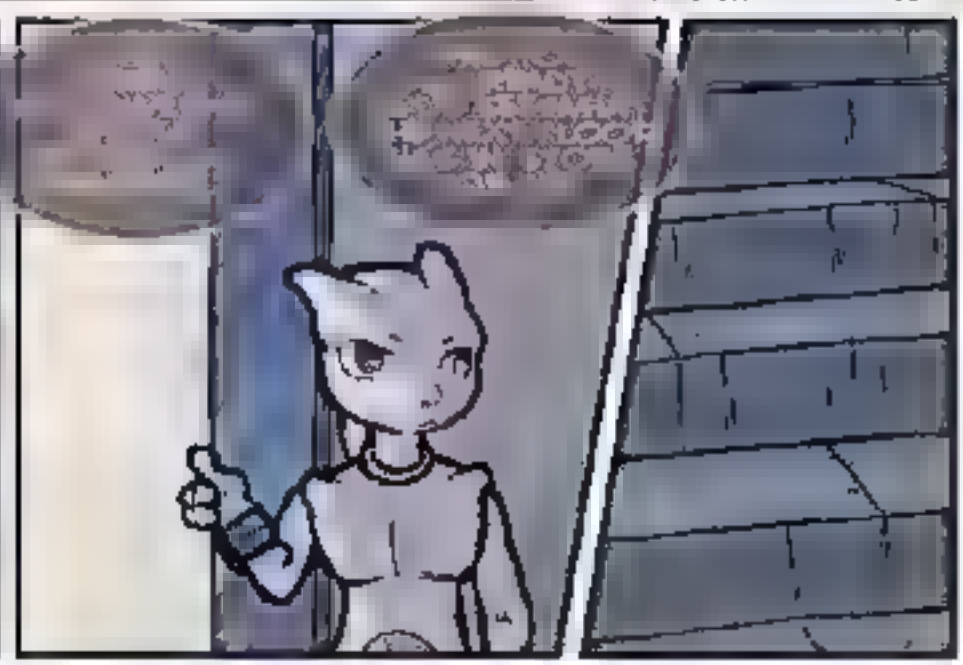

S-SURE! OKAY!

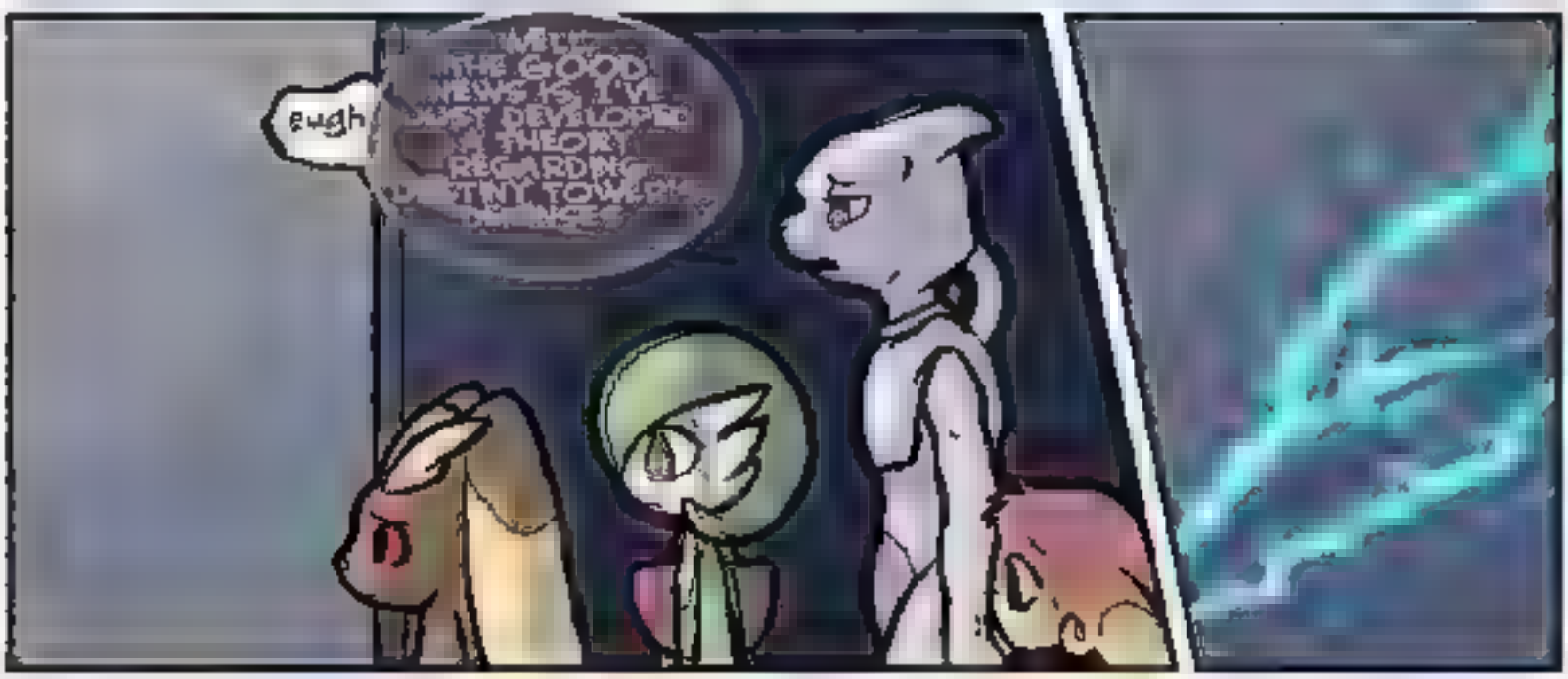



IT ISN'T?
OHH WITH YA



THAT WAS SURPRISINGLY PAINLESS.

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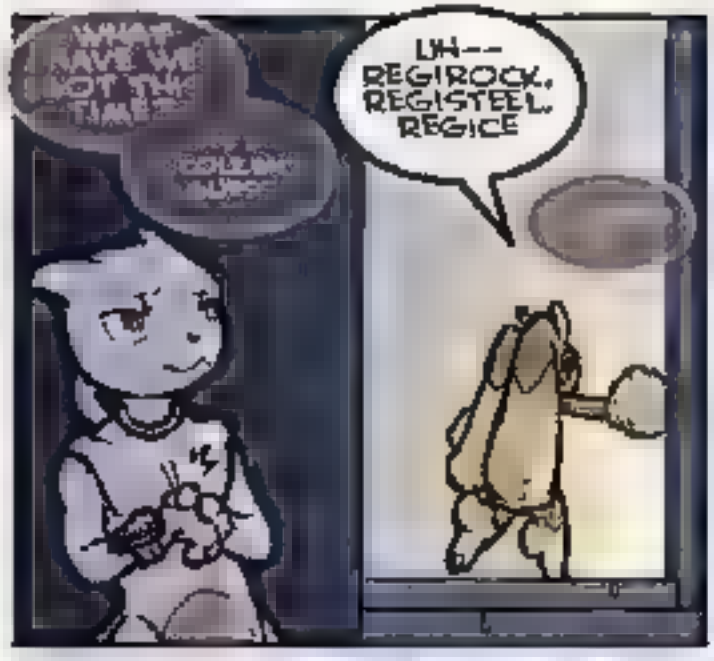
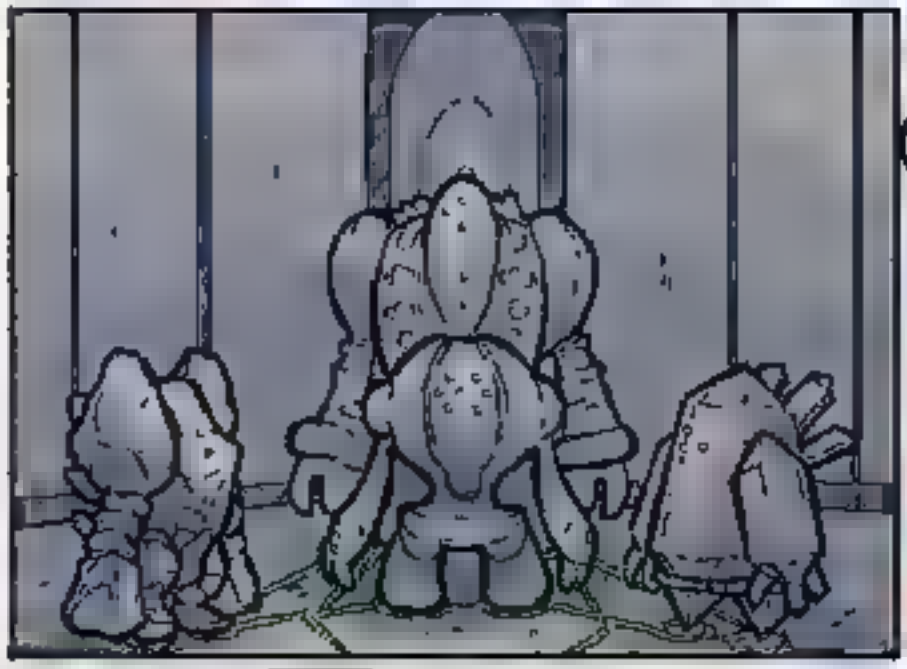
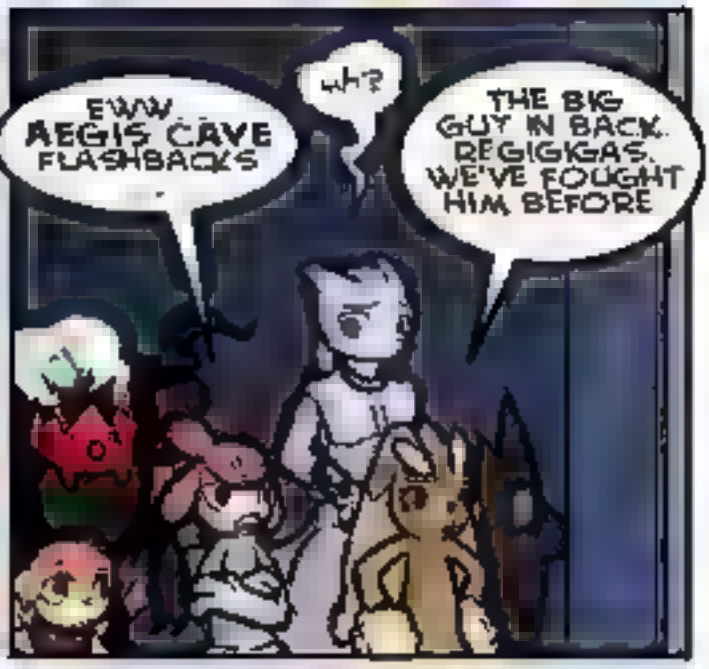
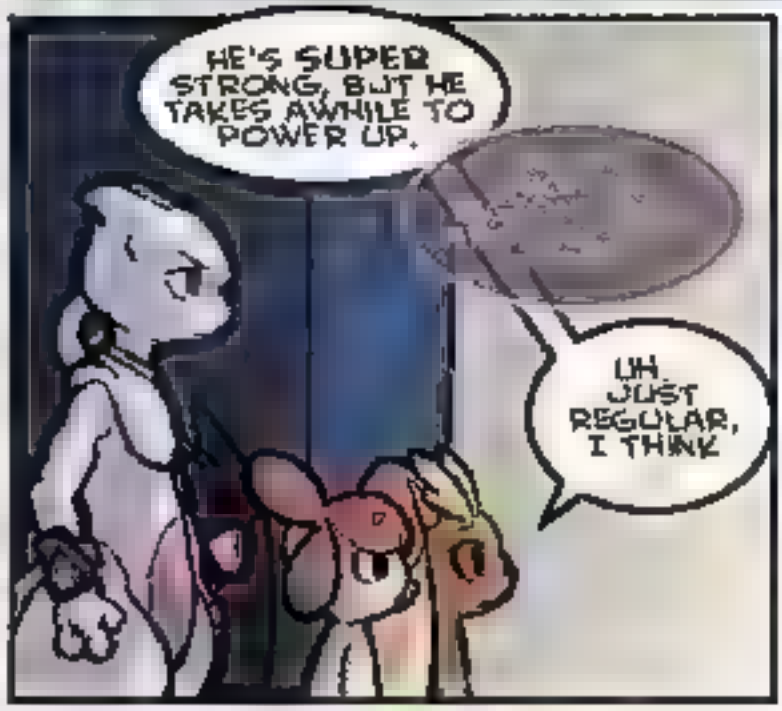
WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS I'VE JUST DEVELOPED A THEORY REGARDING TINY TOWER DANGERS


WHAT HAVE WE GOT THIS TIME?
FOLLOW SUPER
UH-- REGIROCK, REGISTEEL, REGICE

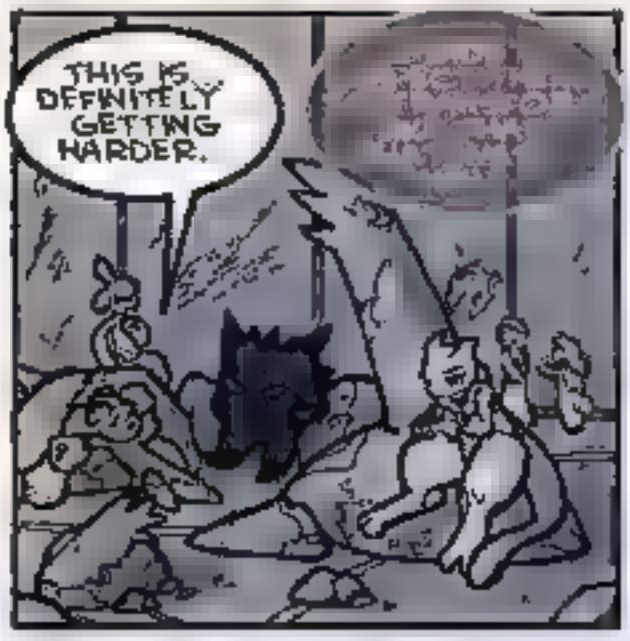
WHAT? NO, THERE'S NO AND AND WAS NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION!
AND



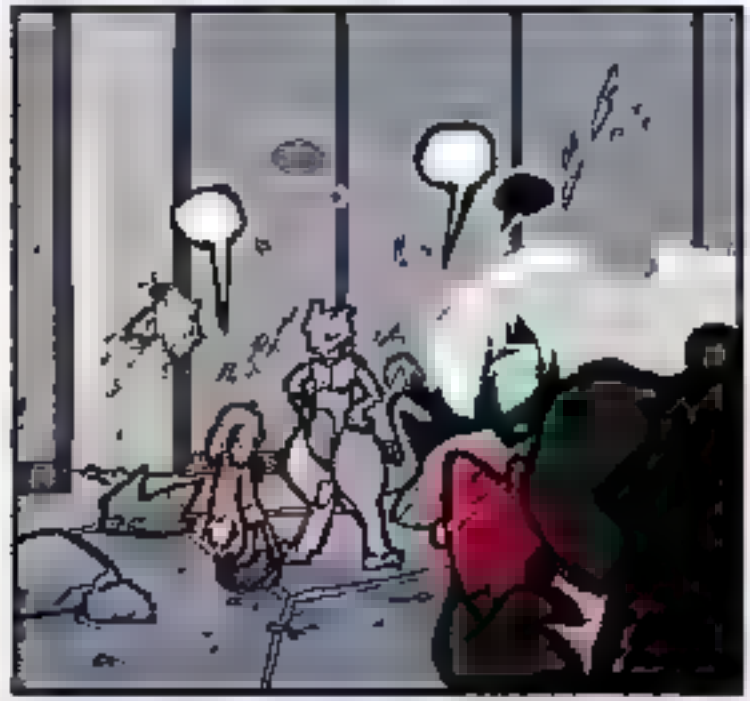

EWW AEGIS CAVE FLASHBACKS
WH?
THE BIG GUY IN BACK. REGIGIGAS. WE'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE

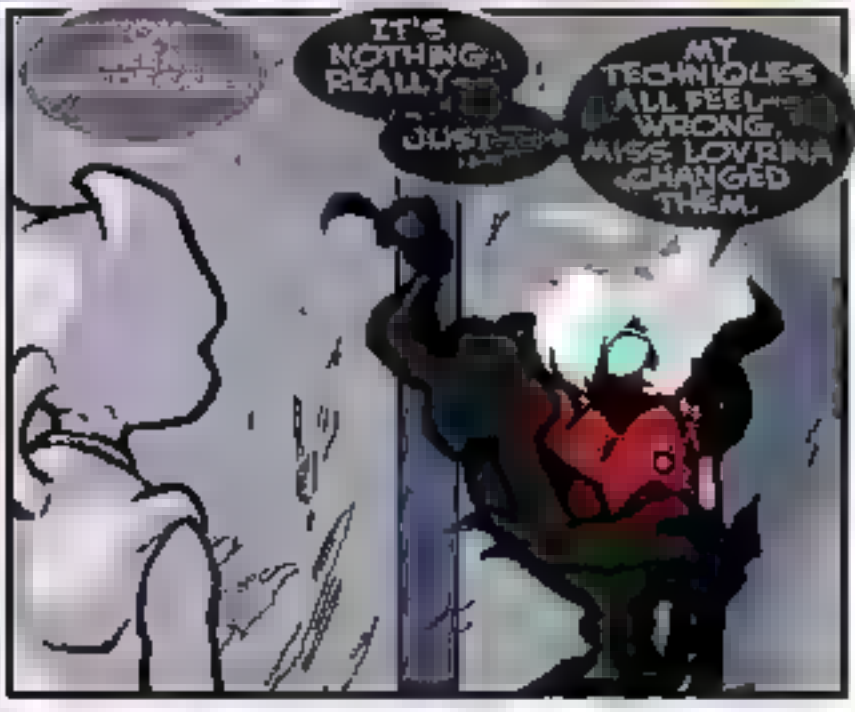

HE'S SUPER STRONG, BUT HE TAKES AWHILE TO POWER UP.
UH JUST REGULAR, I THINK

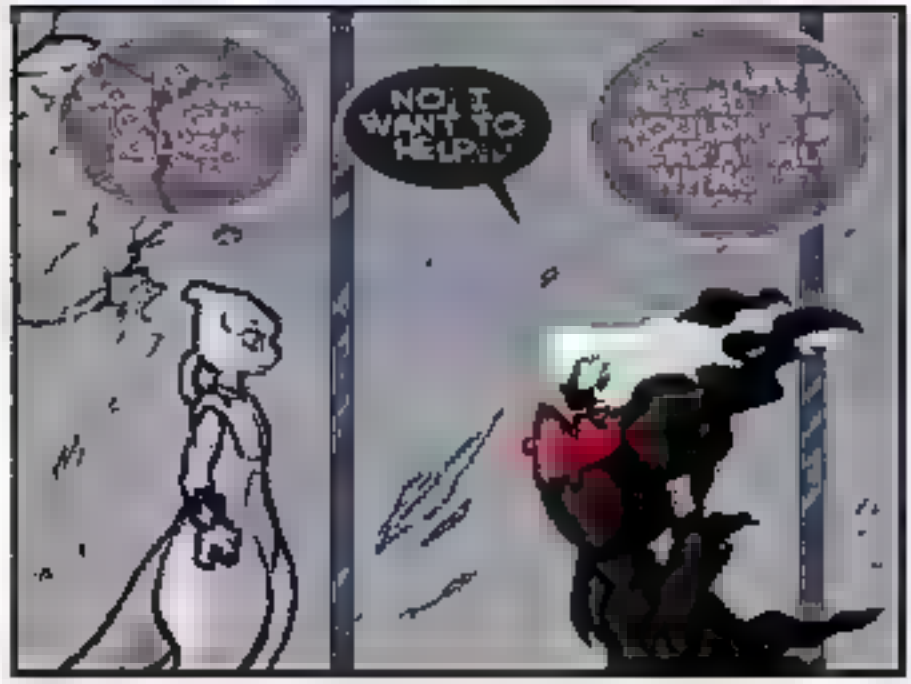
NOW THAT IS INTERESTING. ICE, ROCK, STEEL, NORMAL. ALL WEAK TO
FIGHTING


THIS IS DEFINITELY GETTING HARDER.

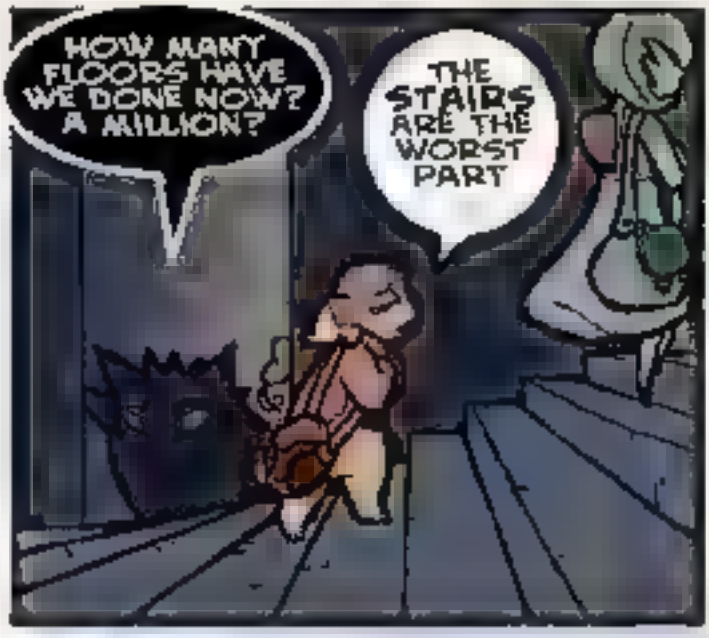
I AM. I SAVED THAT ONE FOR YOU.



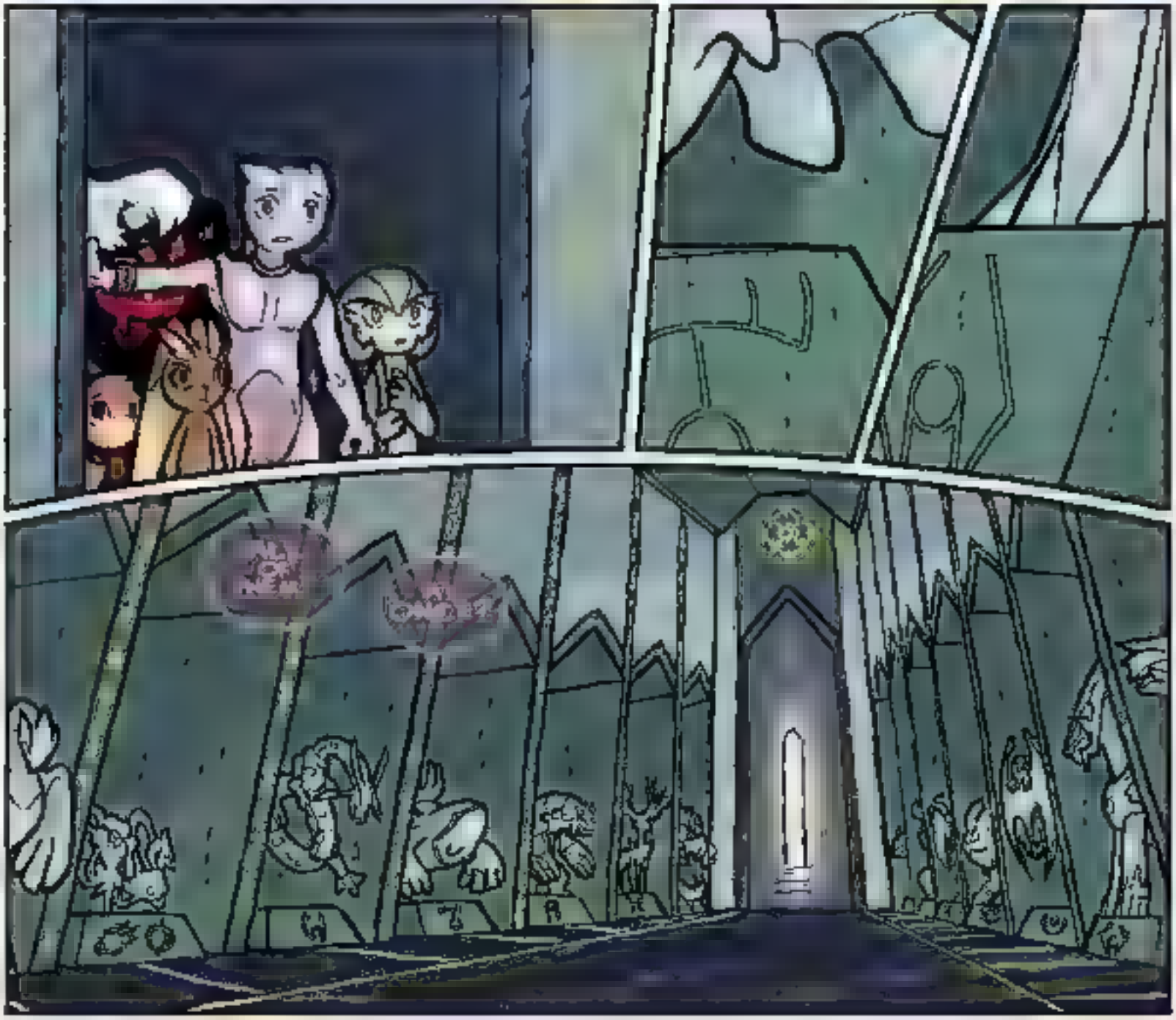

IT'S NOTHING REALLY
JUST
MY TECHNIQUES ALL FEEL WRONG. MISS LOVRINA CHANGED THEM.

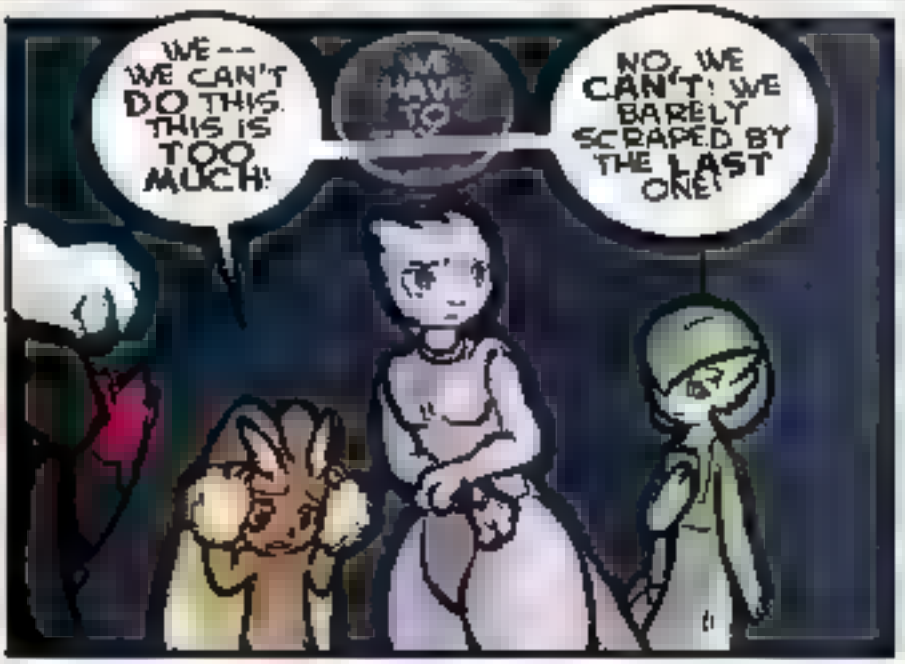

NO, I WANT TO HELP!

I'M ALL RIGHT FOR NOW.

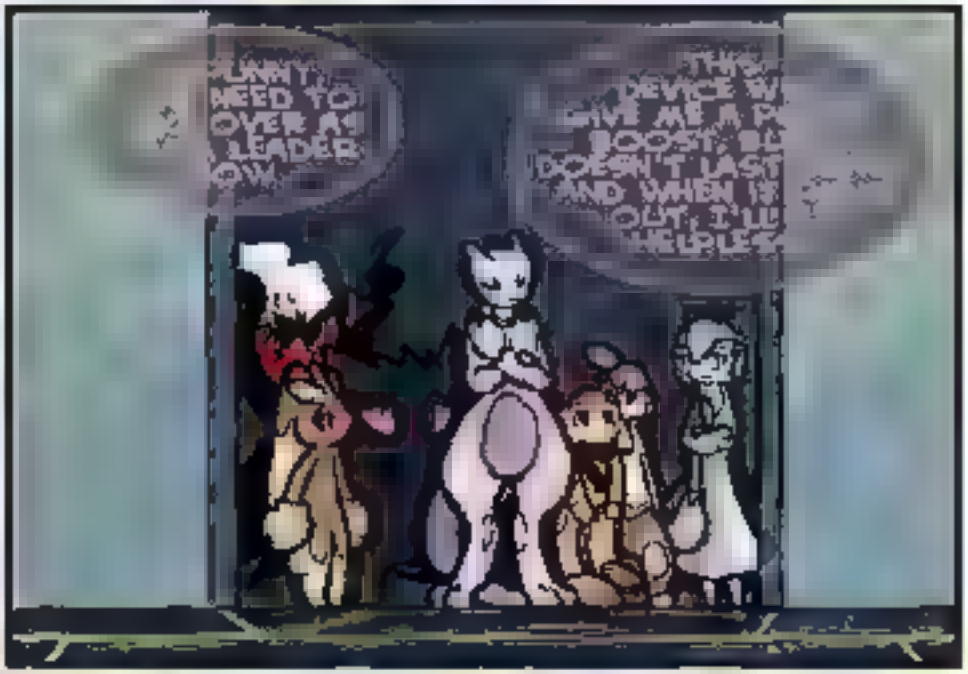

HOW MANY FLOORS HAVE WE DONE NOW? A MILLION?
THE STAIRS ARE THE WORST PART

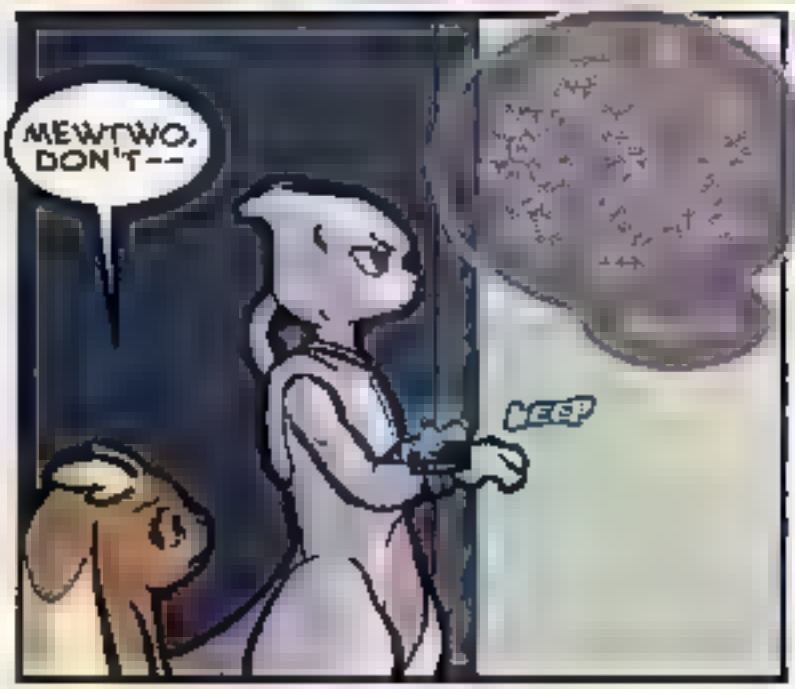
huf.




WE -- WE CAN'T DO THIS. THIS IS TOO MUCH!
WE HAVE TO
NO, WE CAN'T! WE BARELY SCRAPED BY THE LAST ONE!

BOSS KITTY, WE CAN'T WIN THIS FIGHT
MAYBE WE CAN



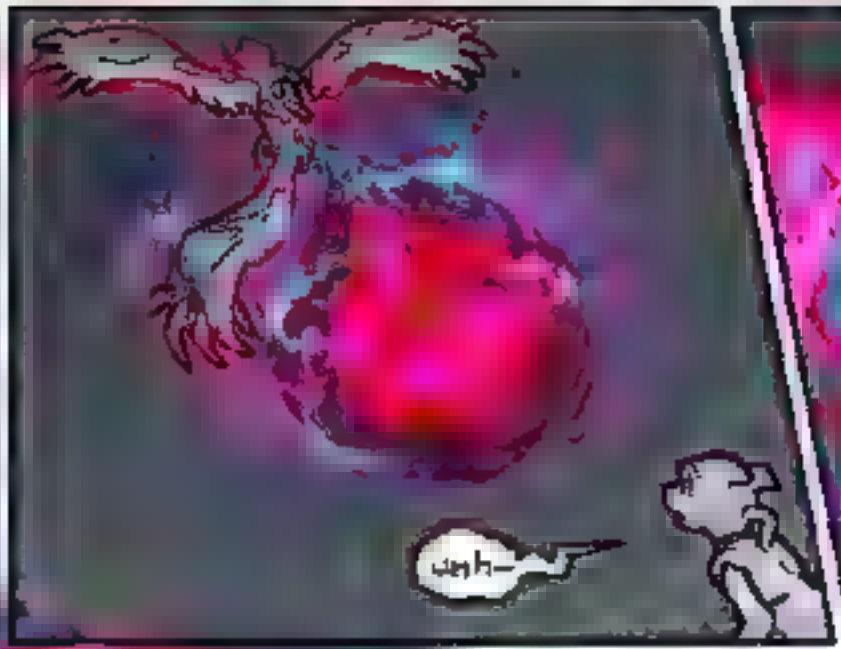

MEWTWO, DON'T --
BEEP

OKAY

BACK, GET BACK!
EVERYONE INTO THE STAIRWELL!

GAAA-!
I'M NOT DONE! GIVE ME ONE MORE SHOT
NO!

Ahuck... guhh...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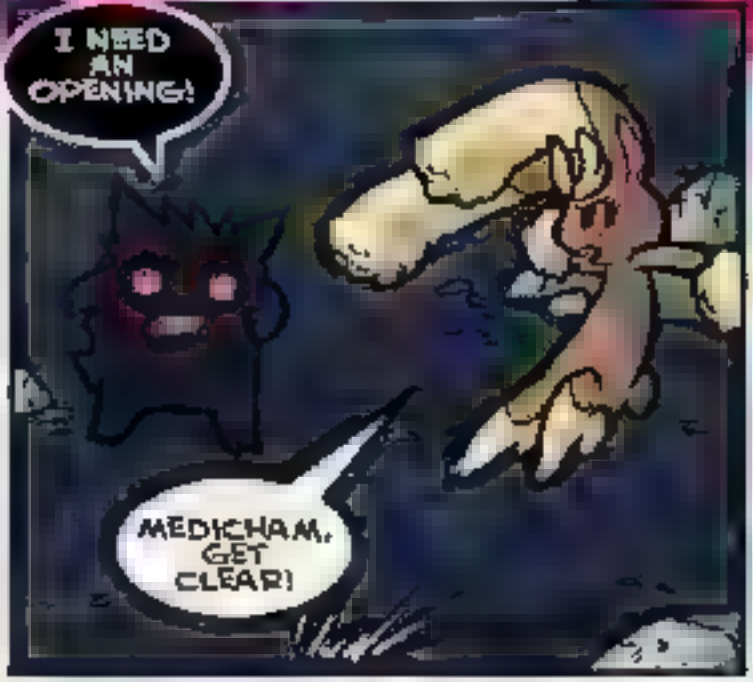
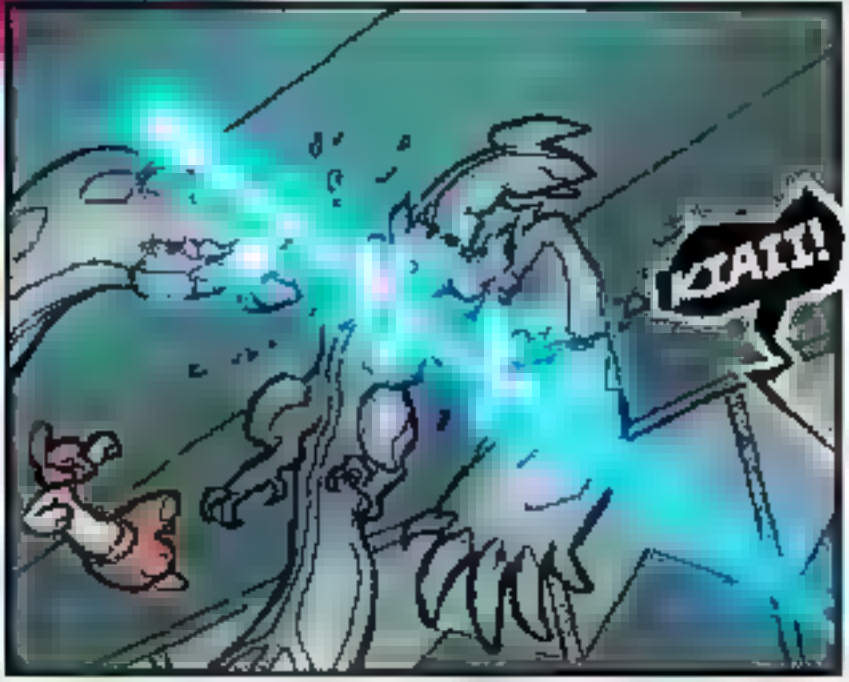
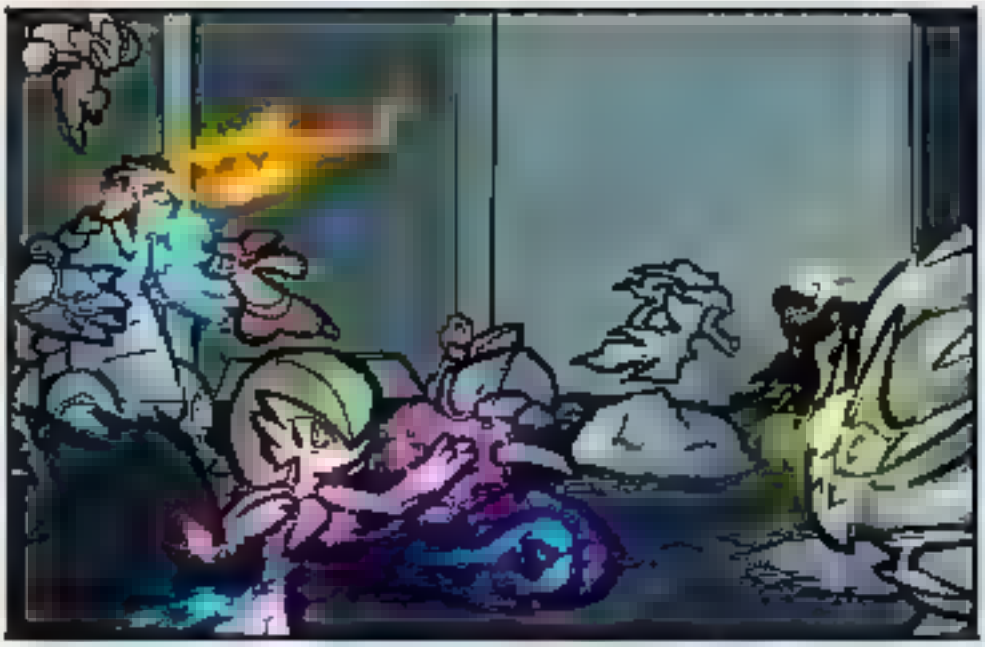
NNH.

HYAAH!

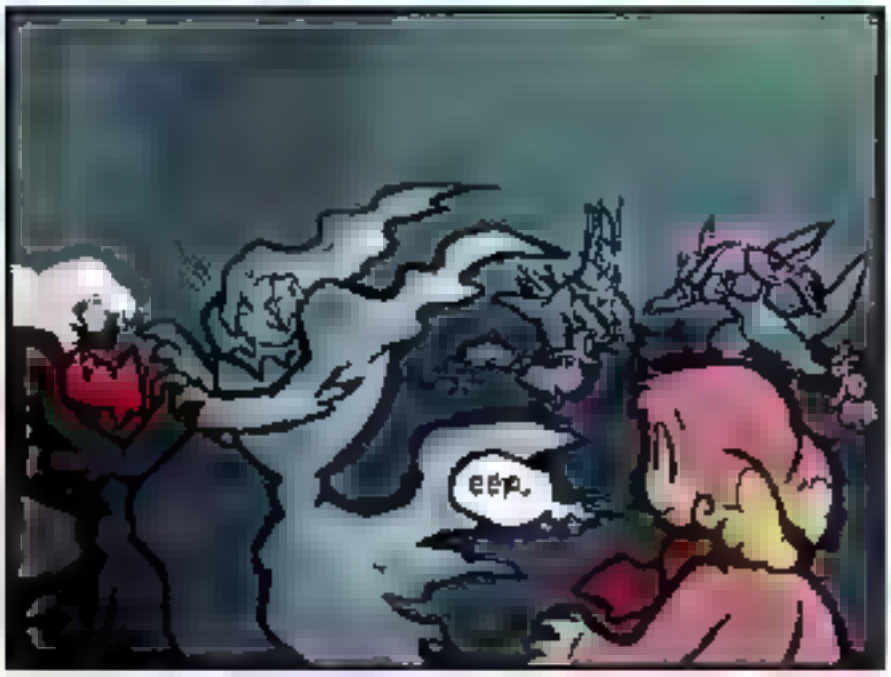

I NEED AN OPENING!
MEDICHAM, GET CLEAR!


KIAI!



AAA——!

YAH!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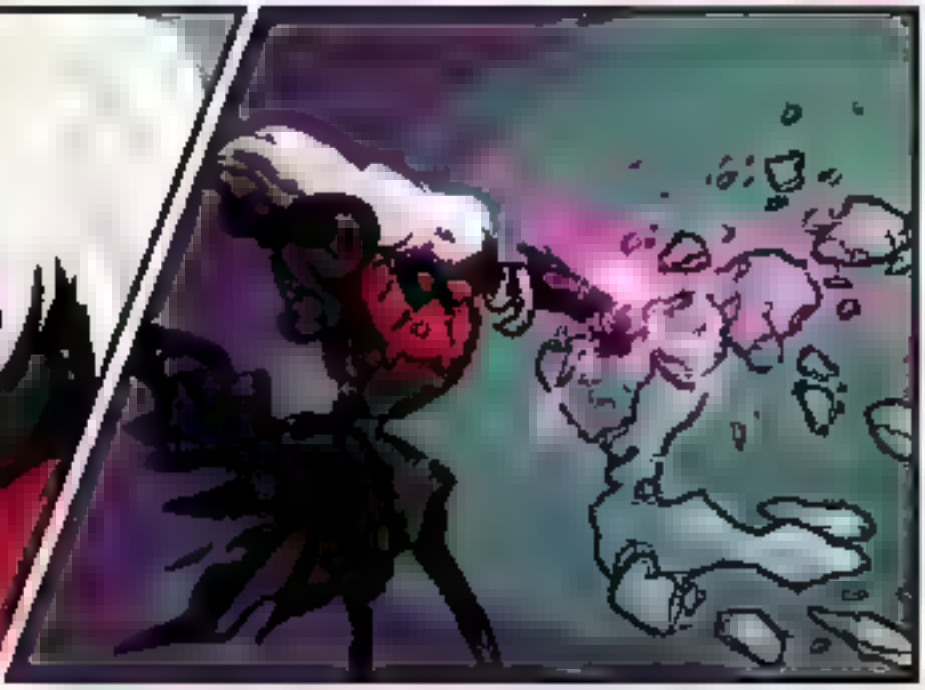
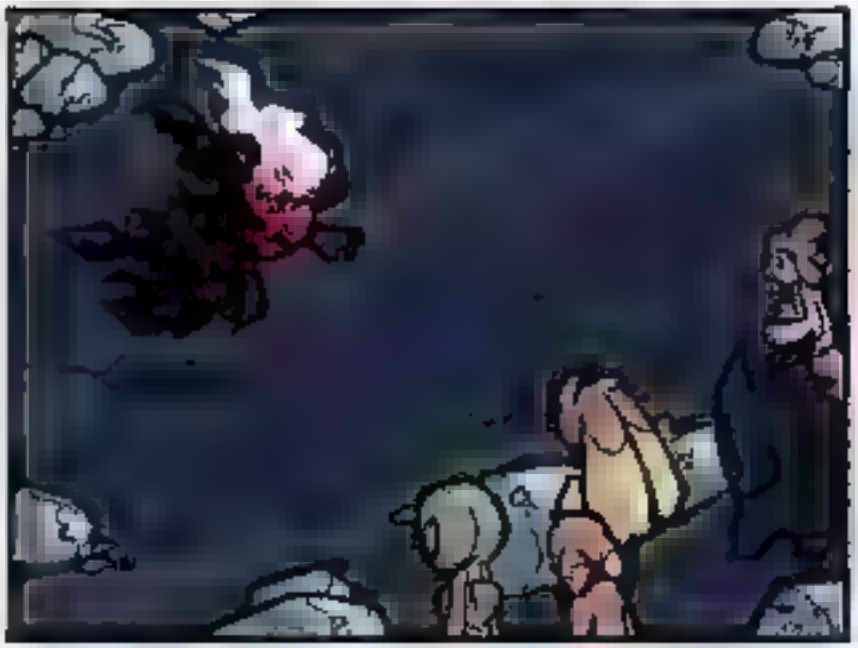
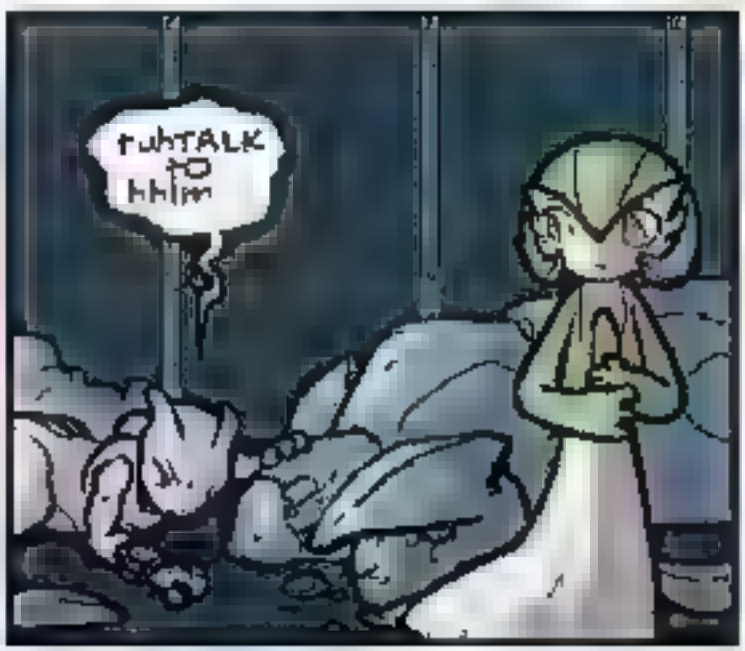
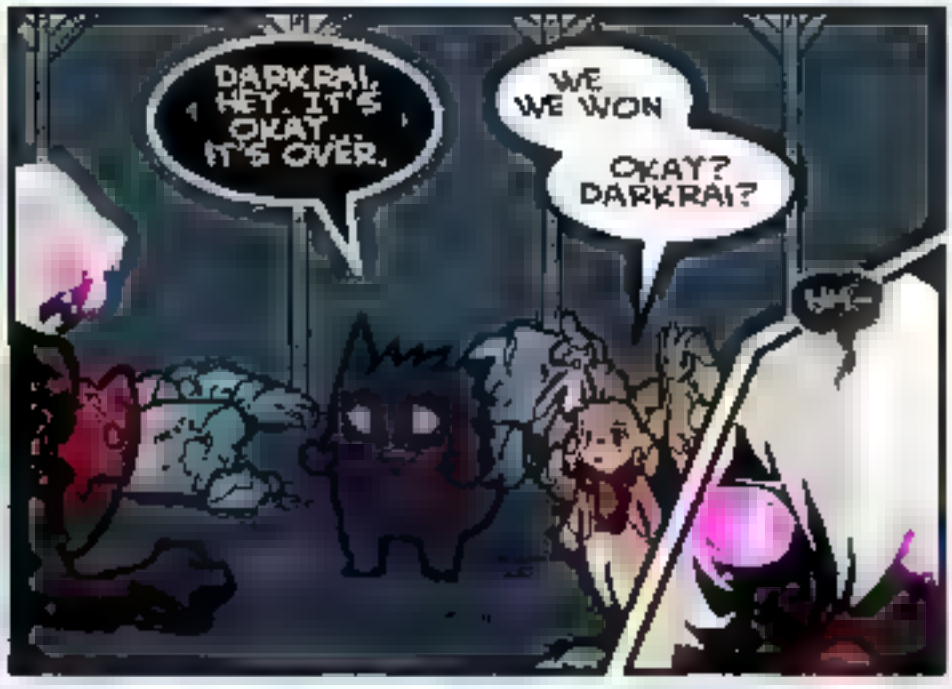


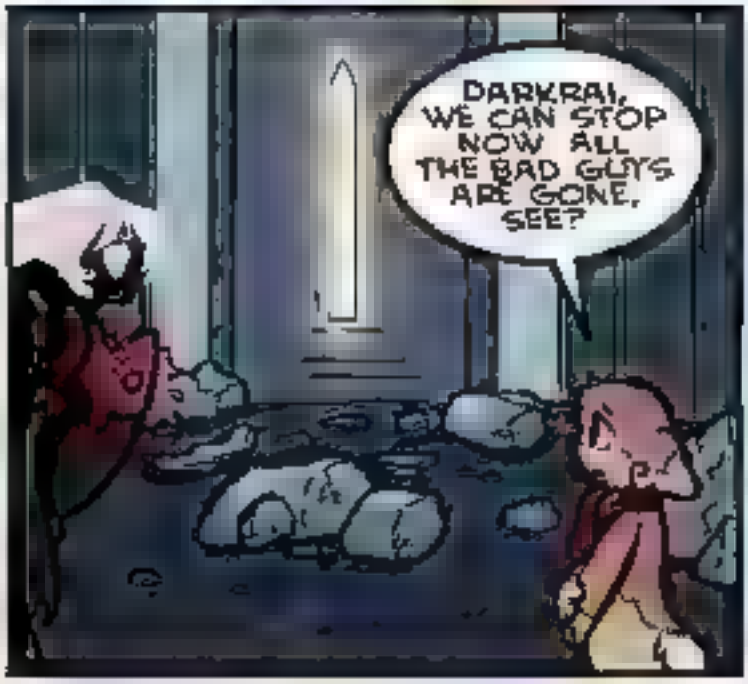
HAAH-- IT'S THE-- LAST GUY--
JUST BLAST HIM ALREADY --!
I CAN'T, I'M OUT! AND SHADOWBALL ISN'T WORKING!
WUH?
RRRUH...
RAAUGH--!
HRRH... HRRUH ...
YIKES

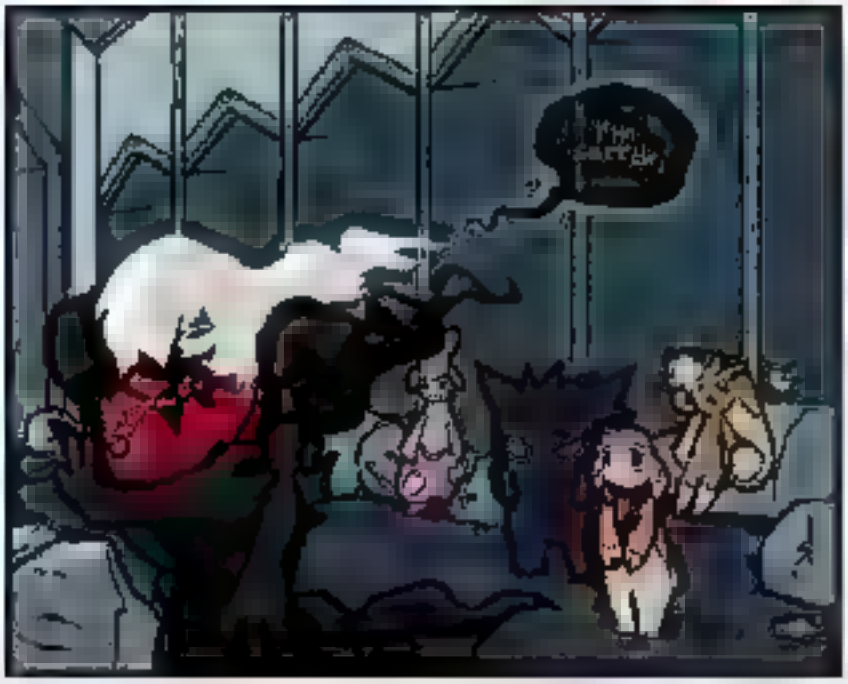



ruhTALK TO hhim

use... hhnAME...
TRUSS-ted voissce...

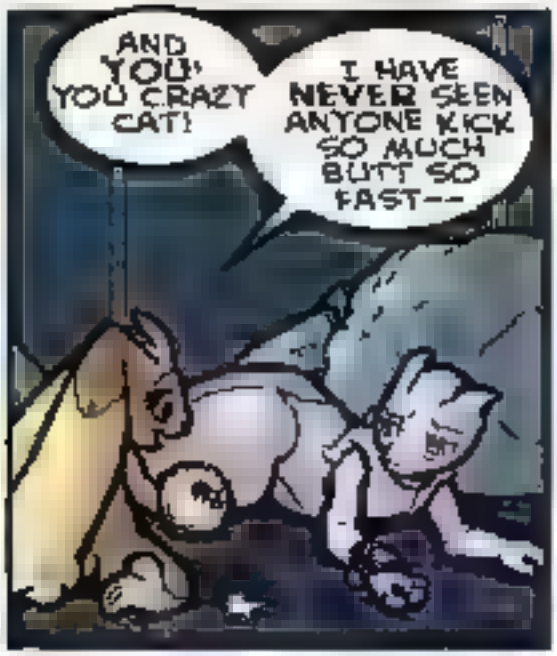

DARKRAI, HEY. IT'S OKAY. IT'S OVER.
WE WE WON
OKAY? DARKRAI?

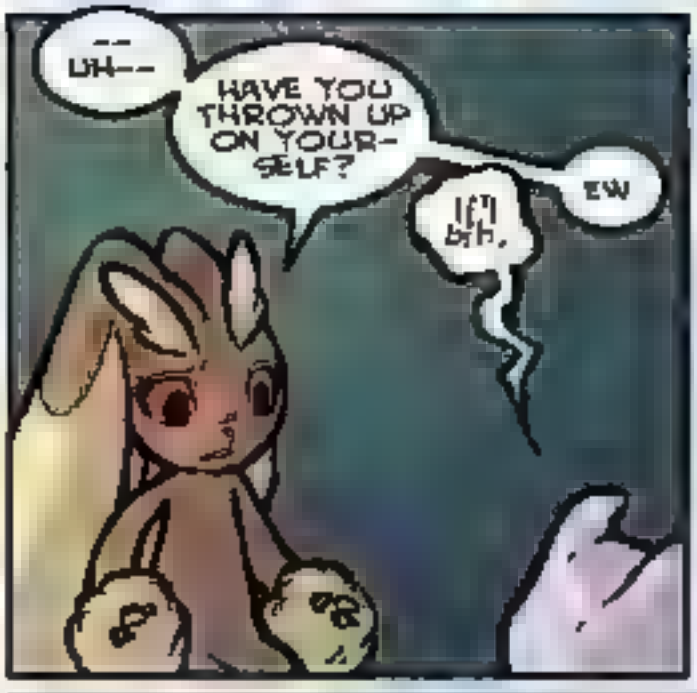

DARKRAI, WE CAN STOP NOW. ALL THE BAD GUYS ARE GONE. SEE?

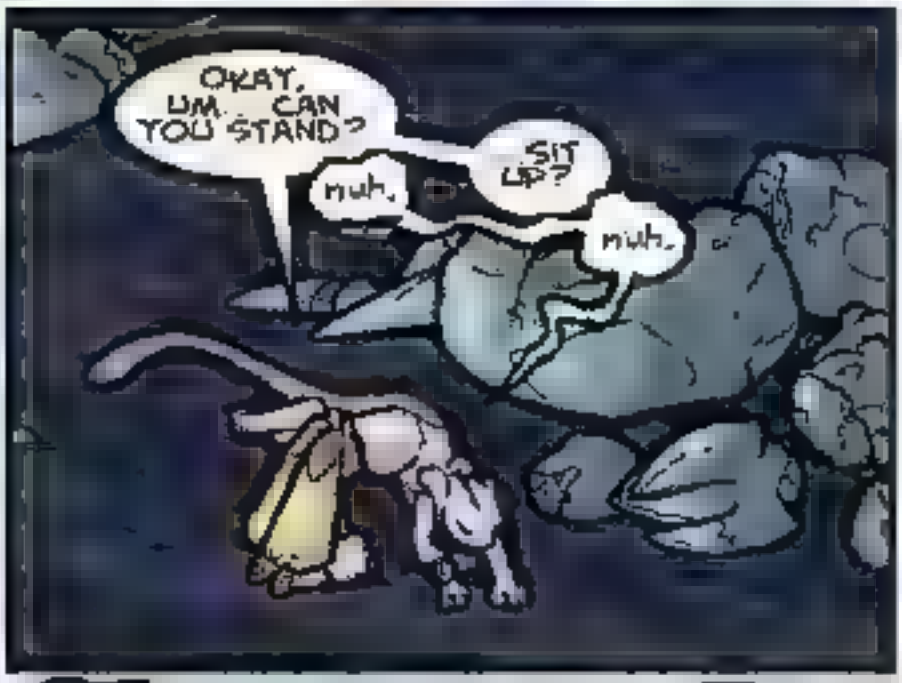


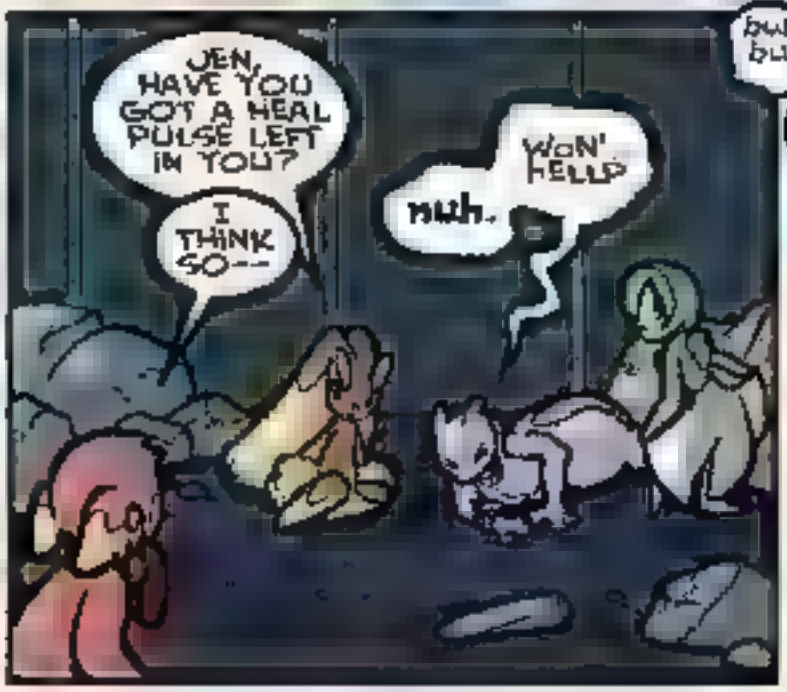
WHEW
WE WON?

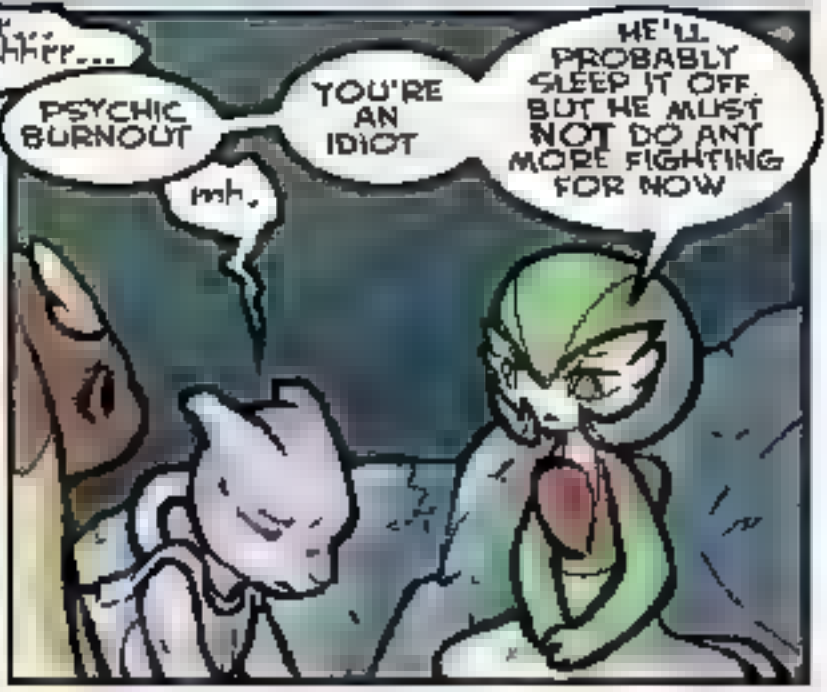
OH MY GOSH! WE WON!

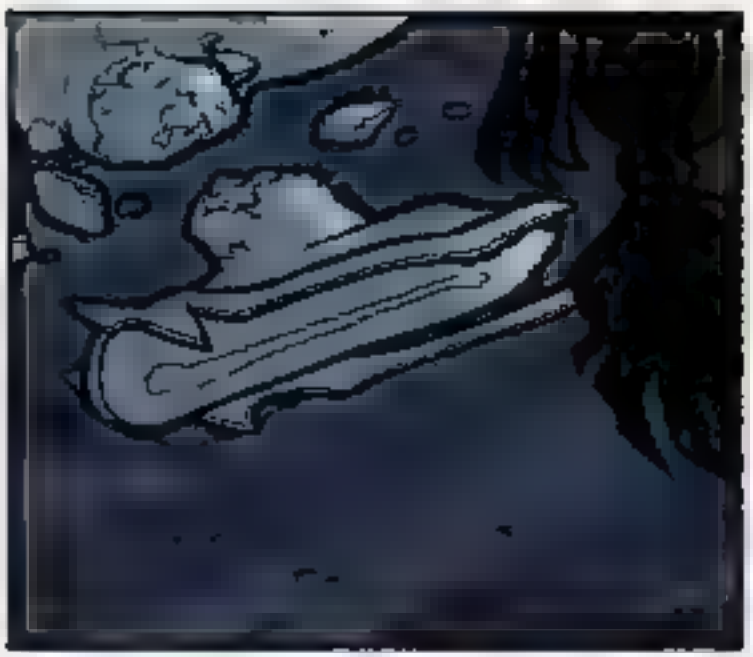

AND YOU! YOU CRAZY CAT!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE KICK SO MUCH BUTT SO FAST--

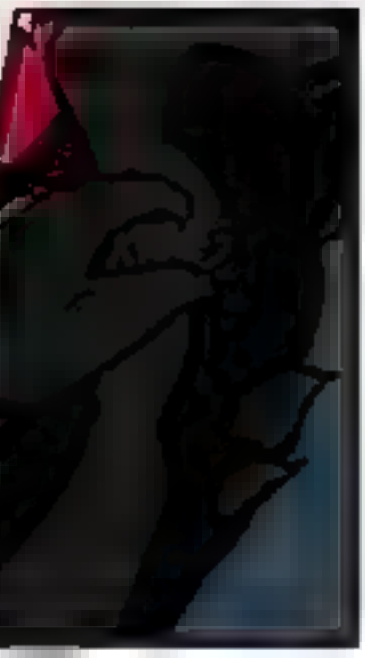

--UH--
HAVE YOU THROWN UP ON YOURSELF?
EW
I'll bth.

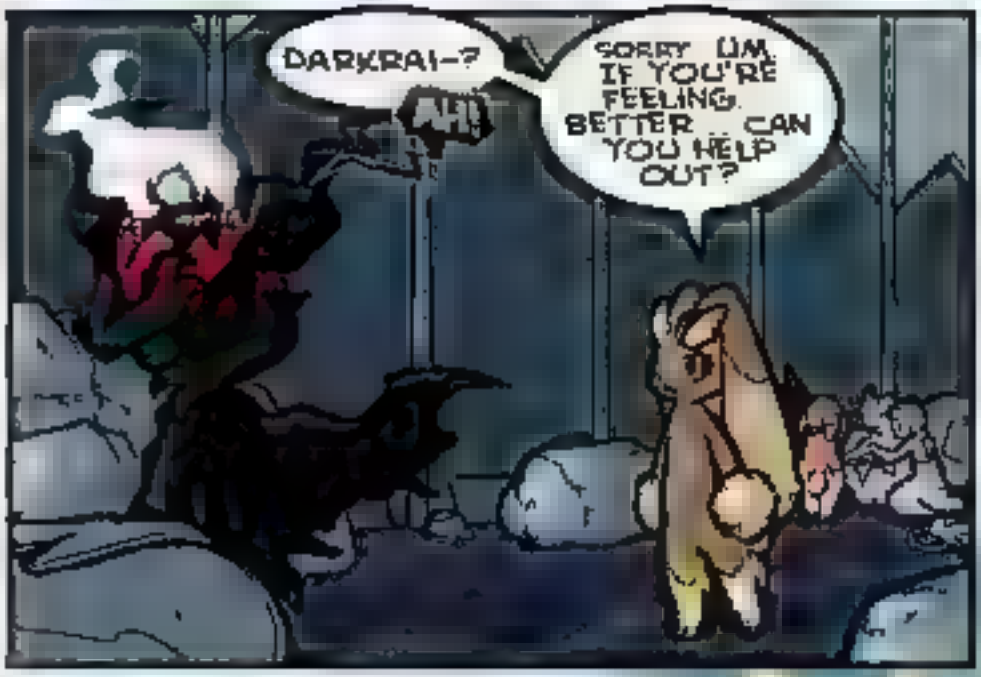

OKAY, UM... CAN YOU STAND?
SIT UP?
muh.
muh.


JEN, HAVE YOU GOT A HEAL PULSE LEFT IN YOU?
I THINK SO--
muh.
WON' HELLP


bur... buhhrr...
PSYCHIC BURNOUT
YOU'RE AN IDIOT
HE'LL PROBABLY SLEEP IT OFF BUT HE MUST NOT DO ANY MORE FIGHTING FOR NOW
mh.

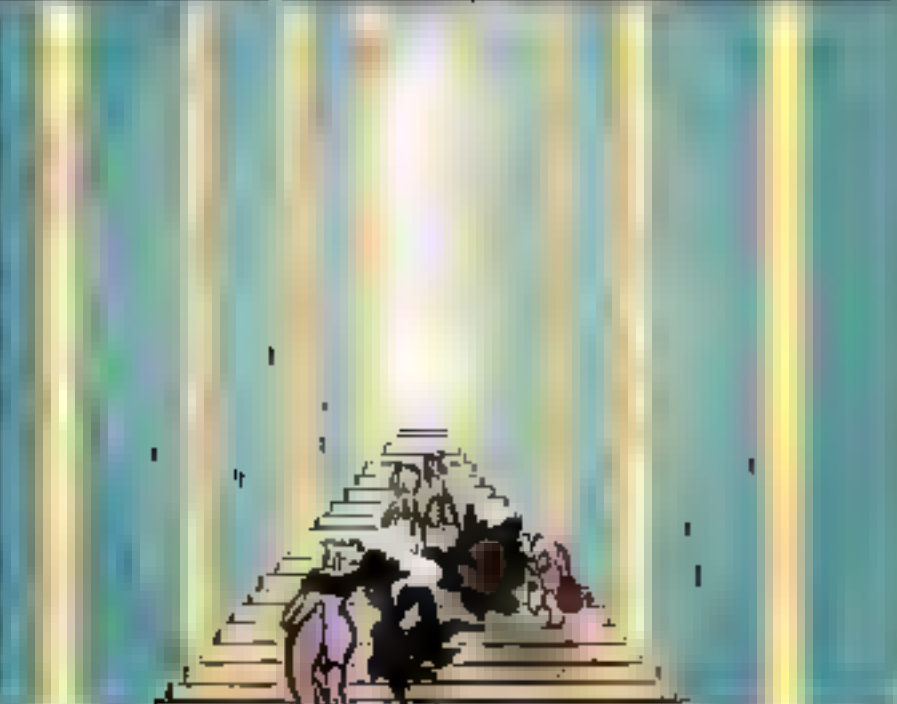


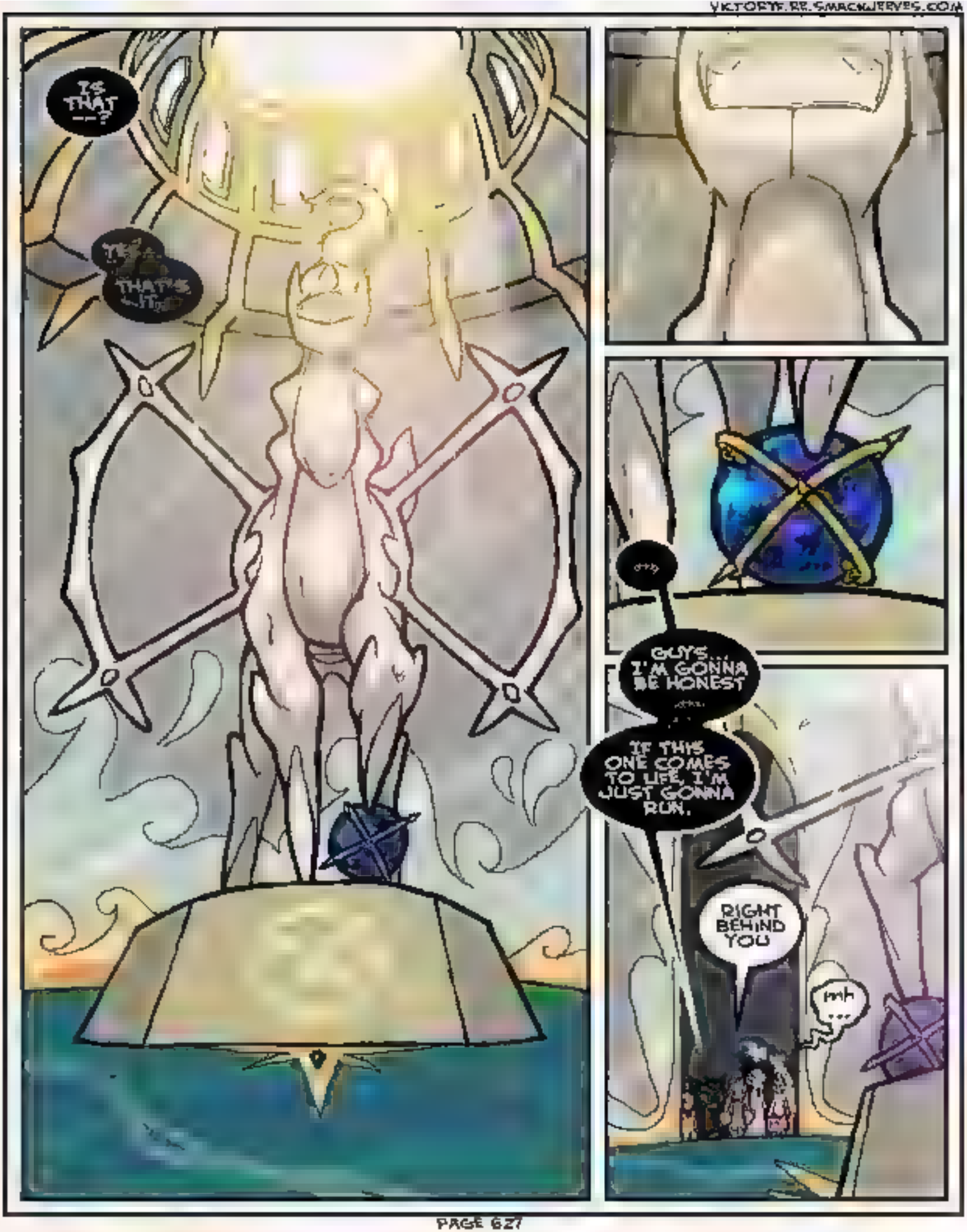


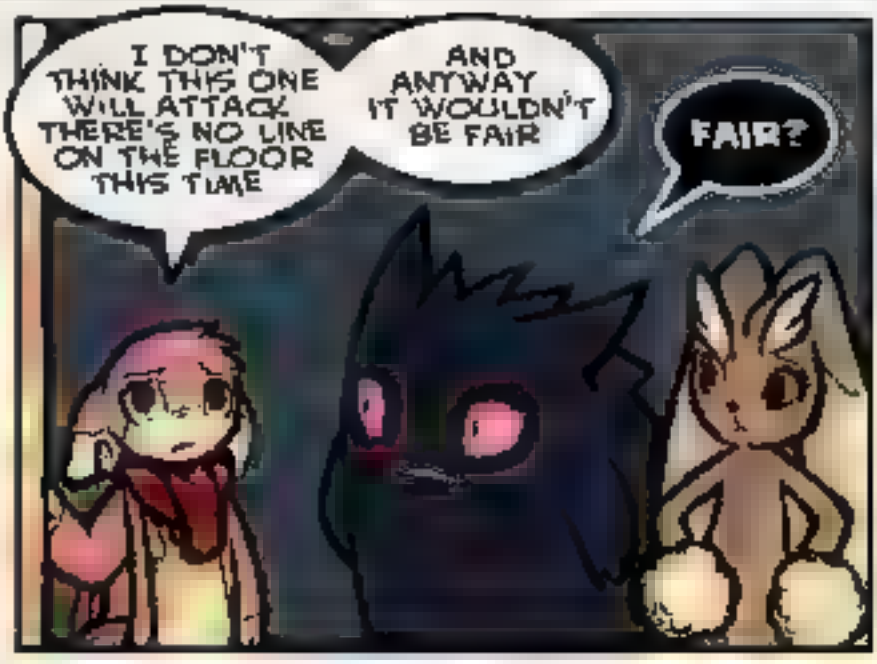

DARKRAI–?
AH!
SORRY. UM. IF YOU'RE FEELING BETTER... CAN YOU HELP OUT?

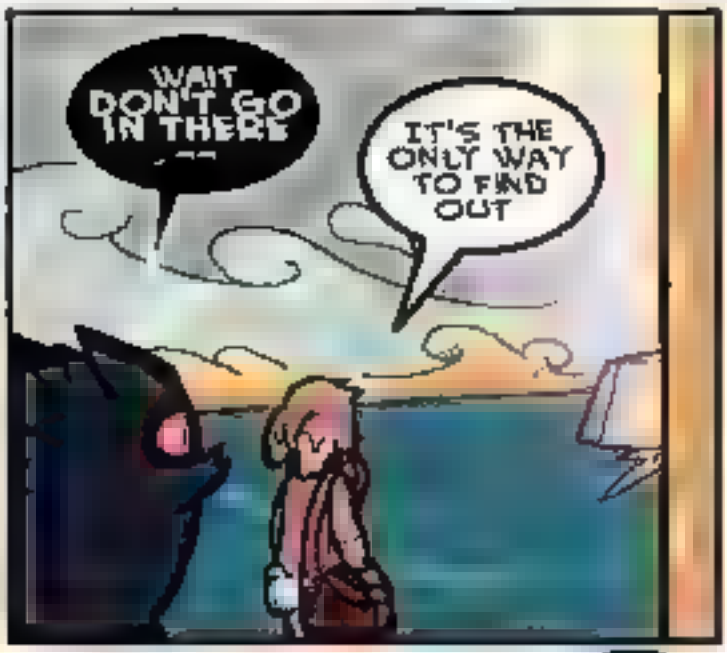
OH–
YEAH. MEWTWO CAN'T WALK VERY WELL, AND HE'S SO FREAKIN' TALL, WE CAN'T CARRY HIM.
YES–OF COURSE.

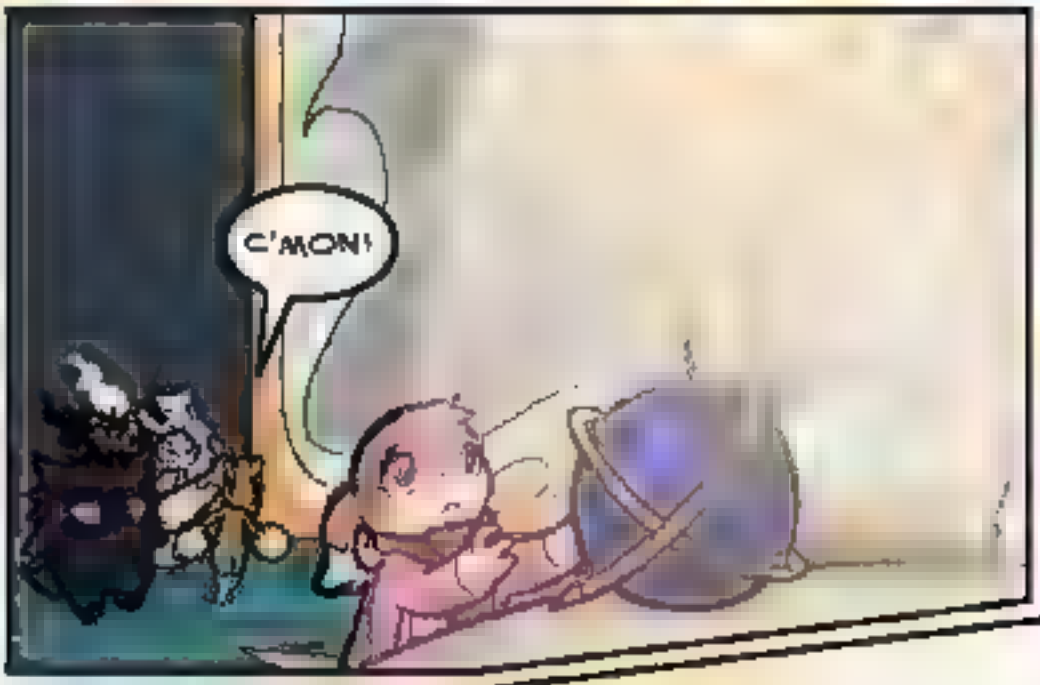
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
AHAHAH




IS THAT --?
YES! THAT'S --IT!
GUYS... I'M GONNA BE HONEST
IF THIS ONE COMES TO LIFE, I'M JUST GONNA RUN.
RIGHT BEHIND YOU
mh...

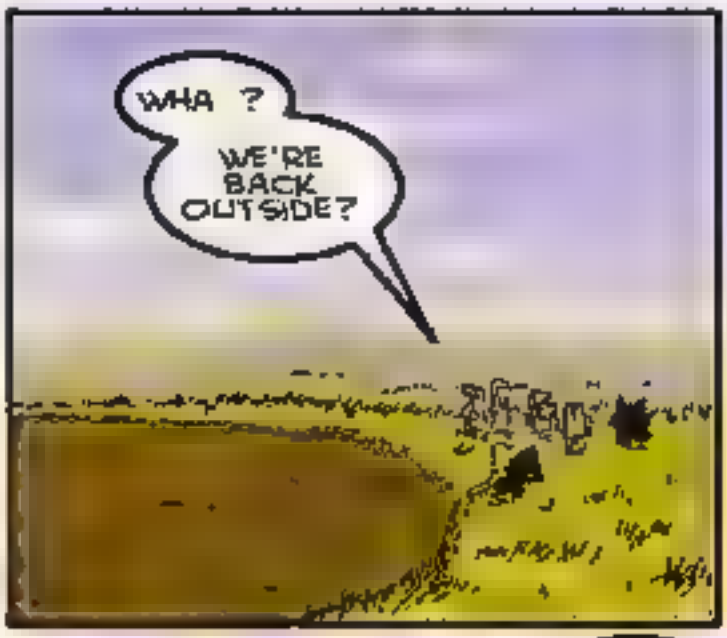

I DON'T THINK THIS ONE WILL ATTACK. THERE'S NO LINE ON THE FLOOR THIS TIME
AND ANYWAY IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR
FAIR?

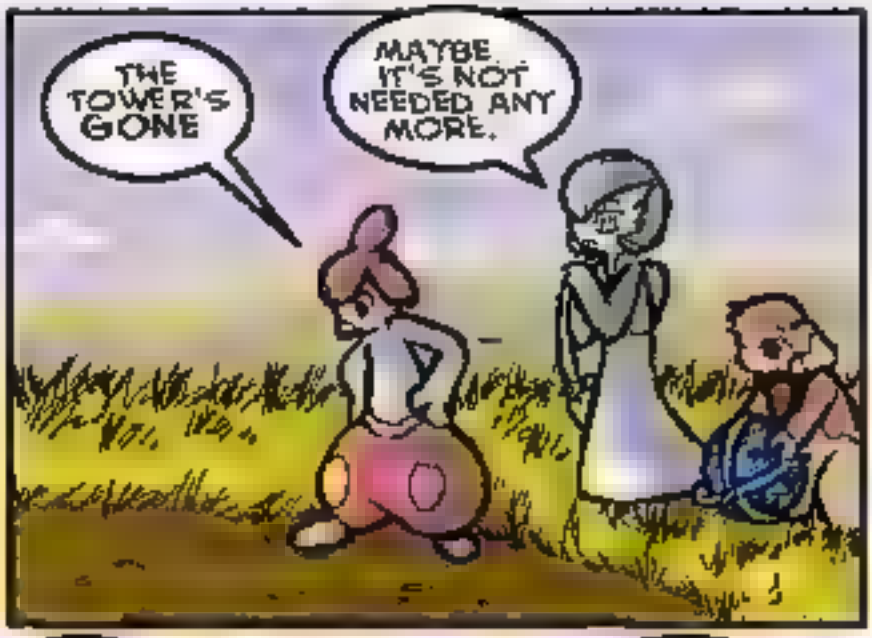

WAIT DON'T GO IN THERE --
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT


C'MON!

UFF-

GAH!
WHAT--?
THAT LIGHT--!

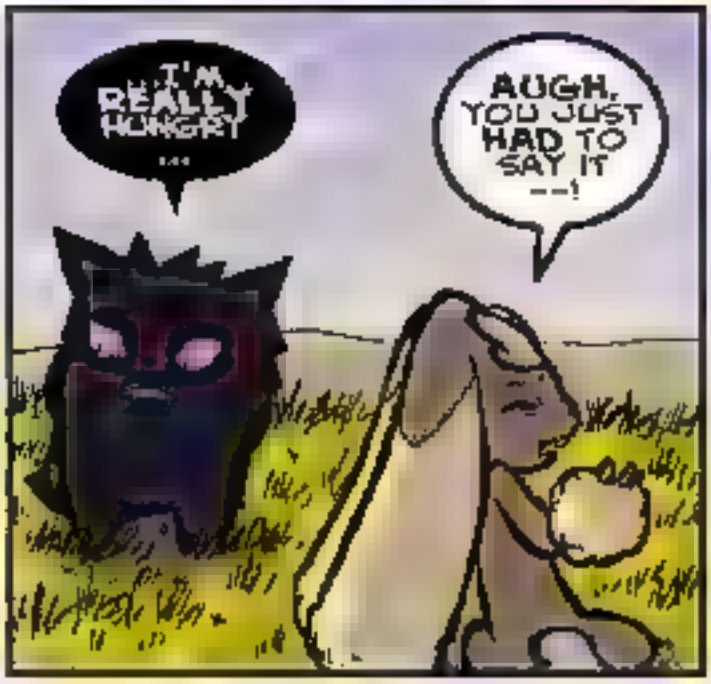

WHA ?
WE'RE BACK OUTSIDE?

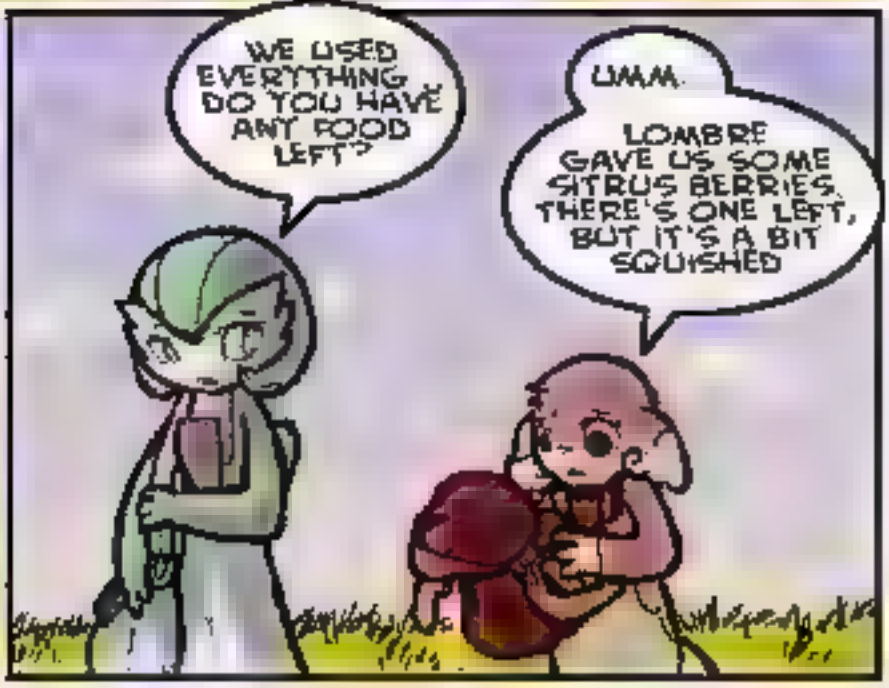

THE TOWER'S GONE
MAYBE IT'S NOT NEEDED ANY MORE.

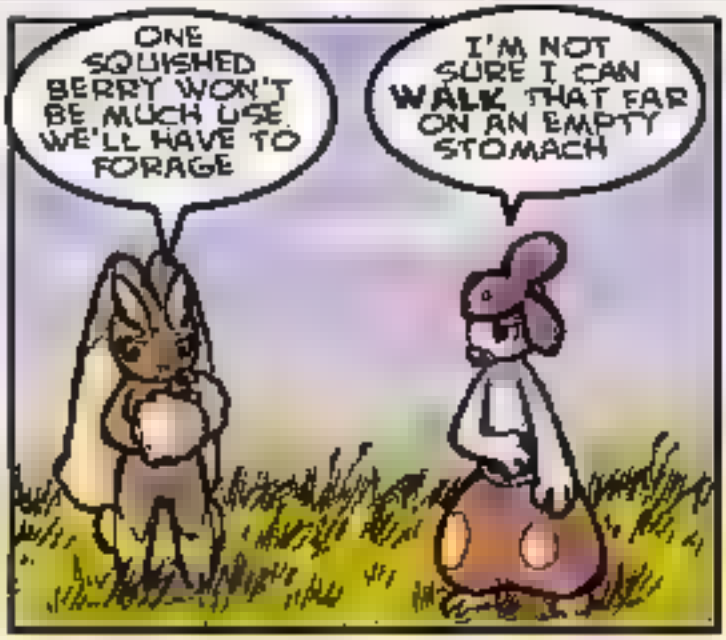
HELP--!

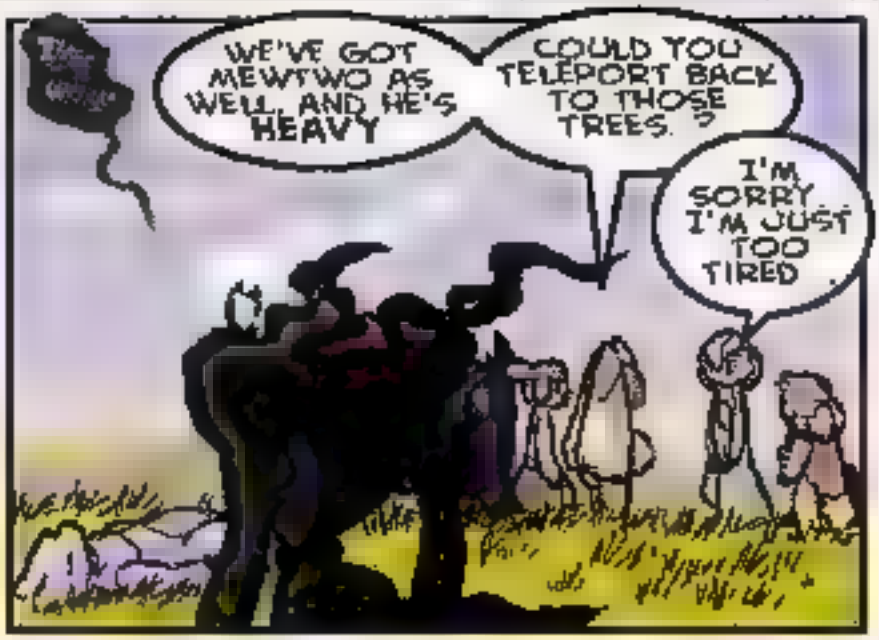
DON'T PANIC
HE'S JUST FAINTED
SET HIM DOWN GENTLY

HUH
I GUESS BOSS KITTY'S GOT LIMITS AFTER ALL.
I WAS STARTING TO WONDER

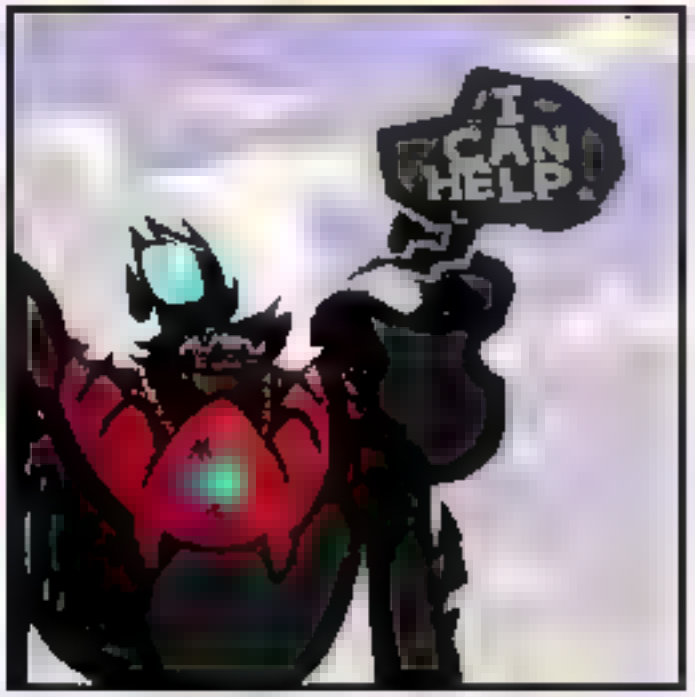

I'M REALLY HUNGRY ...
AUGH, YOU JUST HAD TO SAY IT --!


WE USED EVERYTHING DO YOU HAVE ANY FOOD LEFT?
UMM.
LOMBRE GAVE US SOME CITRUS BERRIES. THERE'S ONE LEFT, BUT IT'S A BIT SQUISHED


ONE SQUISHED BERRY WON'T BE MUCH USE. WE'LL HAVE TO FORAGE
I'M NOT SURE I CAN WALK THAT FAR ON AN EMPTY STOMACH


WE'VE GOT MEWTWO AS WELL, AND HE'S HEAVY
COULD YOU TELEPORT BACK TO THOSE TREES...?
I'M SORRY. I'M JUST TOO TIRED

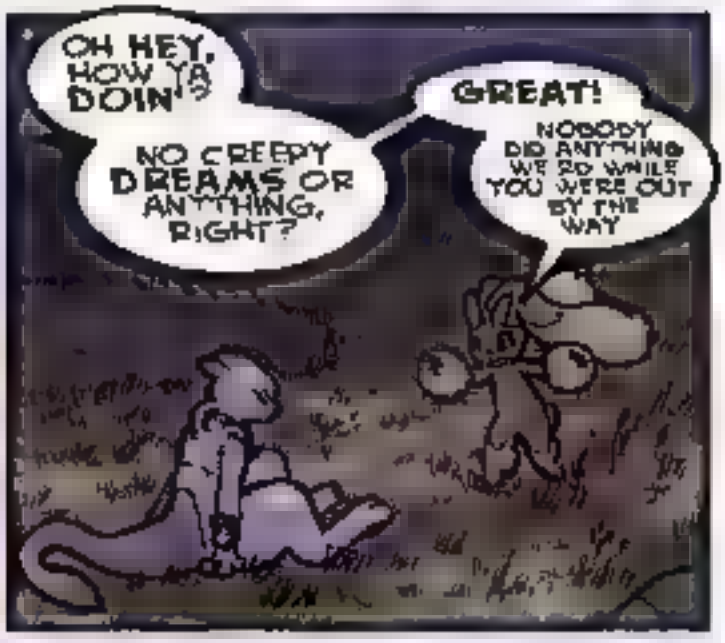
OKAY I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THERE AND BACK BY NIGHTFALL. BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA COME WITH ME. GENGAR, THINK YOU COULD MAKE IT?
I... CAN TRY. YEAH.


I CAN HELP!

THAT'S... I CAN BRING YOU FOOD...
AS LONG AS MEWTWO

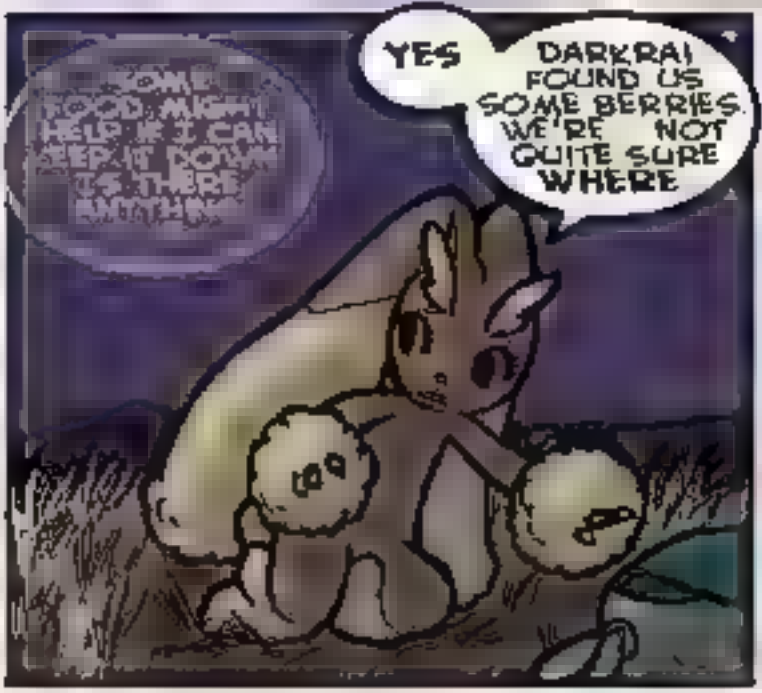
WHHAAAT EXACTLY
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH HIM...?

Gaaargh.

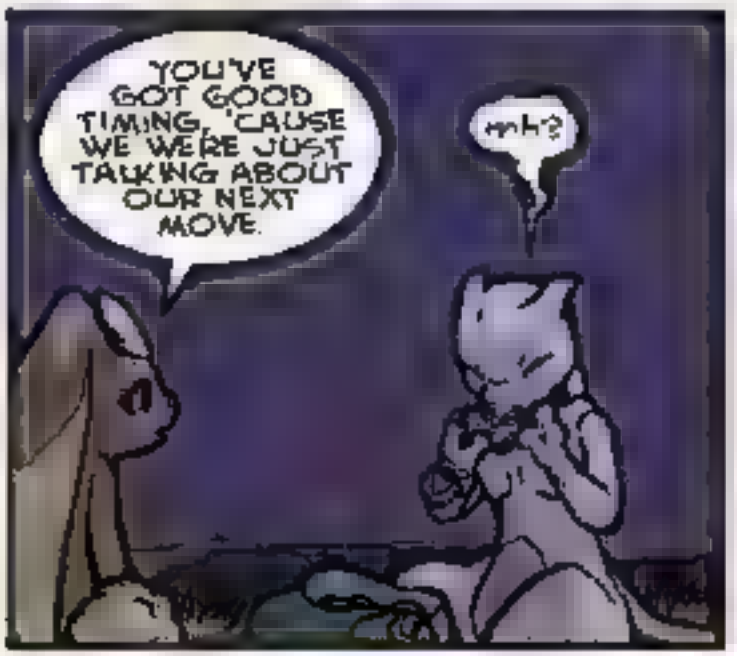

OH HEY, HOW YA DOIN'?
NO CREEPY DREAMS OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
GREAT!
NOBODY DID ANYTHING WEIRD WHILE YOU WERE OUT BY THE WAY

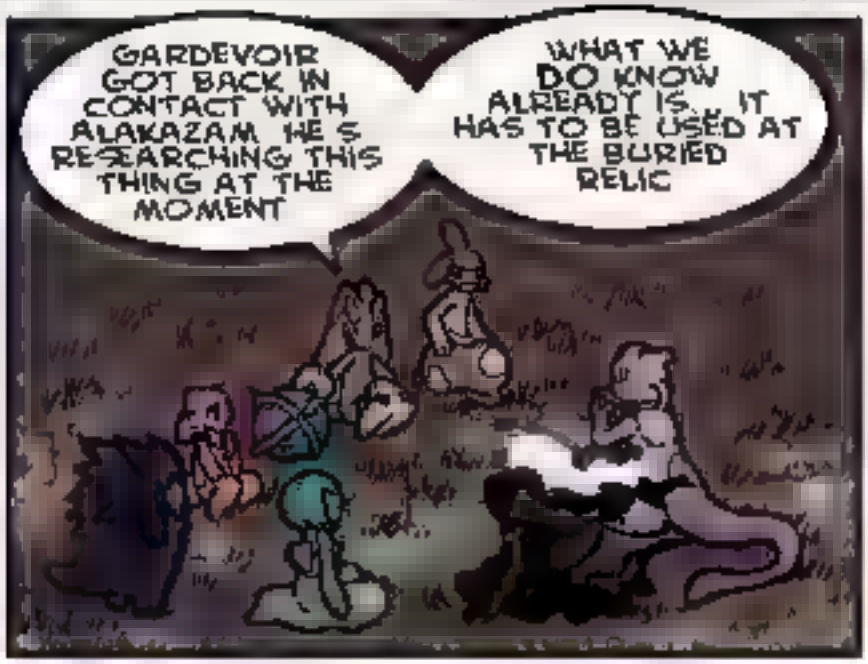
wuzh?
FOR REAL THOUGH, HOW YA DOIN'?

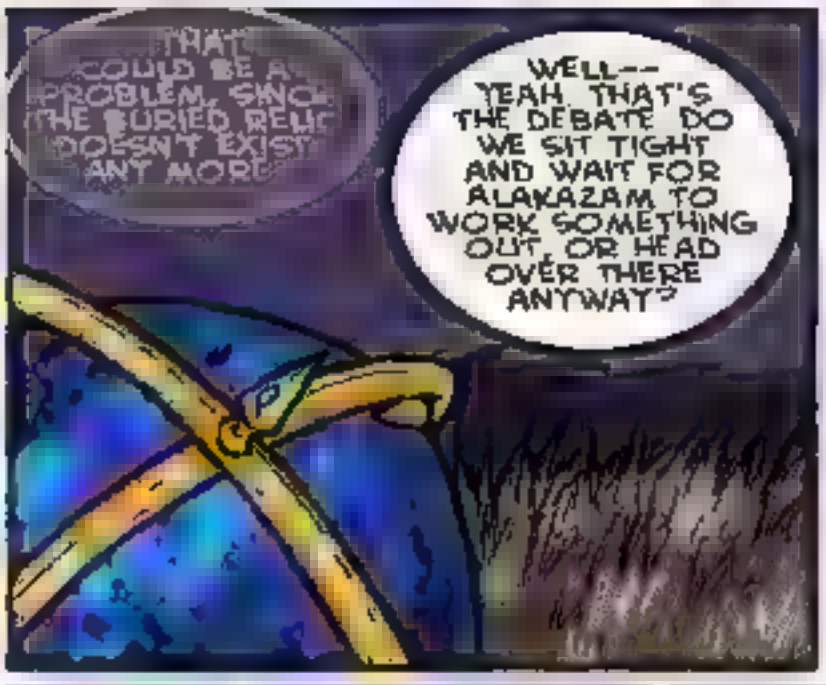
hmff.
I CANNOT SAY THAT I HAVE


YES
DARKRAI FOUND US SOME BERRIES. WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHERE

I TOLD YOU--THEY GROW IN DREAMS. ALL I NEED IS A DOORWAY.
AND I WAS JUST STARTING TO THINK OF HIM AS A REGULAR GUY...

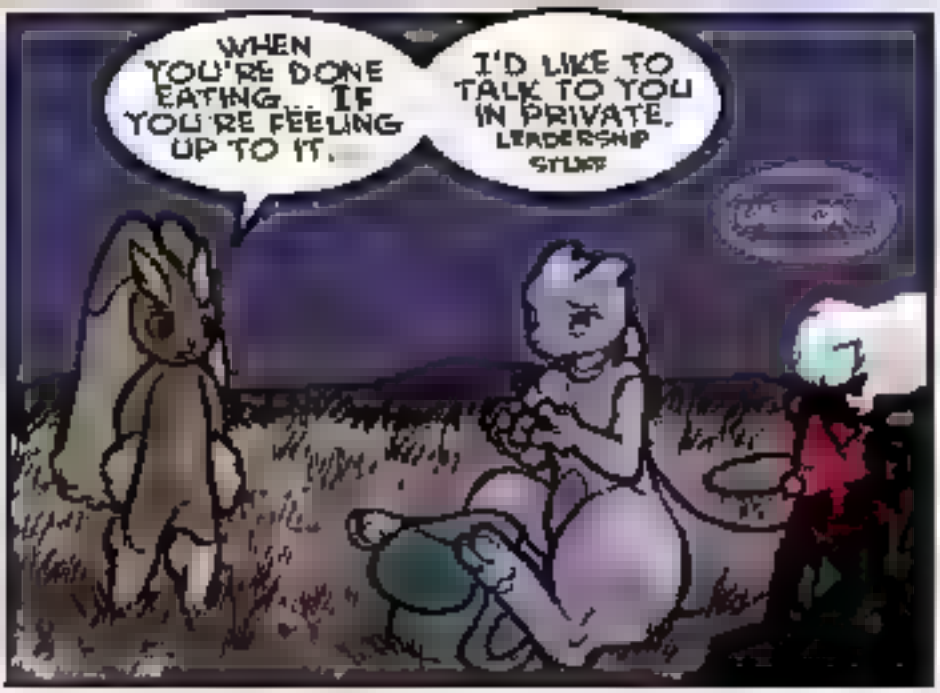

YOU'VE GOT GOOD TIMING, 'CAUSE WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT OUR NEXT MOVE.
mh?

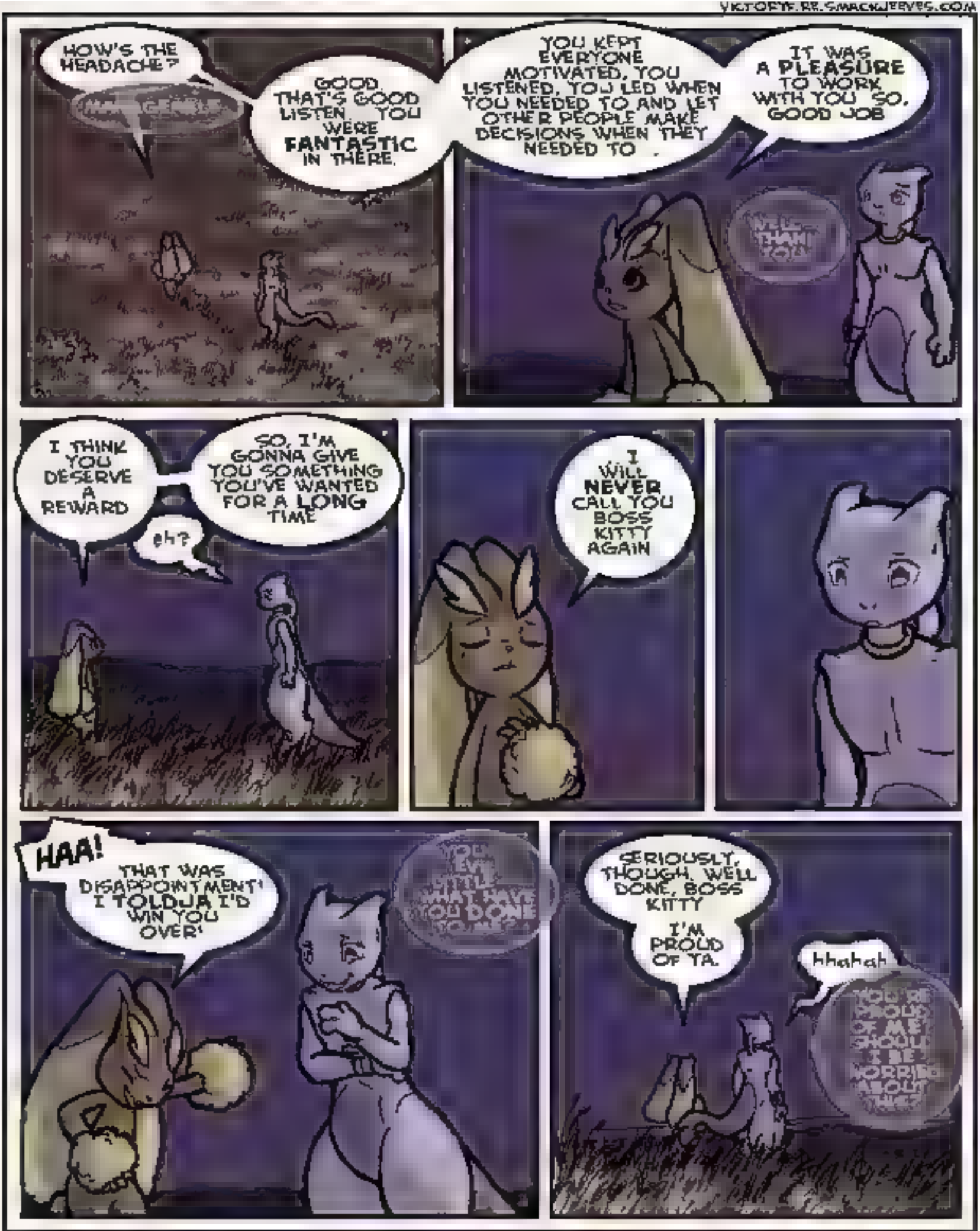

GARDEVOIR GOT BACK IN CONTACT WITH ALAKAZAM. HE'S RESEARCHING THIS THING AT THE MOMENT.
WHAT WE DO KNOW ALREADY IS... IT HAS TO BE USED AT THE BURIED RELIC.

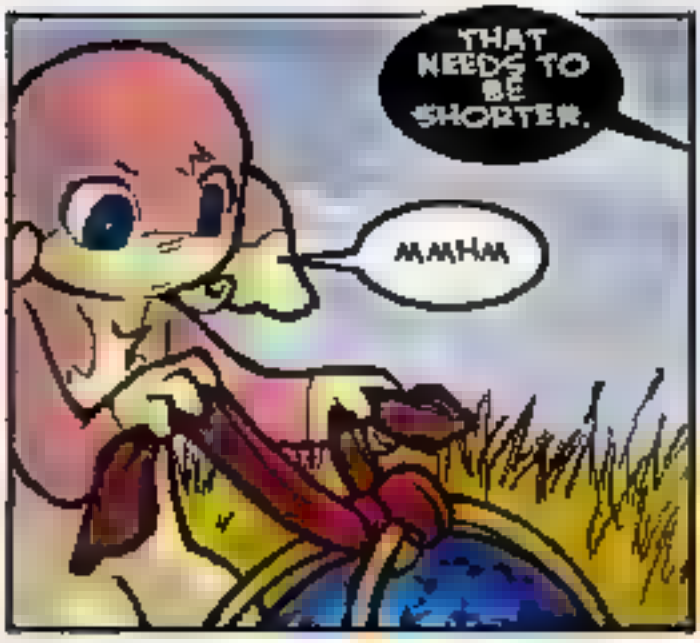

THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM, SINCE THE BURIED RELIC DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE.
WELL-- YEAH. THAT'S THE DEBATE. DO WE SIT TIGHT AND WAIT FOR ALAKAZAM TO WORK SOMETHING OUT, OR HEAD OVER THERE ANYWAY?

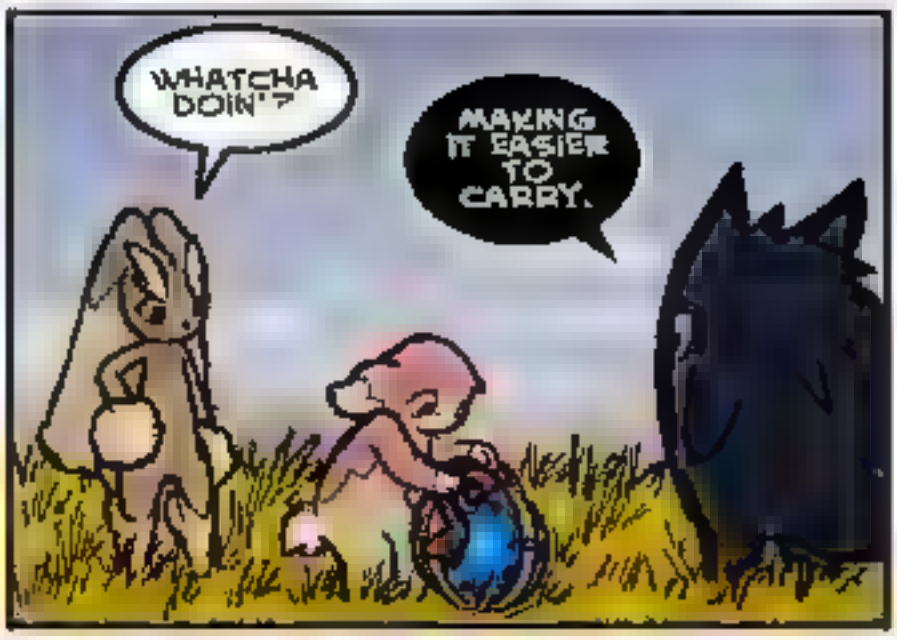
WAITING ON MY OPINION?
RATHER, I'M DOING SOMETHING THAN SITTING ABOUT.

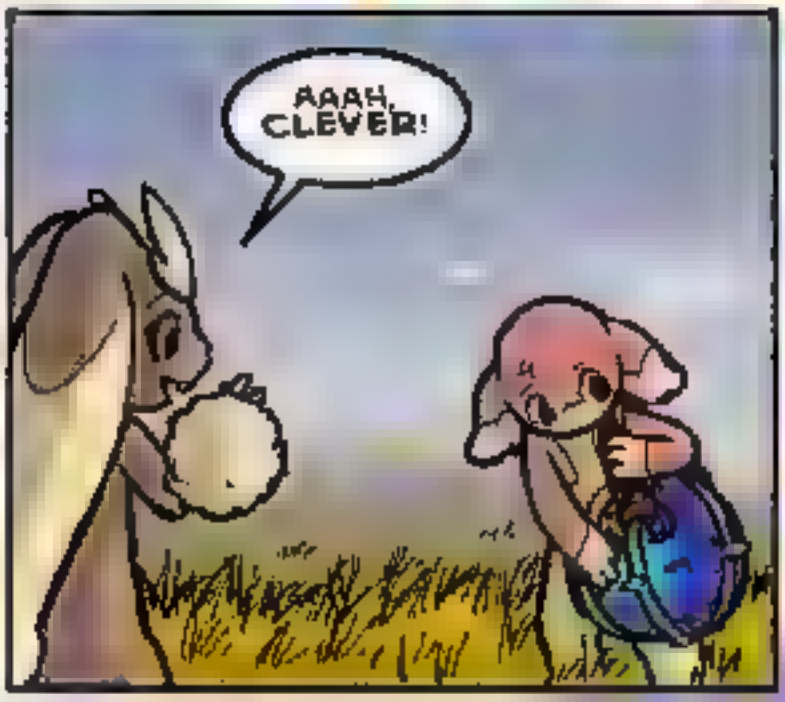
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL AGREED THEN. WE'LL HEAD OFF TOMORROW MORNING.

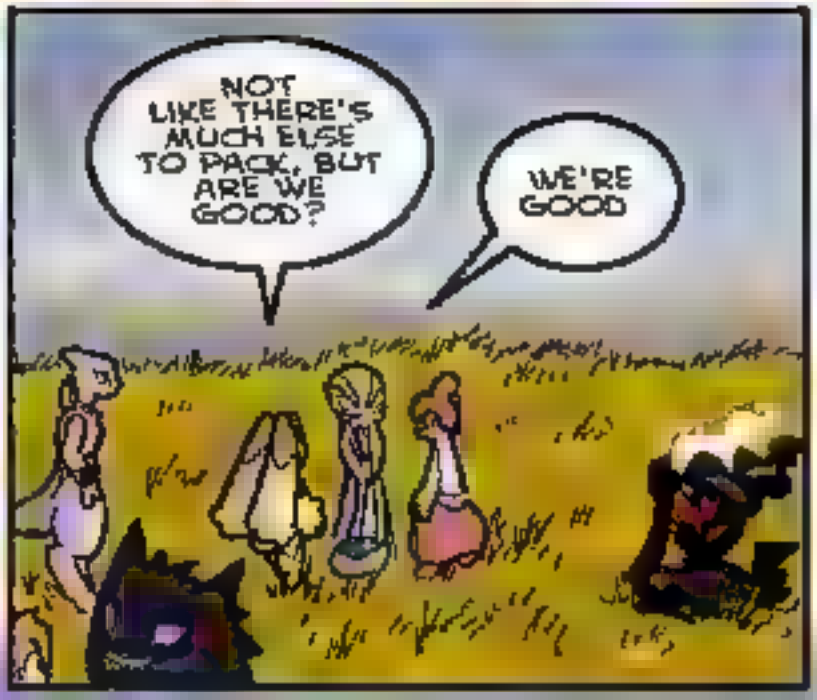

WHEN YOU'RE DONE EATING... IF YOU'RE FEELING UP TO IT...
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE. LEADERSHIP STUFF.


HOW'S THE HEADACHE?
GOOD. THAT'S GOOD LISTEN... YOU WERE FANTASTIC IN THERE.
YOU KEPT EVERYONE MOTIVATED, YOU LISTENED, YOU LED WHEN YOU NEEDED TO AND LET OTHER PEOPLE MAKE DECISIONS WHEN THEY NEEDED TO.
IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. SO, GOOD JOB.
I THINK YOU DESERVE A REWARD
SO, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU SOMETHING YOU'VE WANTED FOR A LONG TIME
eh?
I WILL NEVER CALL YOU BOSS KITTY AGAIN
HAA!
THAT WAS DISAPPOINTMENT! I TOLDJA I'D WIN YOU OVER!
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WELL DONE, BOSS KITTY
I'M PROUD OF YA.
hhahah


THAT NEEDS TO BE SHORTER.
MMHM

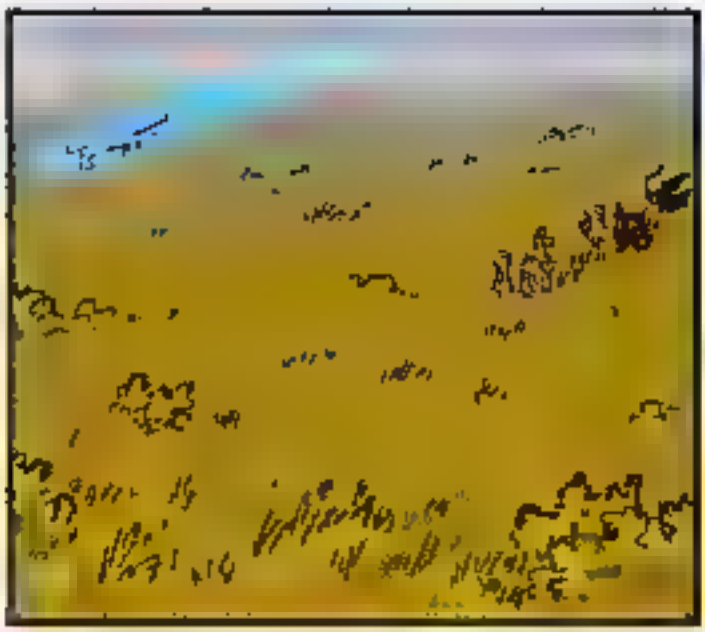

WHATCHA DOIN'?
MAKING IT EASIER TO CARRY.


AAAH, CLEVER!


NOT LIKE THERE'S MUCH ELSE TO PACK, BUT ARE WE GOOD?
WE'RE GOOD

HEY!

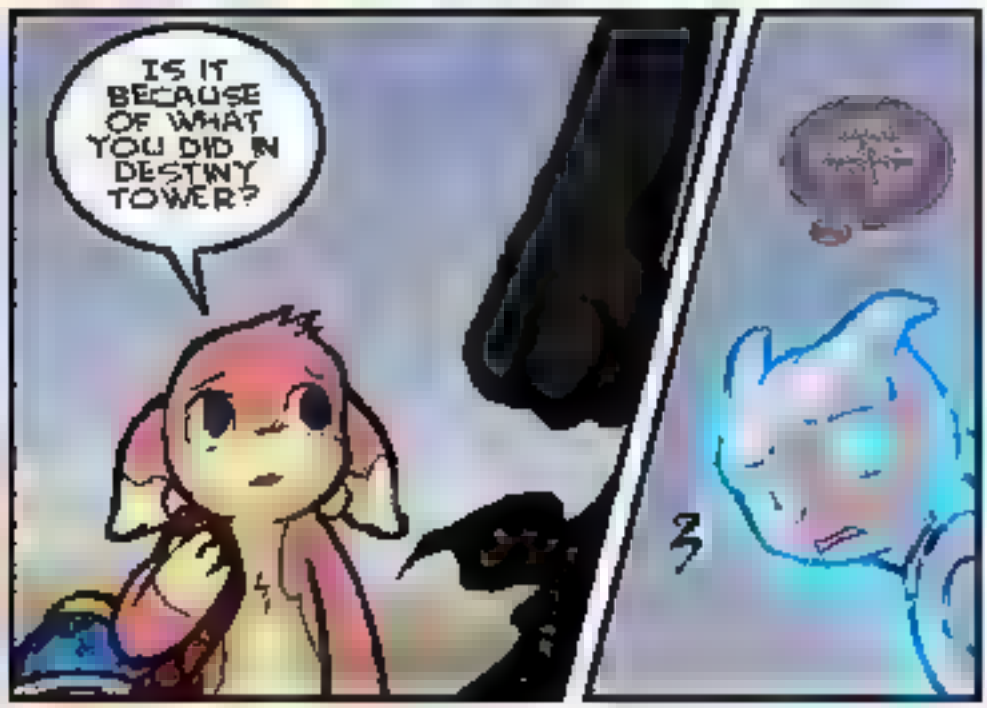
LET'S GET MOVING. SUN'S UP, AND WE'VE GOT A LONG WALK AHEAD
SHOWOFF.



HEY DARKRAI
WAITING FOR ME TO GO CRAZY AGAIN, ARE YOU?

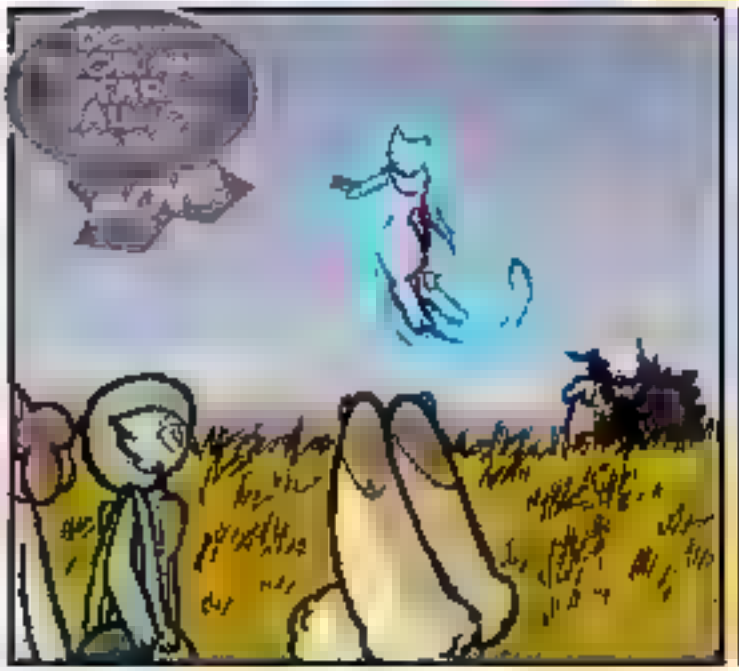
WHA-?
I SEE THE SIDELONG LOOKS, CHILD.
I'M NOT STUPID.

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT IT'S JUST, YOU SEEM UNHAPPY TODAY
REALLY?

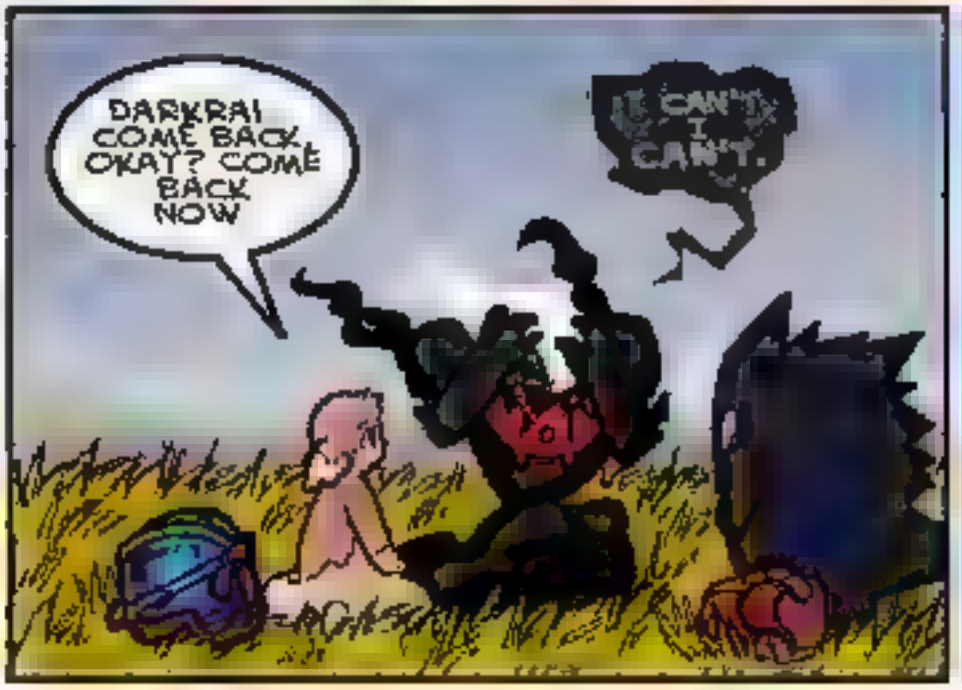

IS IT BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID IN DESTINY TOWER?

I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULDN'T LET IT...
BUT I WAS SO AFRAID, AND IT JUST TOOK OVER...

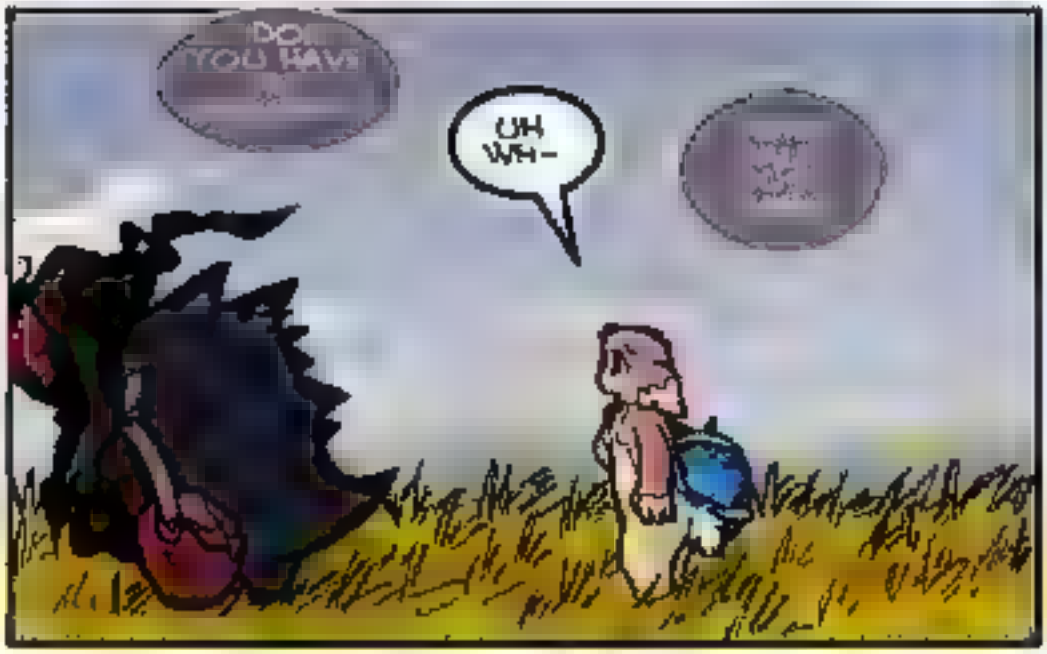
BUT YOU CAME BACK. NOBODY HAD TO FIGHT YOU, NOBODY GOT HURT.
YOU CAME BACK ALL BY YOURSELF.



I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH. IT'LL KEEP HAPPENING.
WE'RE NOT GONNA HATE YOU IF IT DOES. JUST COME BACK.

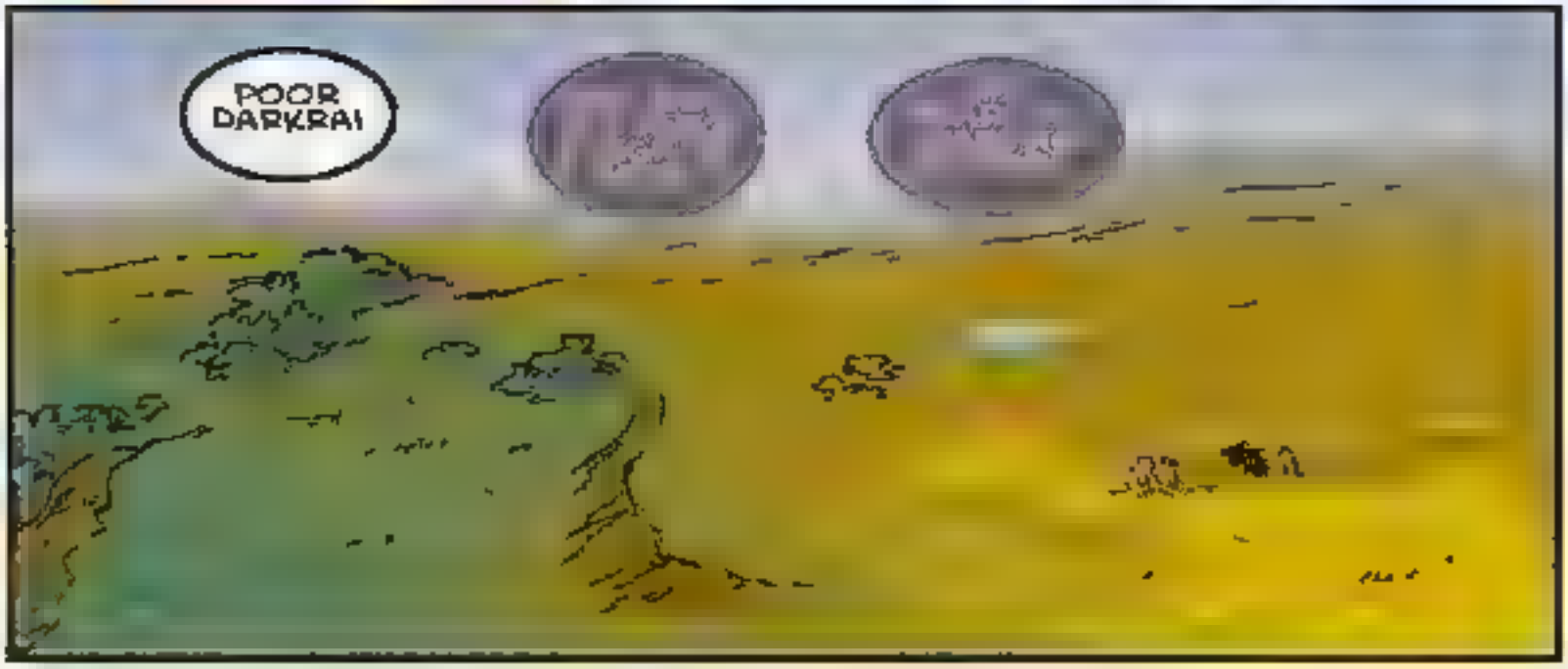

DARKRAI COME BACK OKAY? COME BACK NOW
IT CAN'T. I CAN'T.

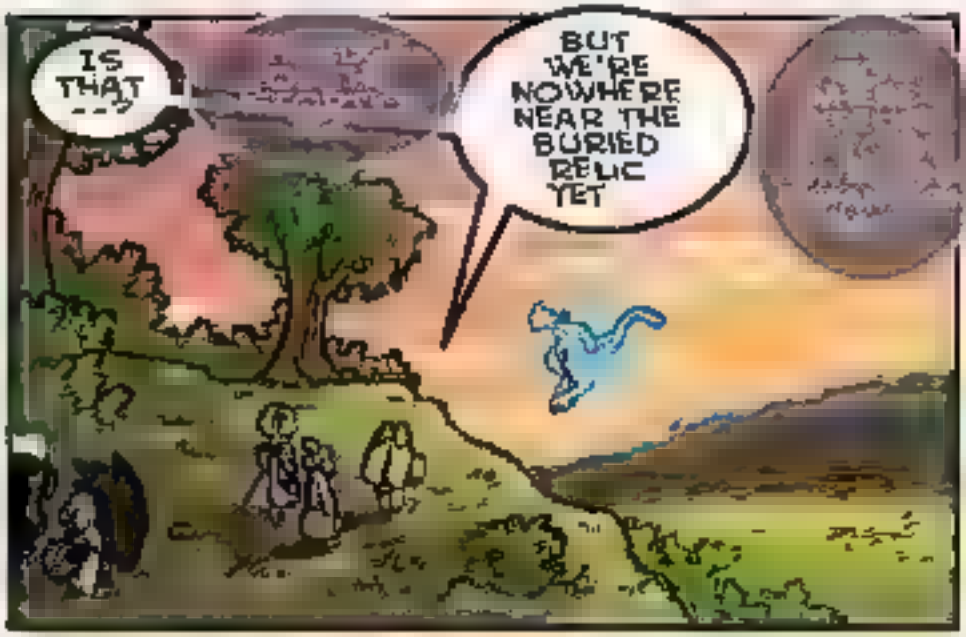
JUST BREATHE... IT'S OKAY.
SEE? YOU'RE BACK.
HUFF.

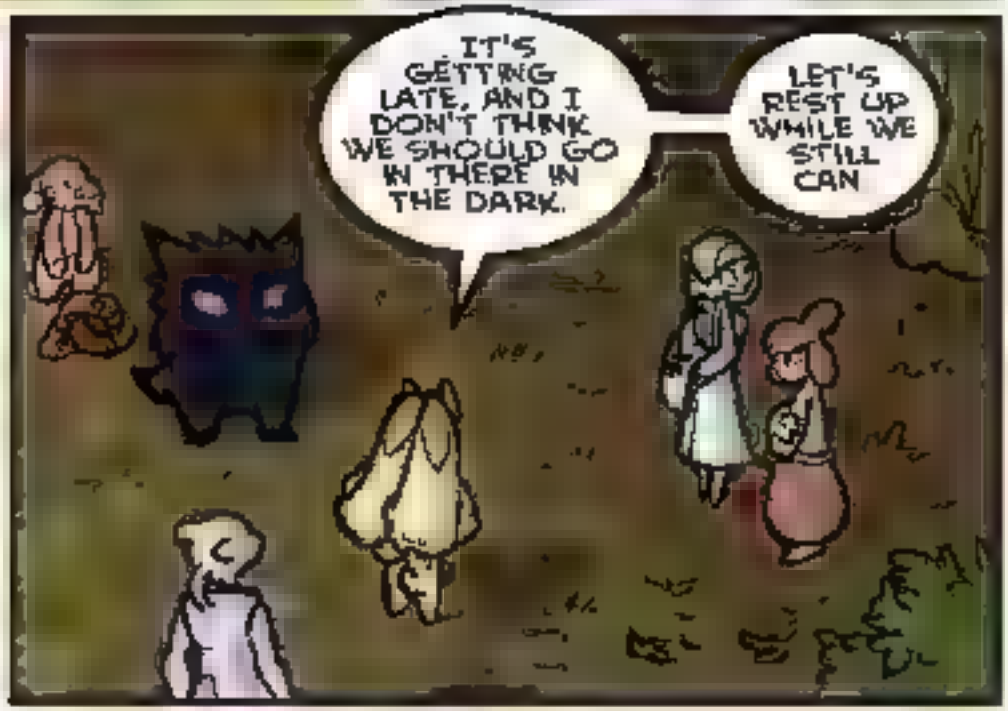

DO YOU HAVE
UH WH-

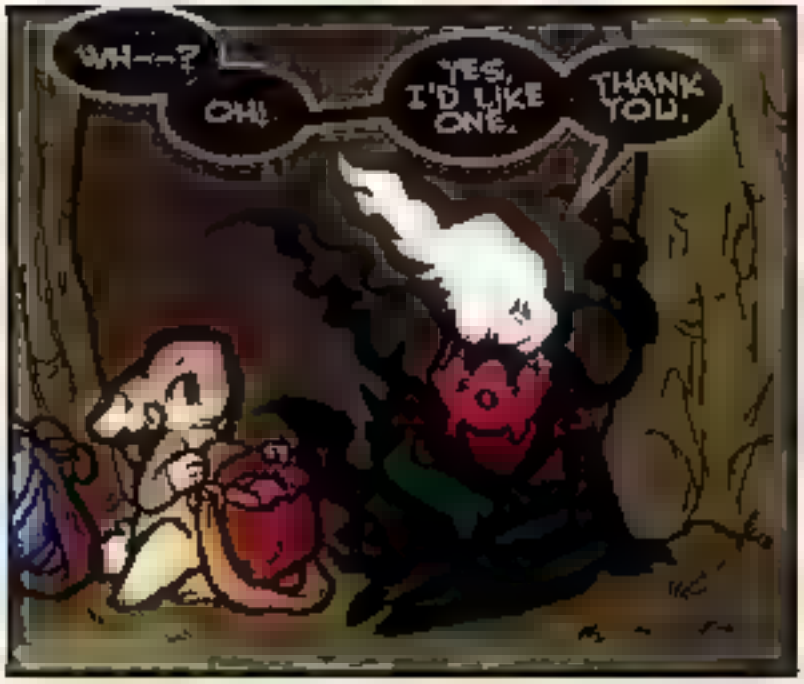
TESTING ?

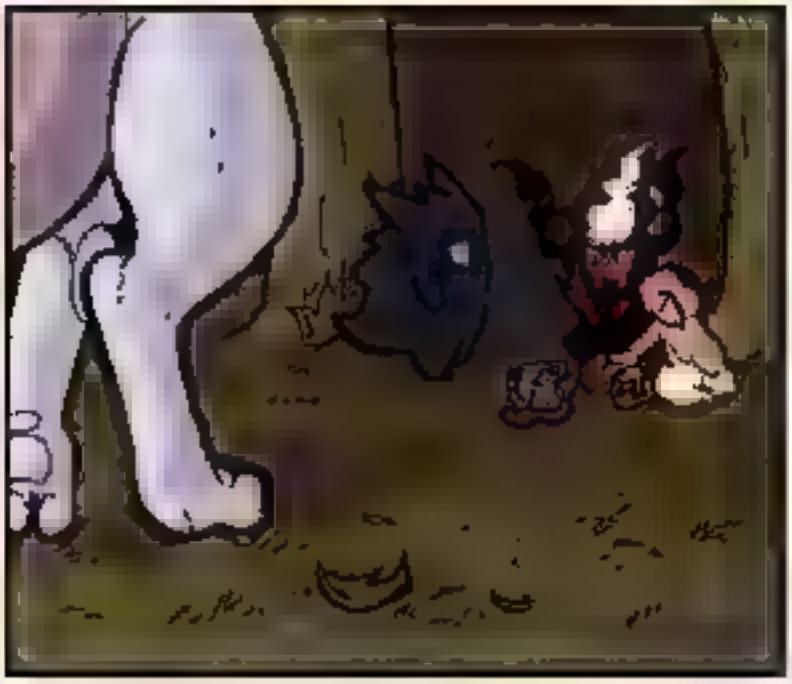
hhahah.

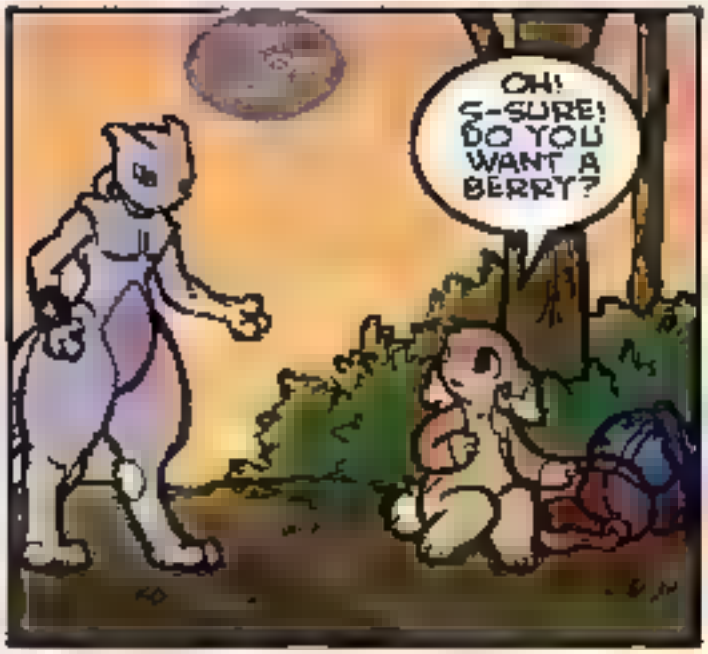

POOR DARKRAI

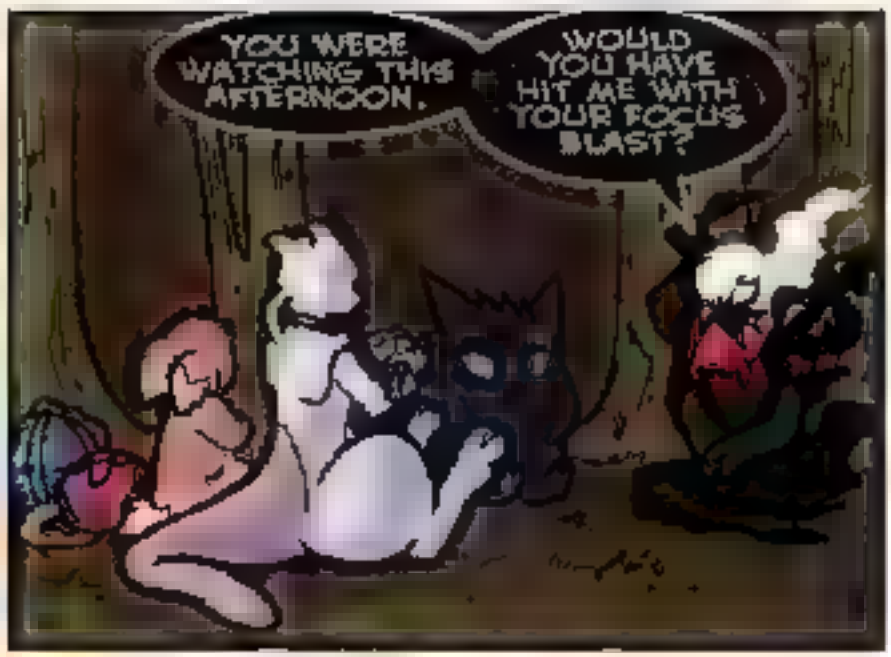

IS THAT ...
BUT WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR THE BURIED RELIC YET

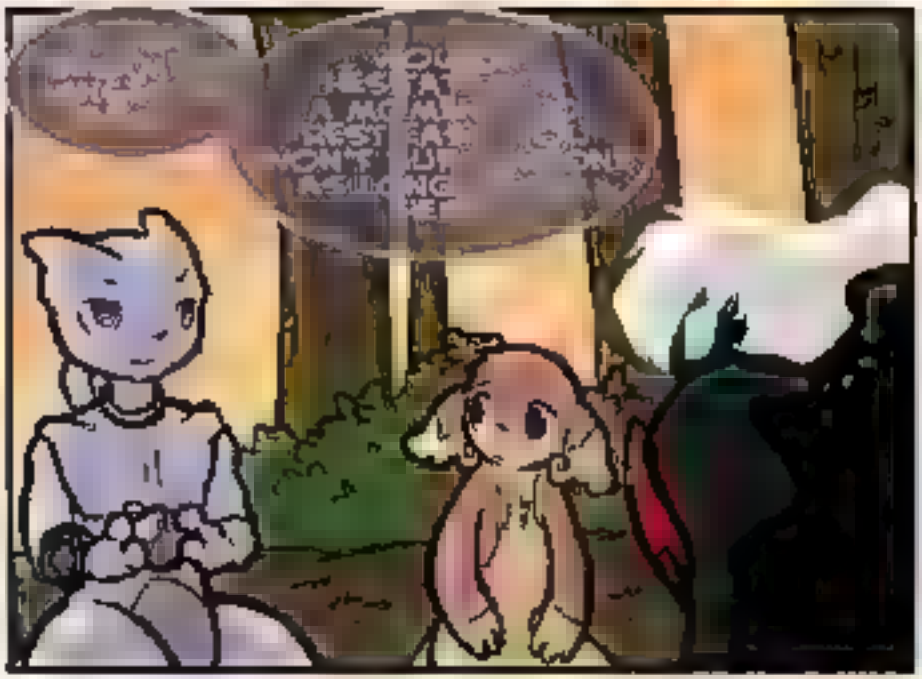

IT'S GETTING LATE, AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GO IN THERE IN THE DARK.
LET'S REST UP WHILE WE STILL CAN


WH--?
OH!
YES, I'D LIKE ONE.
THANK YOU.



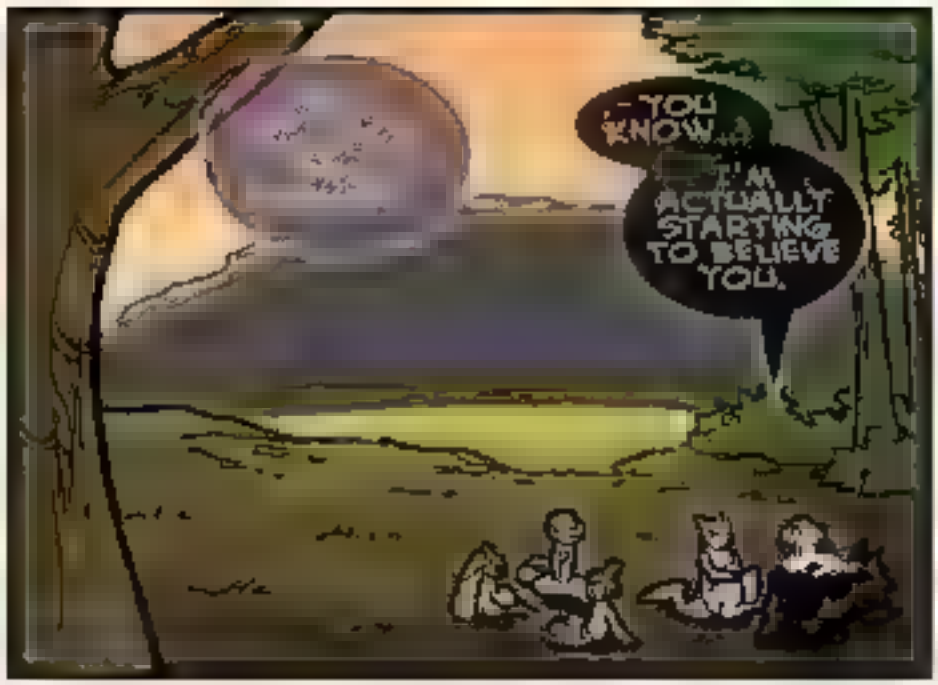

OH! S-SURE! DO YOU WANT A BERRY?

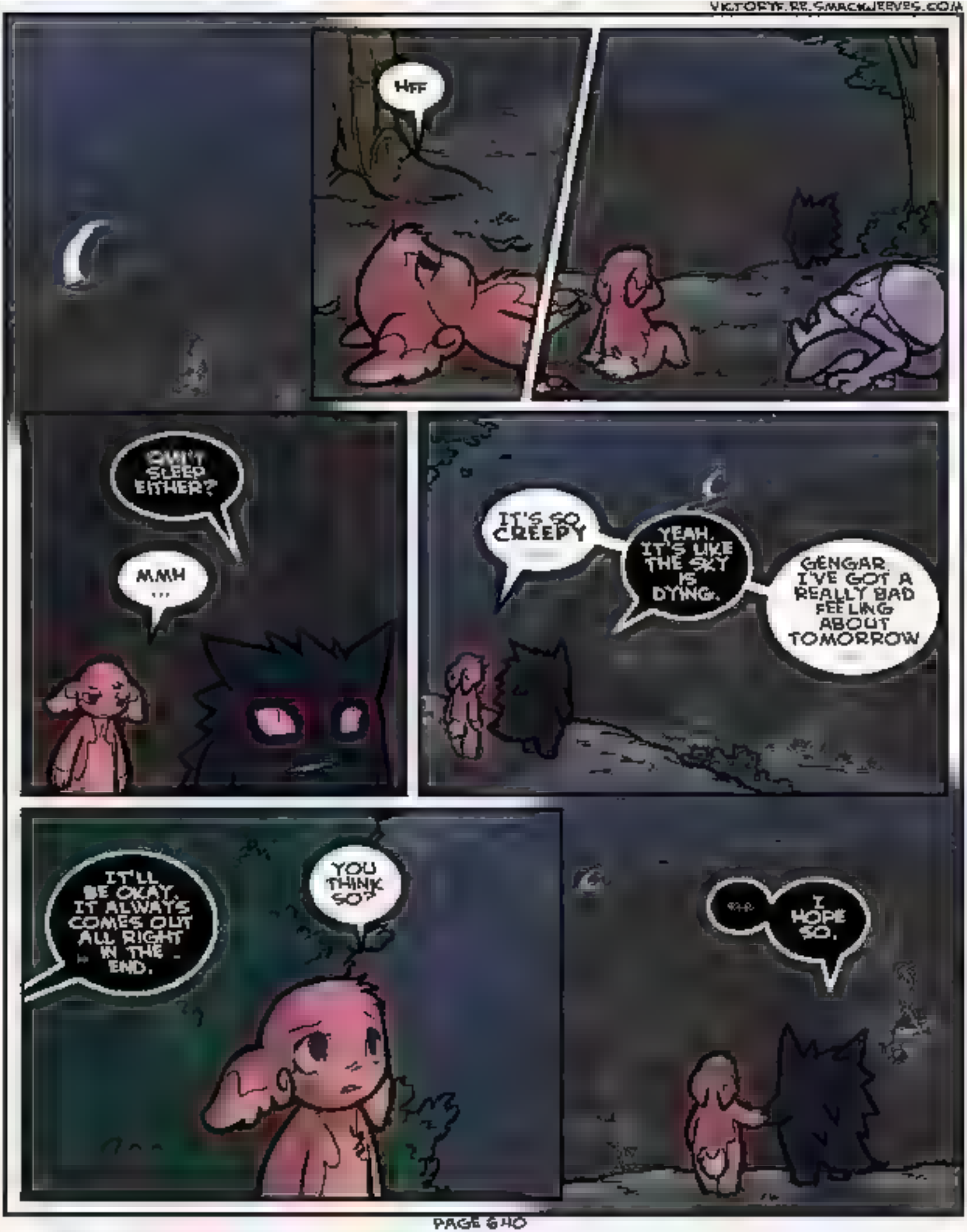

YOU WERE WATCHING THIS AFTERNOON.
WOULD YOU HAVE HIT ME WITH YOUR FOCUS BLAST?

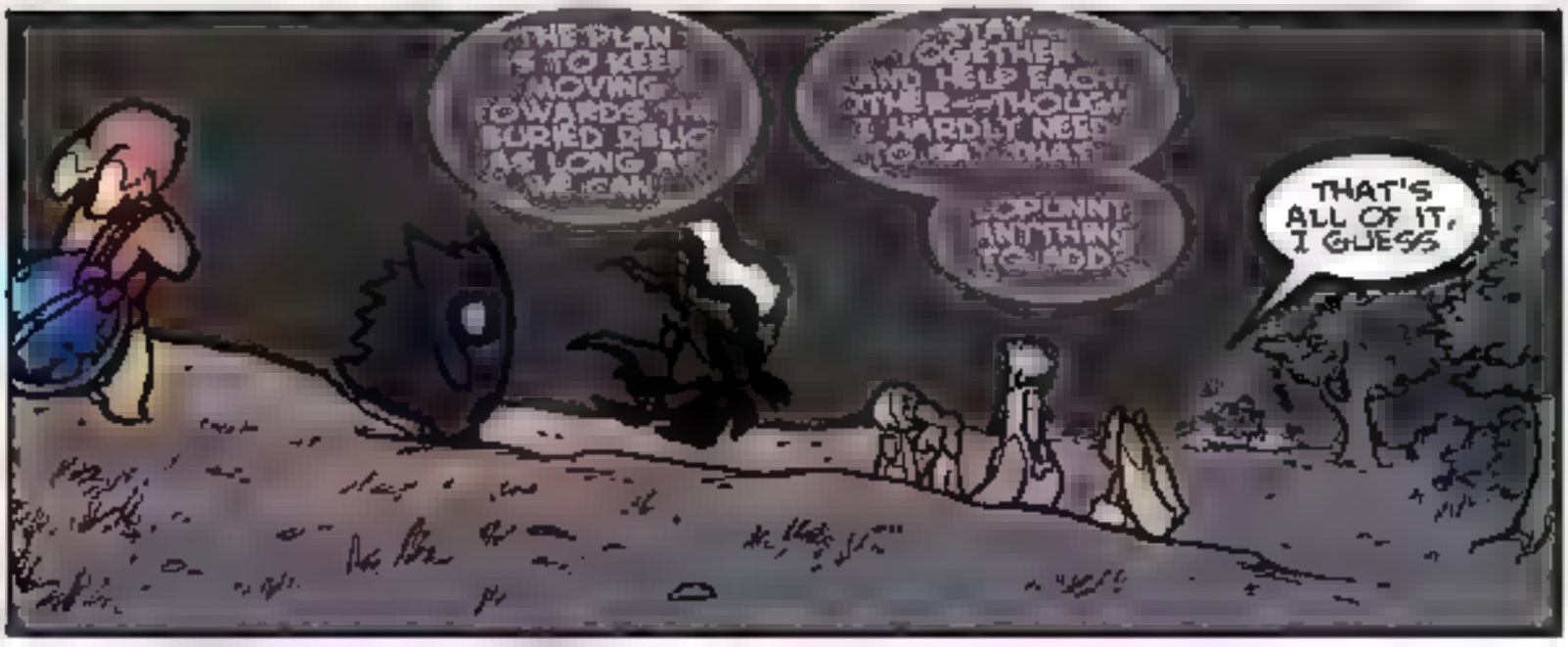


THAT'S THE NICEST DEATH THREAT I'VE EVER HEARD.
HA!

IT DOES MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, THOUGH.
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE DRAMA.


...YOU KNOW...
I'M ACTUALLY STARTING TO BELIEVE YOU.

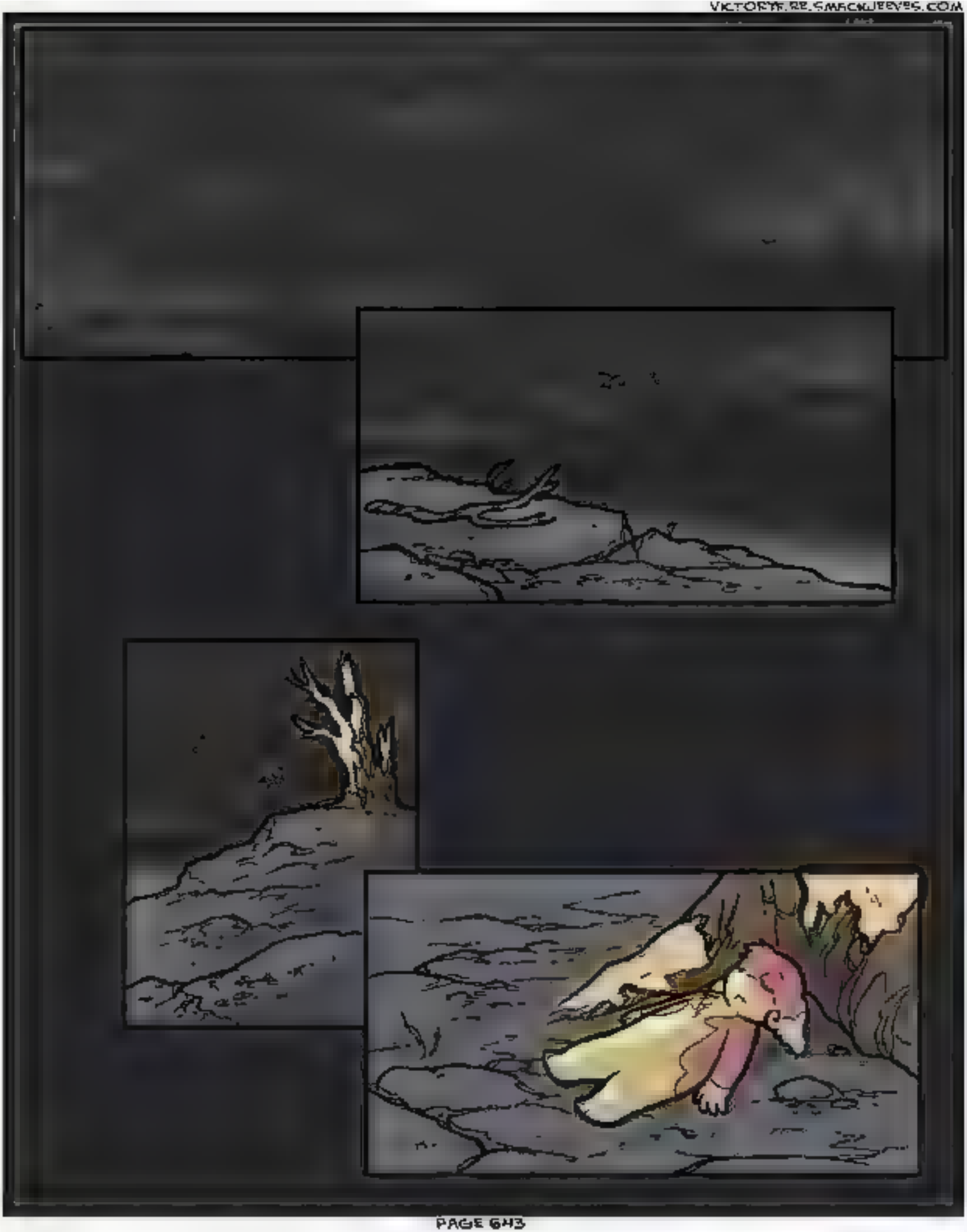

HFF
CAN'T SLEEP EITHER?
MMH ...
IT'S SO CREEPY
YEAH. IT'S LIKE THE SKY IS DYING.
GENGAR. I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT TOMORROW
IT'LL BE OKAY. IT ALWAYS COMES OUT ALL RIGHT IN THE END.
YOU THINK SO?
I HOPE SO.

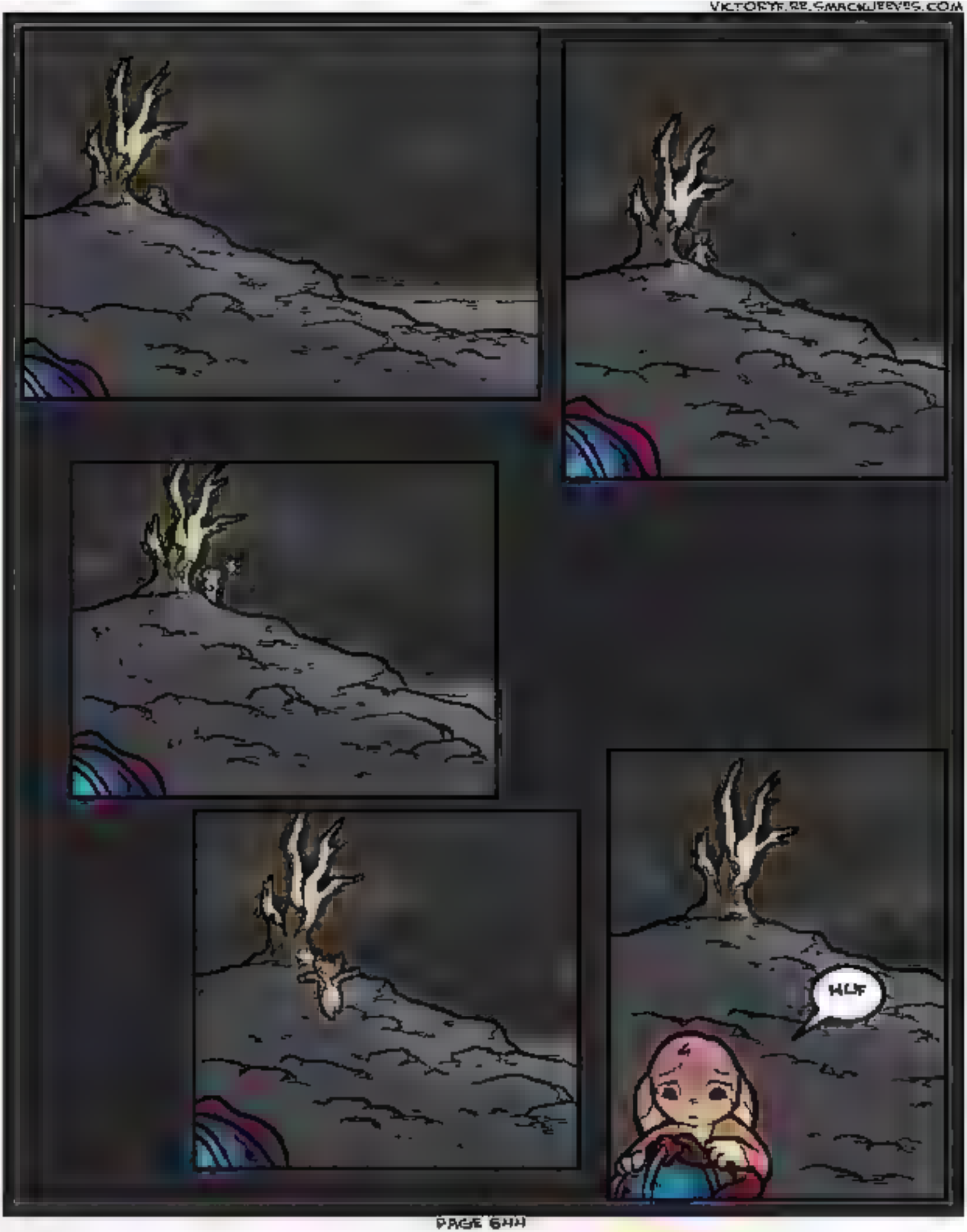

THE PLAN IS TO KEEP MOVING TOWARDS THE BURIED RELIC AS LONG AS WE CAN.
STAY TOGETHER AND HELP EACH OTHER--THOUGH I HARDLY NEED TO SAY THAT.
DON'T ANYTHING TO ADD?
THAT'S ALL OF IT, I GUESS.

STILL BE SURVIVABLE

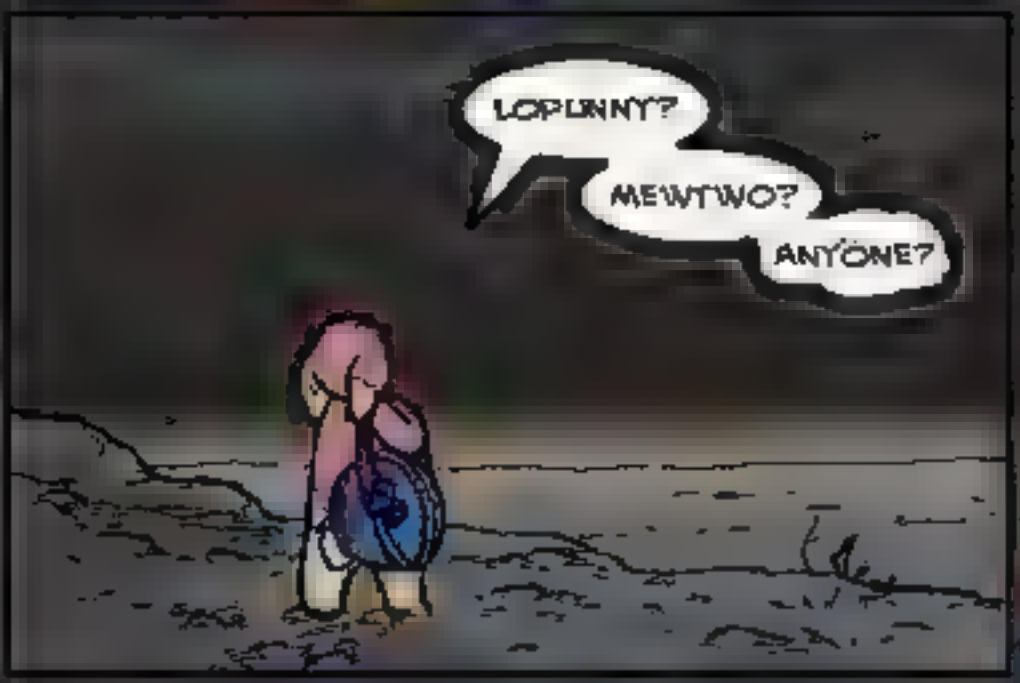
MEWTWO? YOU OKAY?

WUH--?
AAAA!
JEN!
I'M SO




HUF

GENGAR?


LOPUNNY?
MEWTWO?
ANYONE?

HFF.
HFF.

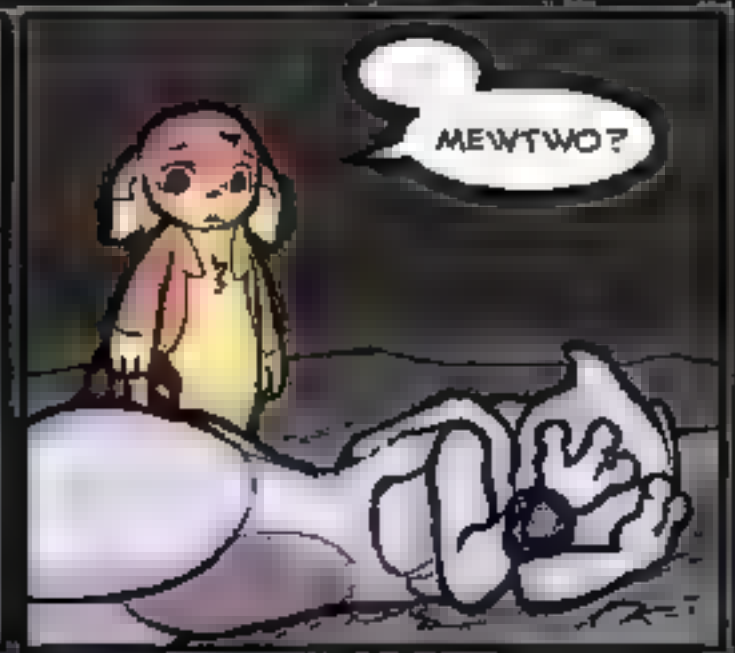
HNF

HUFF
HUFF

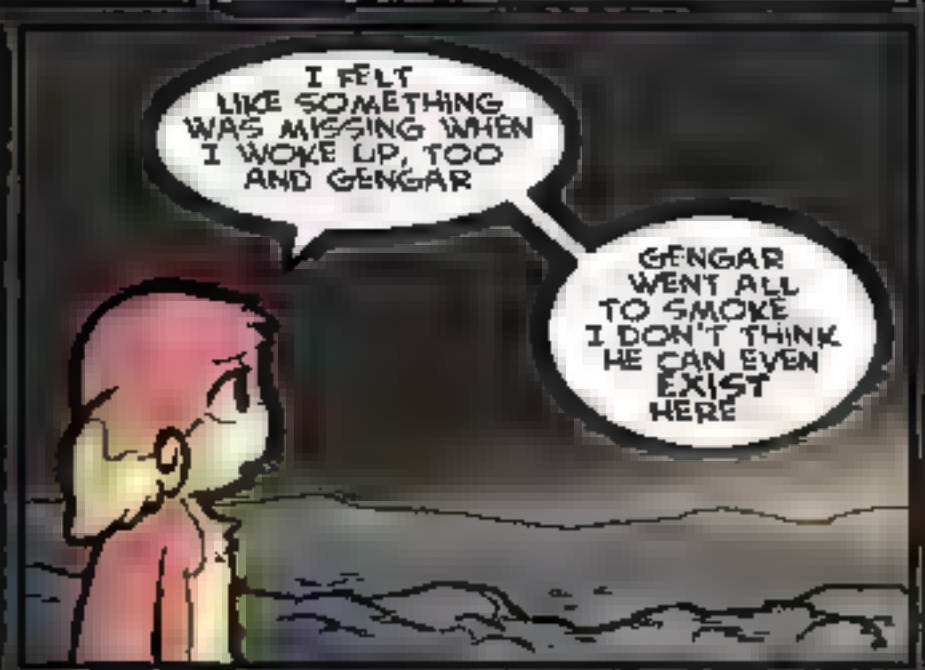
WHEW

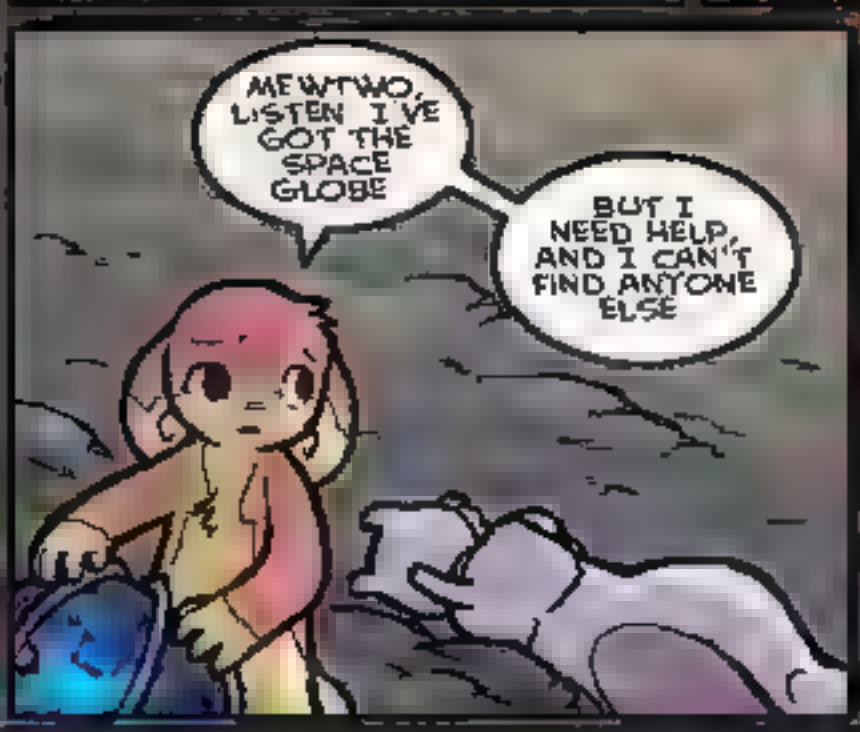
MEWTWO?

MEWTWO--
HUFF--

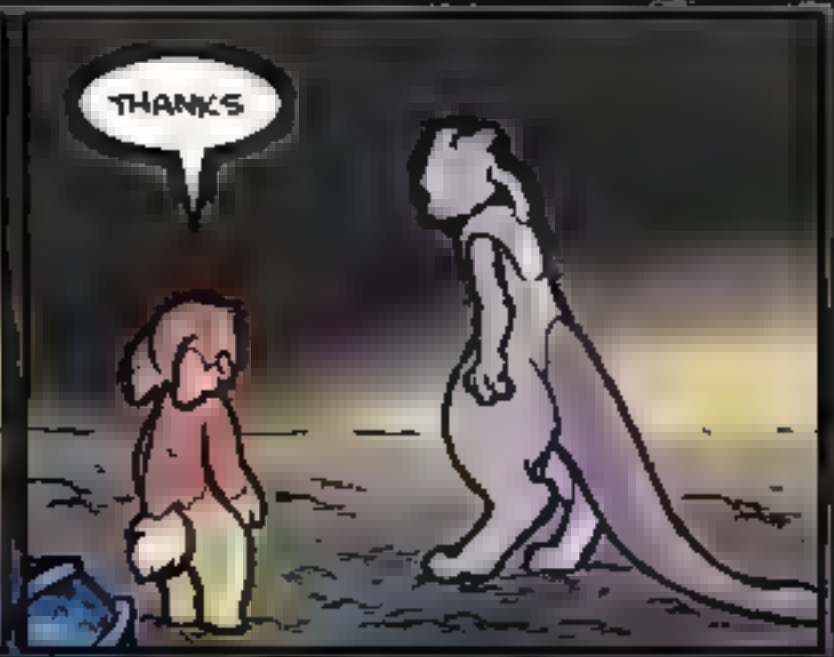

MEWTWO?

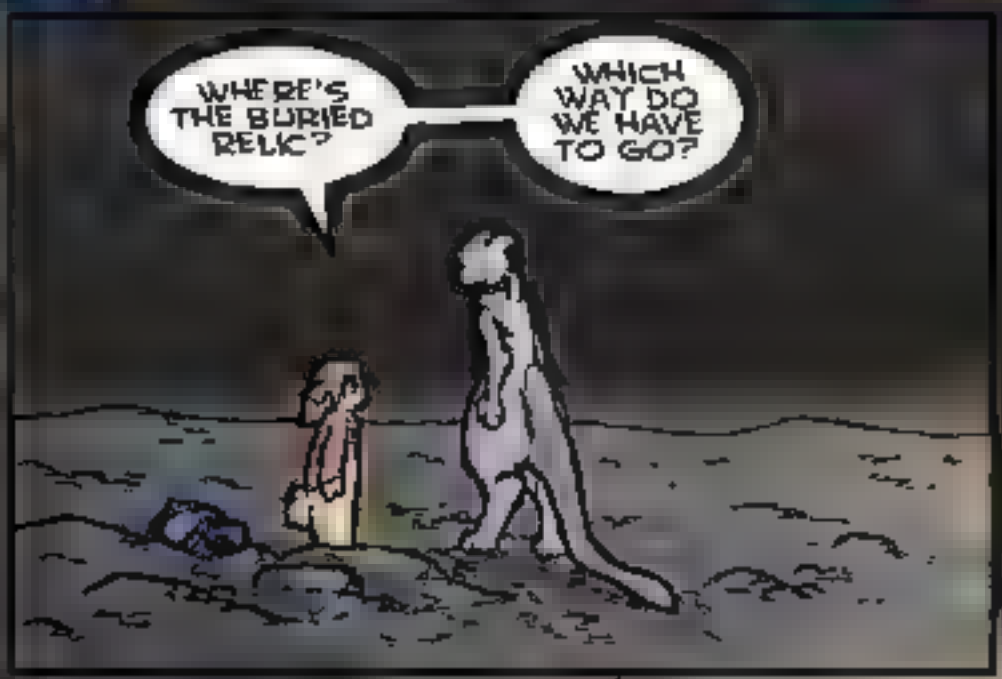
YOU'VE LOST YOUR POWERS, HAVEN'T YOU?


I FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS MISSING WHEN I WOKE UP, TOO AND GENGAR
GENGAR WENT ALL TO SMOKE I DON'T THINK HE CAN EVEN EXIST HERE


MEWTWO, LISTEN I'VE GOT THE SPACE GLOBE
BUT I NEED HELP, AND I CAN'T FIND ANYONE ELSE

MEWTWO, PLEASE
PLEASE GET UP I CAN'T DO IT ALL BY MYSELF

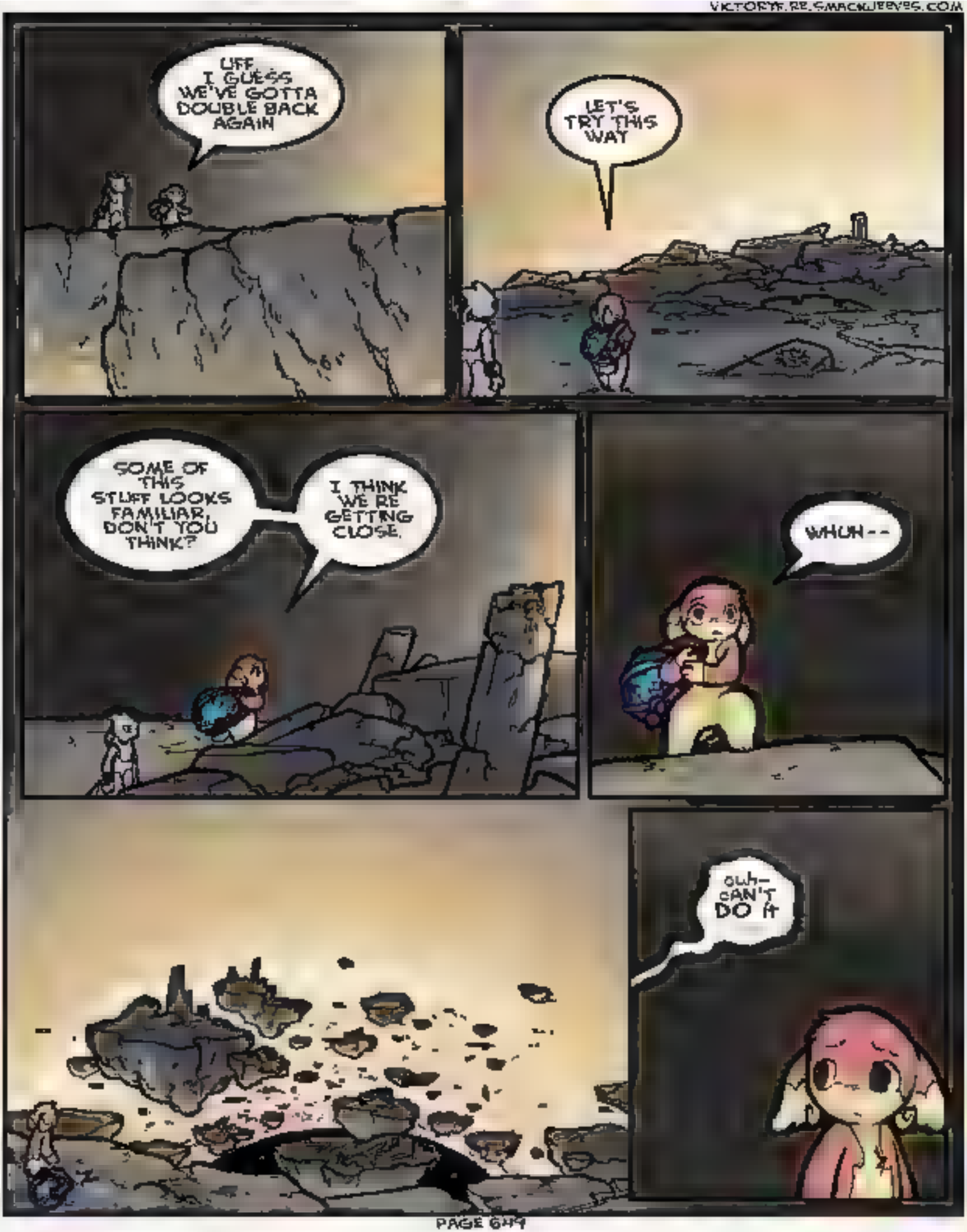

THANKS


WHERE'S THE BURIED RELIC?
WHICH WAY DO WE HAVE TO GO?

TOWARDS THE LIGHT? OKAY

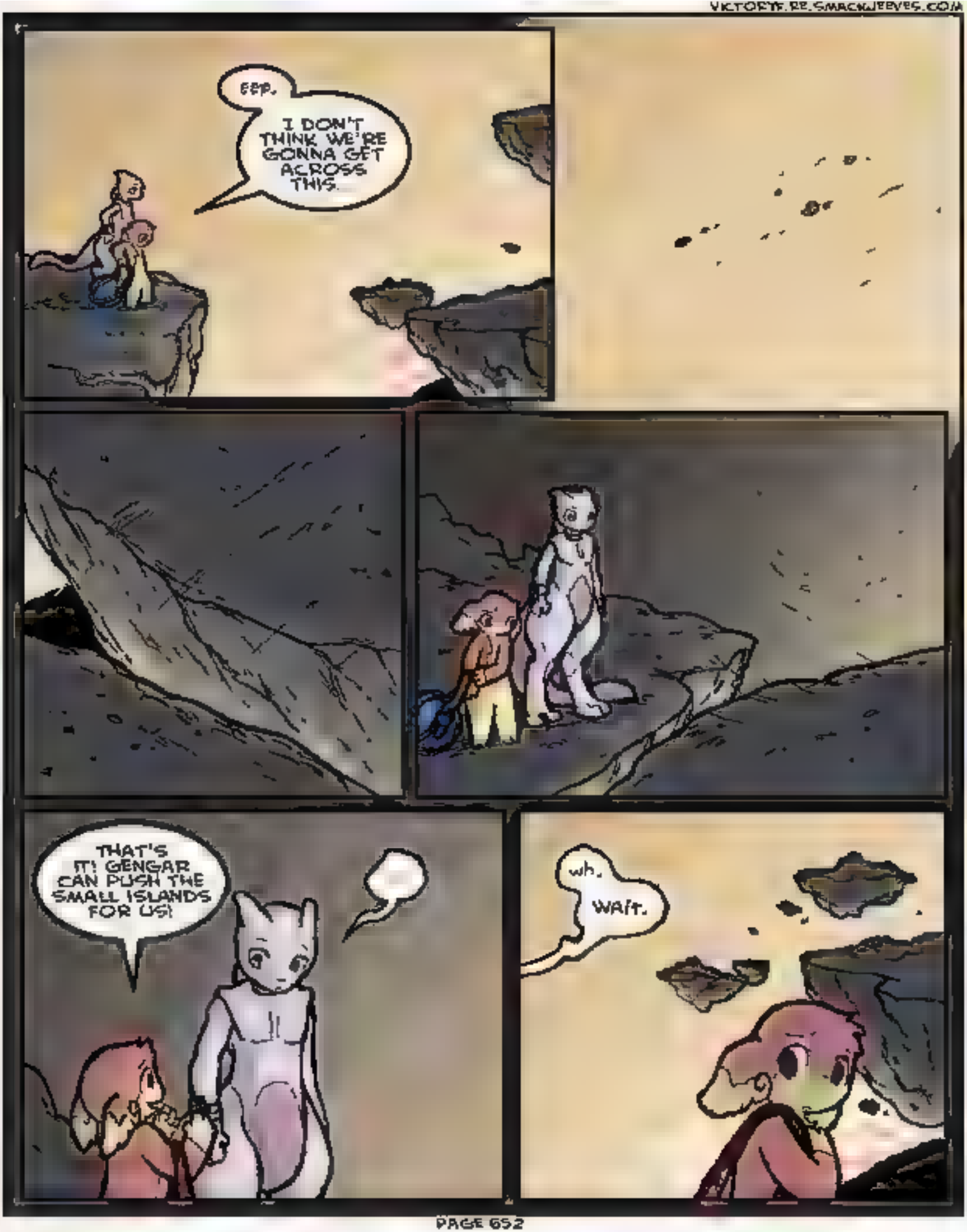
OKAY, LET'S GO

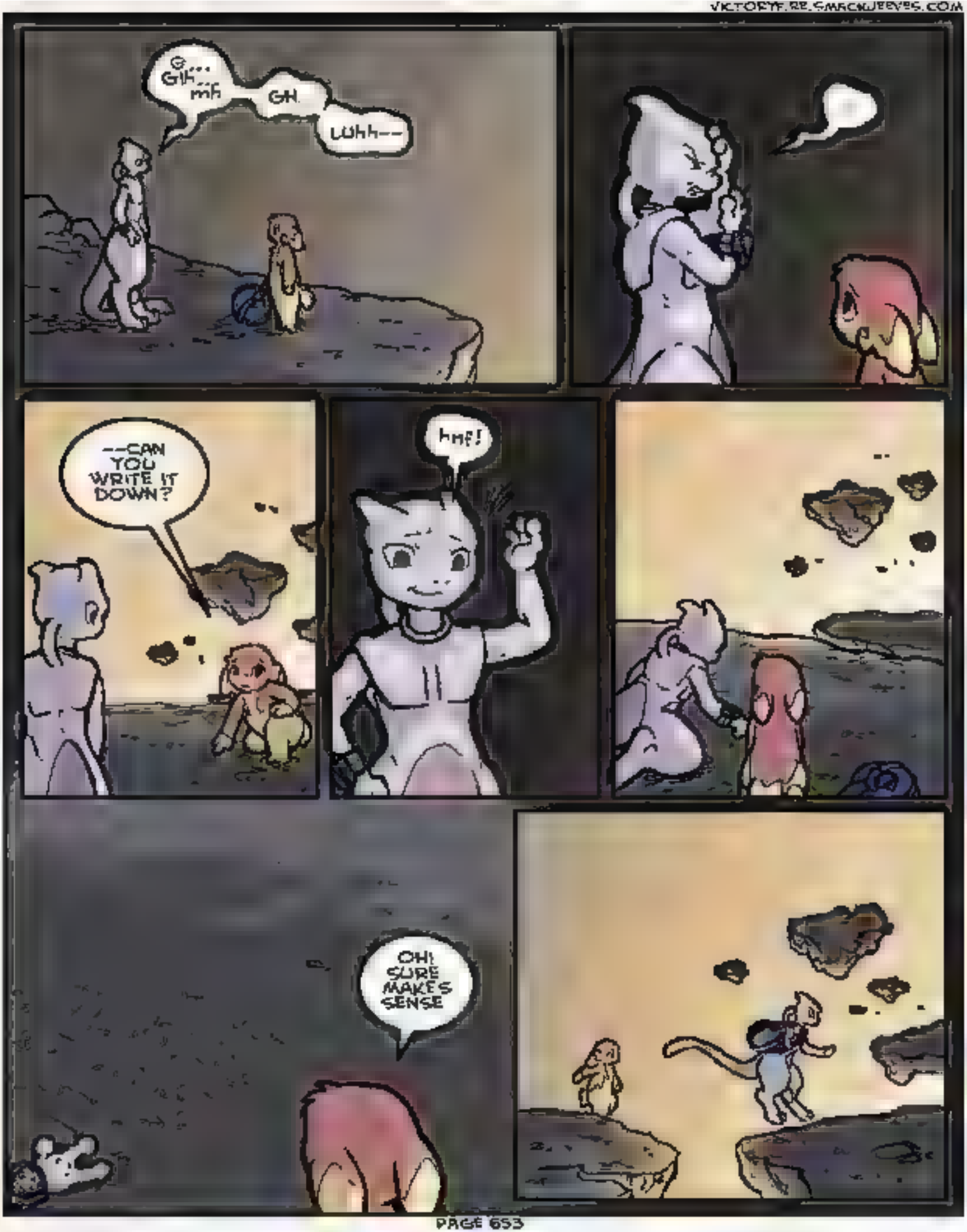
MEWTWO? LET'S GO—
OUWP!
STEADY

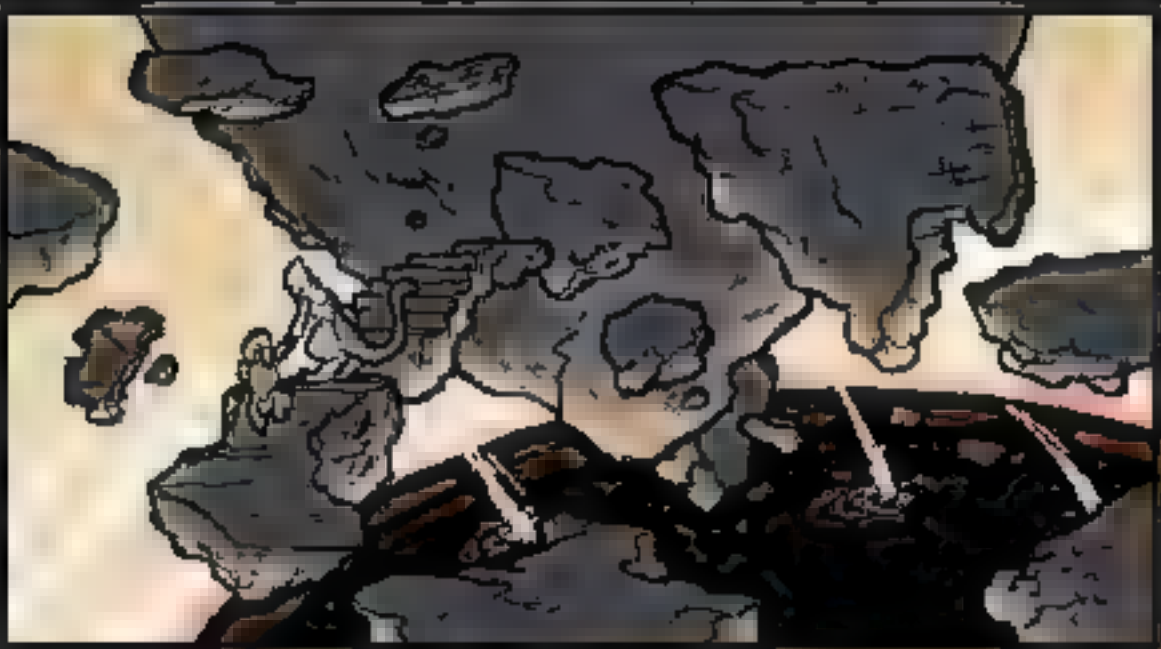

UFF I GUESS WE'VE GOTTA DOUBLE BACK AGAIN
LET'S TRY THIS WAY
SOME OF THIS STUFF LOOKS FAMILIAR, DON'T YOU THINK?
I THINK WE RE GETTING CLOSE.
WHUH--
OUH- CAN'T DO IT

c-can't DO IT!
DEAF, Blind, n-numb HEAD FFULL OF ssilence
HHHOW CAN YOU BEAR IT?
Can't dO IT
aa-a.
uh.
GENGAR?
MEWTWO?
--
MEWTWO!
GENGAR'S STILL HERE

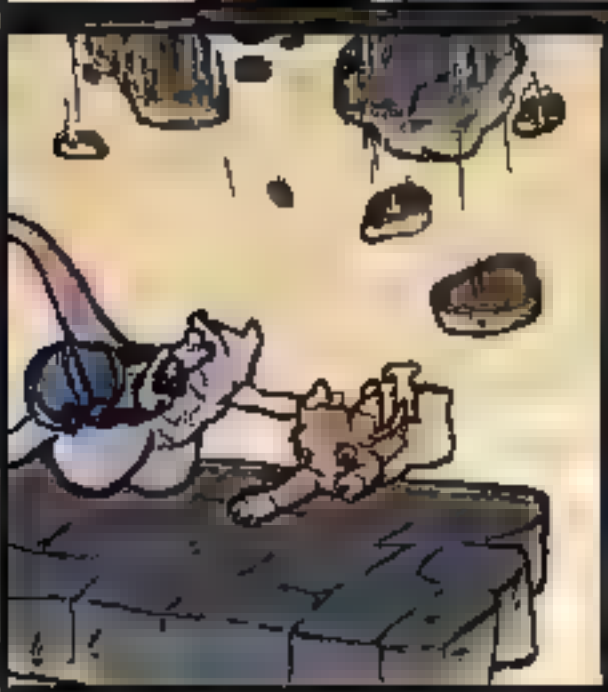
MEWTWO ISN'T THAT?
F-FINISH THE MIS-SION


EEP.
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GONNA GET ACROSS THIS.
THAT'S IT! GENGAR CAN PUSH THE SMALL ISLANDS FOR US!
WH.
WAIT.

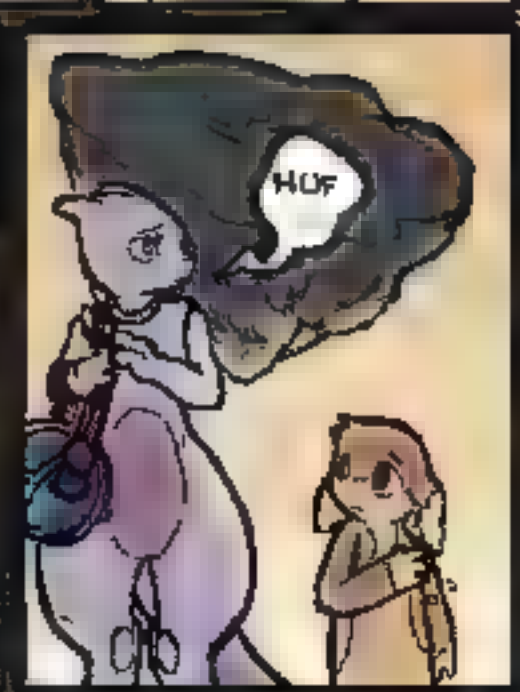

G... Gih... mh
GH.
Uhh--
--CAN YOU WRITE IT DOWN?
hmf!
OH! SURE MAKES SENSE



KRRRH



S-
soh-rRY
O-KEH?
Y-YEAH
I'M
OKAY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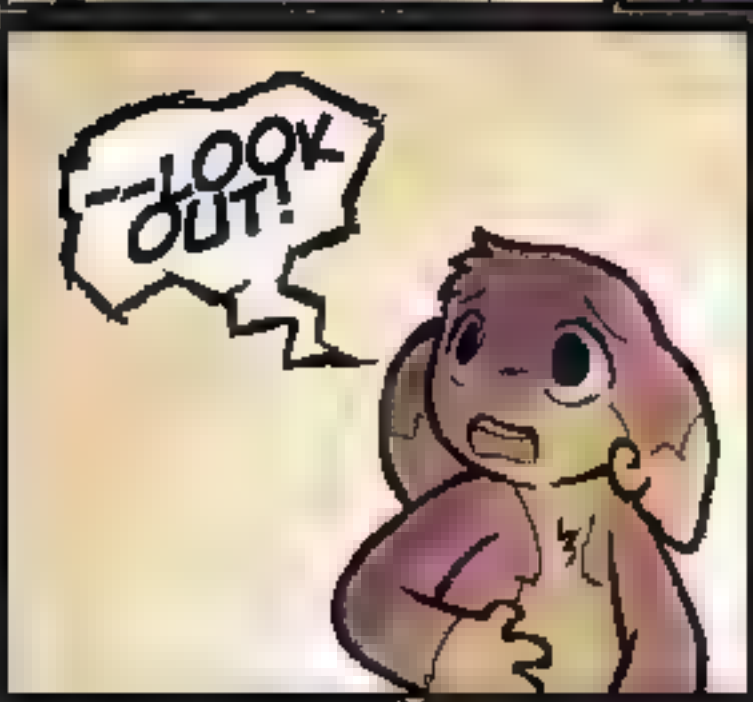
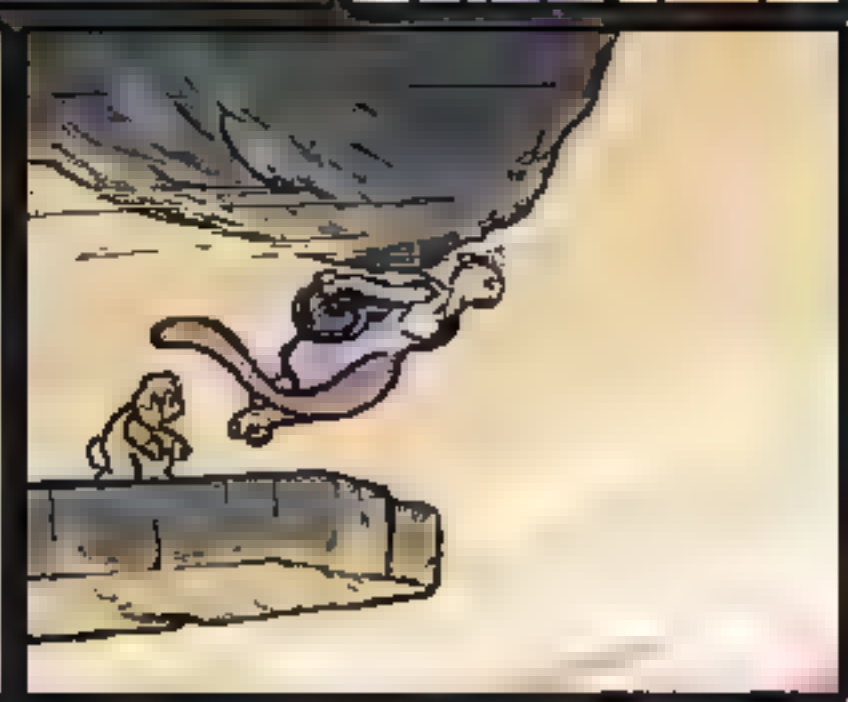
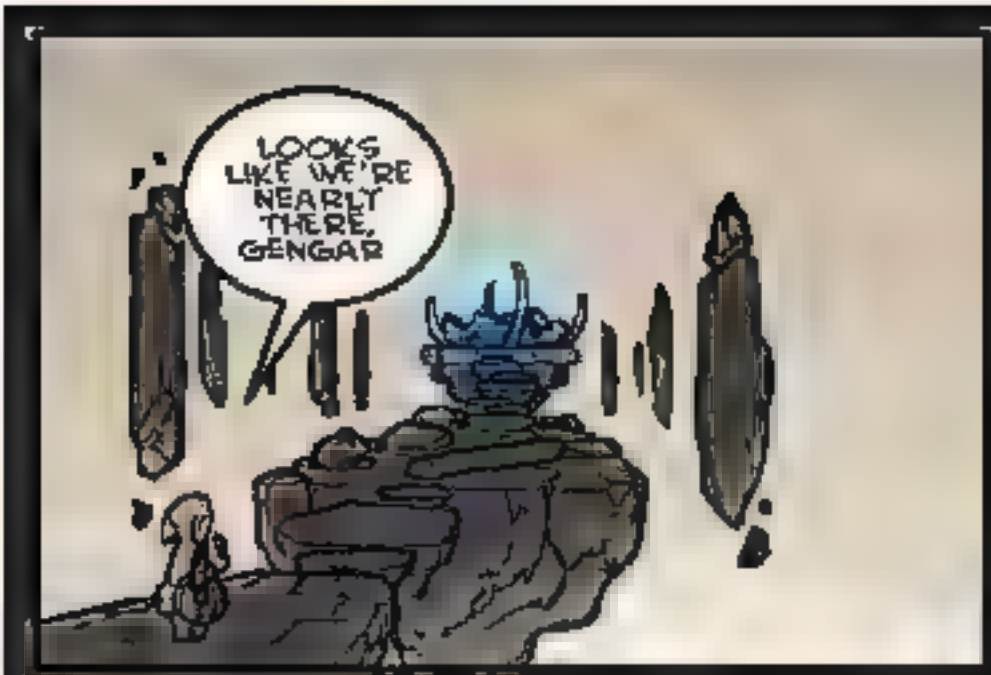

--LOOK
OUT!



GENGAR HELP HIM---!
gaAKH-
aa-a...
nn.
huf...
huf ...

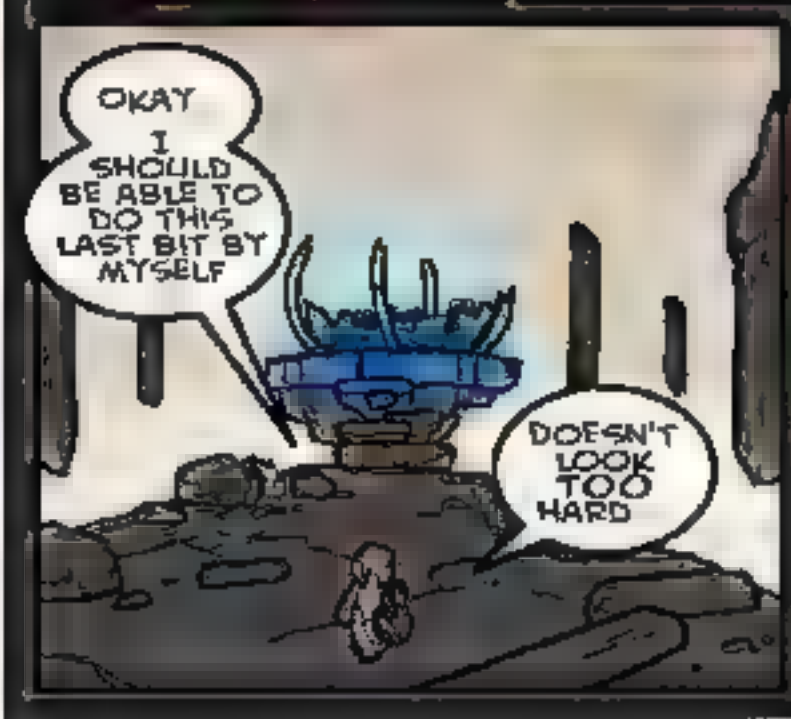
D
dON'T
DON'T
DROP
IT
OOPH!
F-FINISH
THE
MIS-SION


LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NEARLY THERE, GENGAR

WHEW

HEY, GENGAR?

THE AIR'S NOT MOVING AT ALL.
I GUESS EVEN YOU CAN'T COME THIS CLOSE, THEN


OKAY
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS LAST BIT BY MYSELF
DOESN'T LOOK TOO HARD

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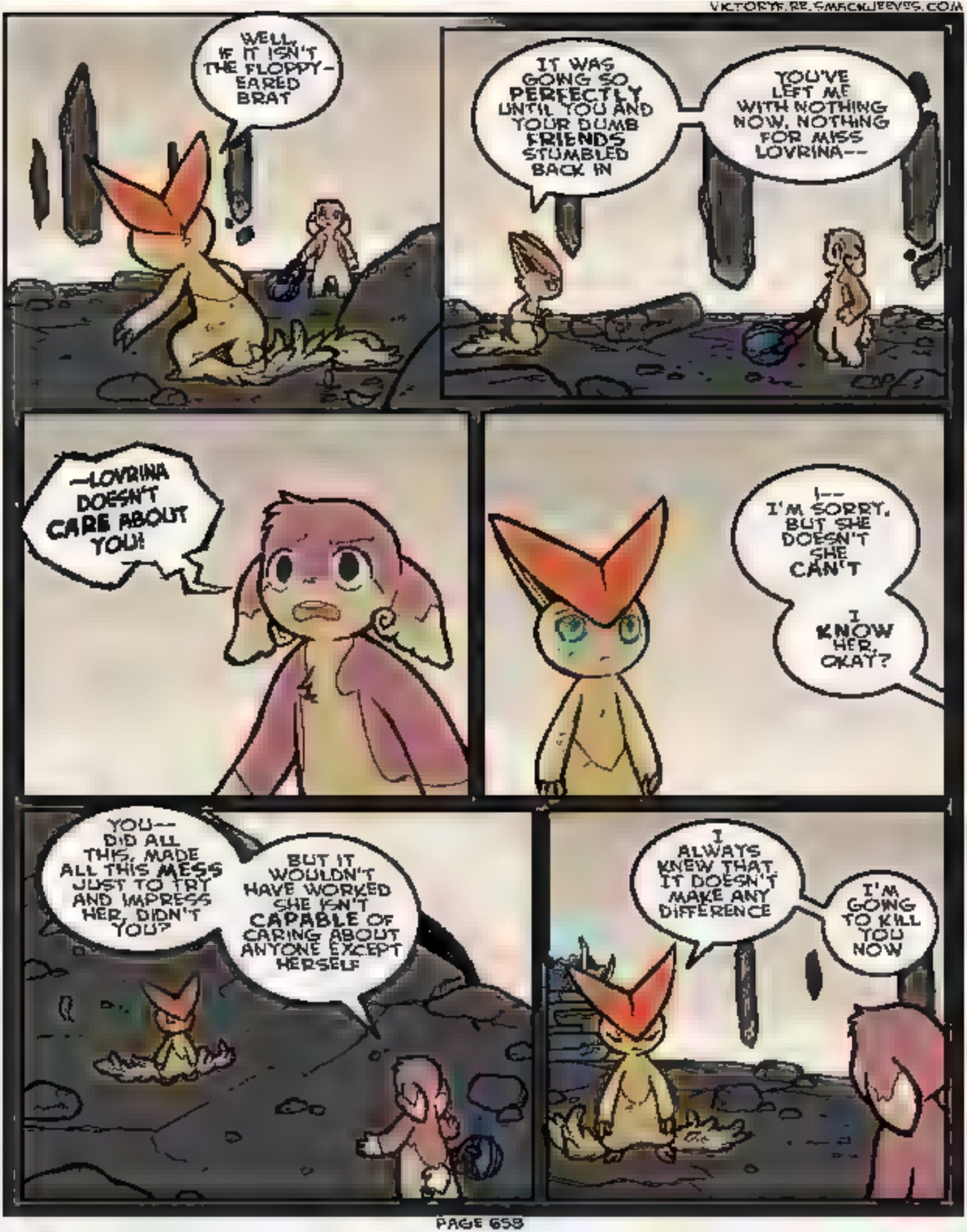
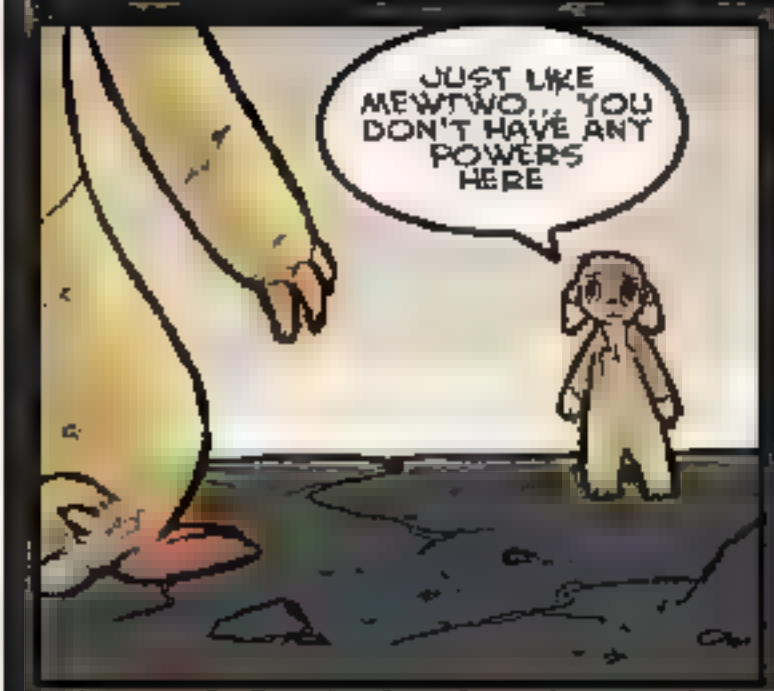
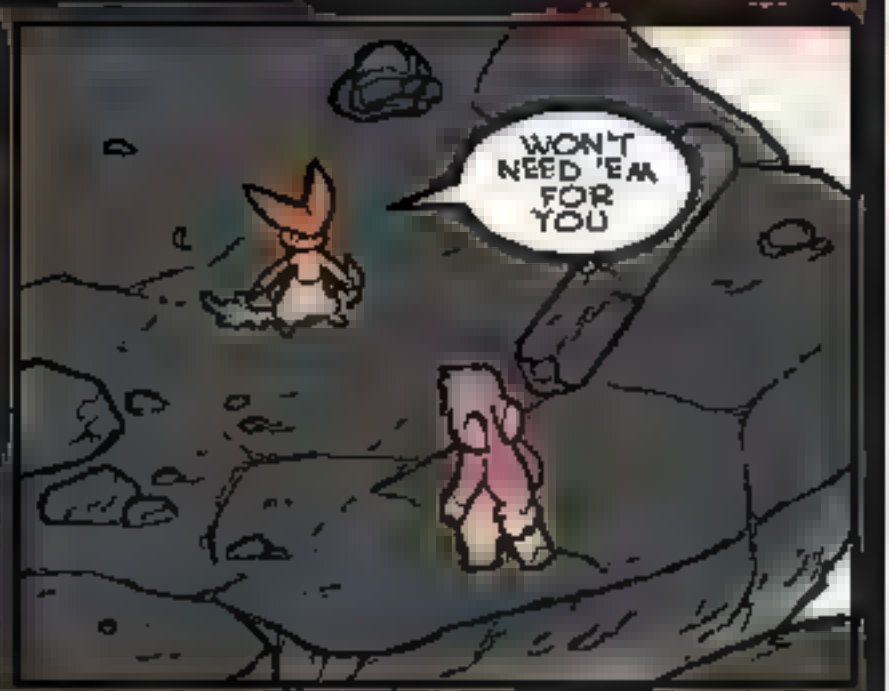
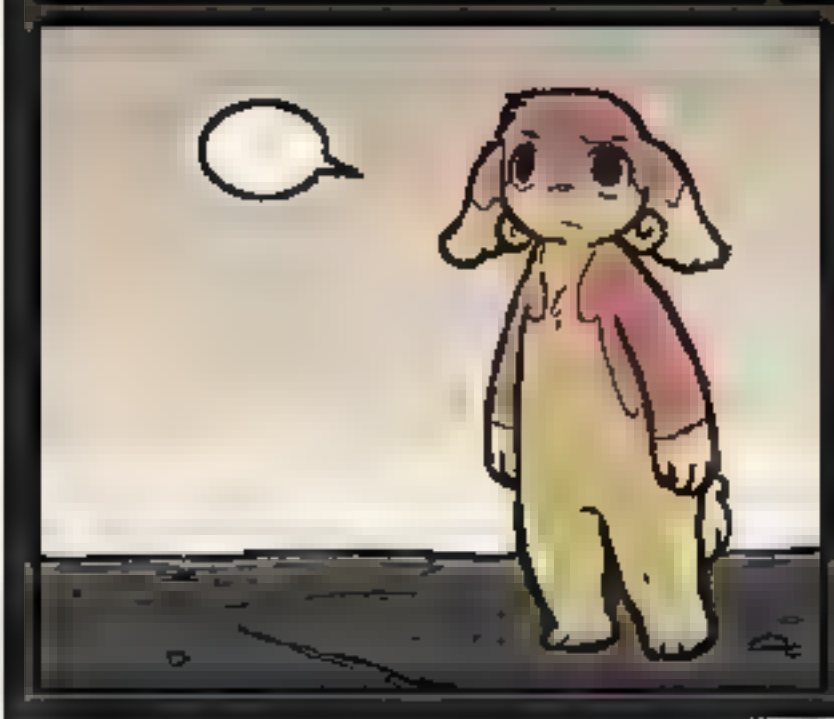

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE FLOPPY-EARED BRAT
IT WAS GOING SO PERFECTLY UNTIL YOU AND YOUR DUMB FRIENDS STUMBLED BACK IN
YOU'VE LEFT ME WITH NOTHING NOW, NOTHING FOR MISS LOVRINA--
--LOVRINA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOU!
!-- I'M SORRY, BUT SHE DOESN'T SHE CAN'T
I KNOW HER, OKAY?
YOU-- DID ALL THIS, MADE ALL THIS MESS JUST TO TRY AND IMPRESS HER, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED SHE ISN'T CAPABLE OF CARING ABOUT ANYONE EXCEPT HERSELF
I ALWAYS KNEW THAT. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU NOW

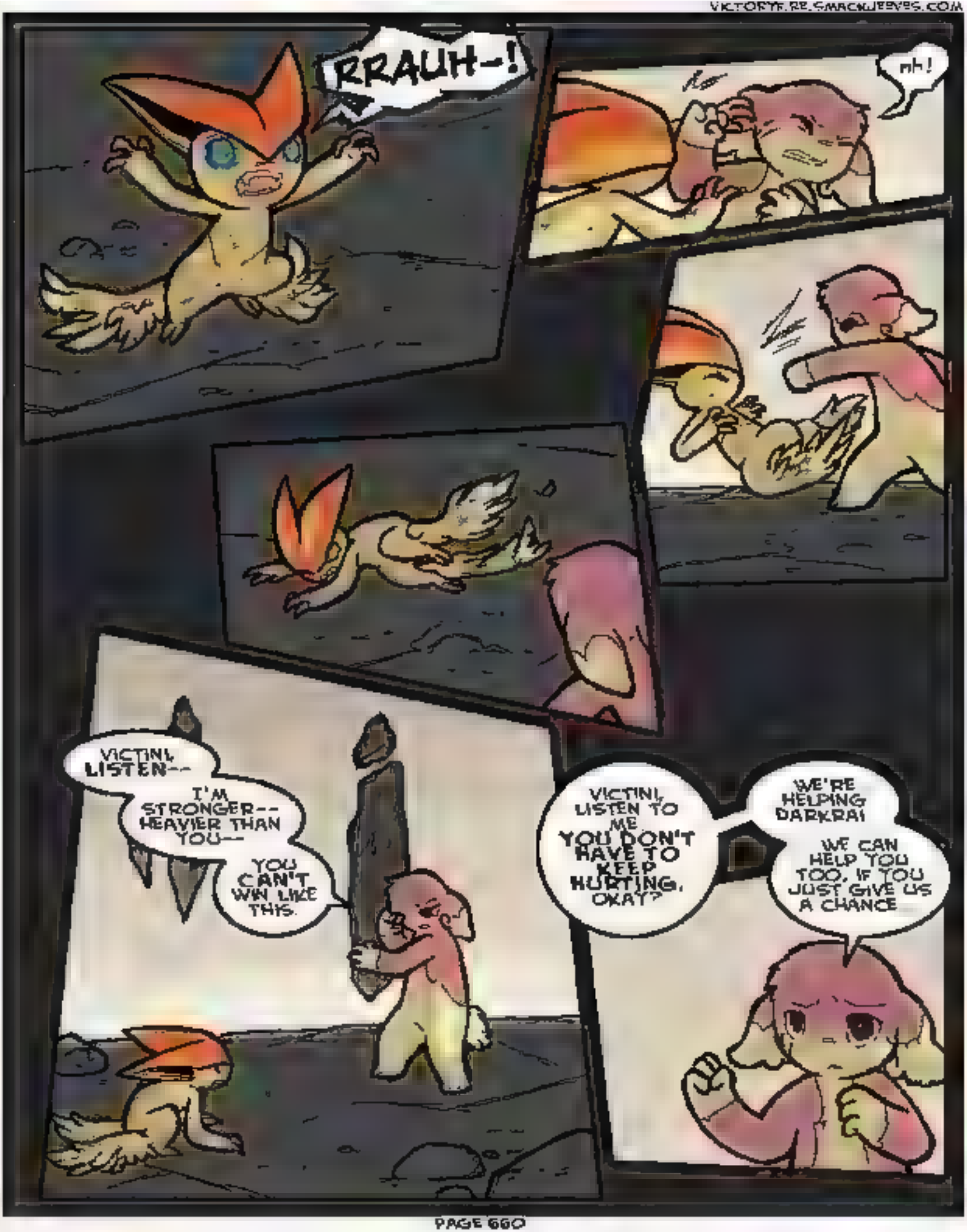
YOU'RE NOT FLYING OR MAKING FIRE.
YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU?

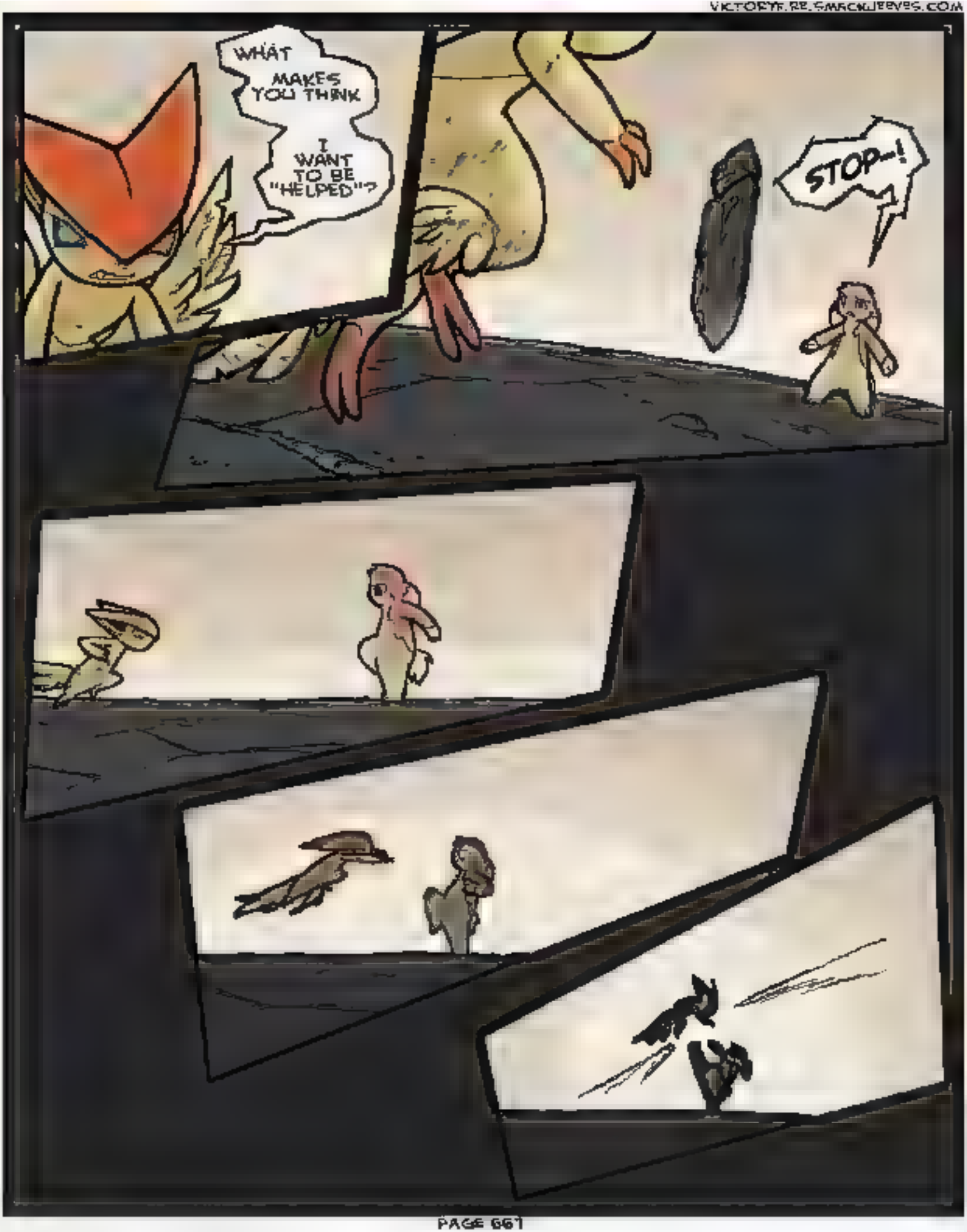

JUST LIKE MEWTWO... YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS HERE


WON'T NEED 'EM FOR YOU



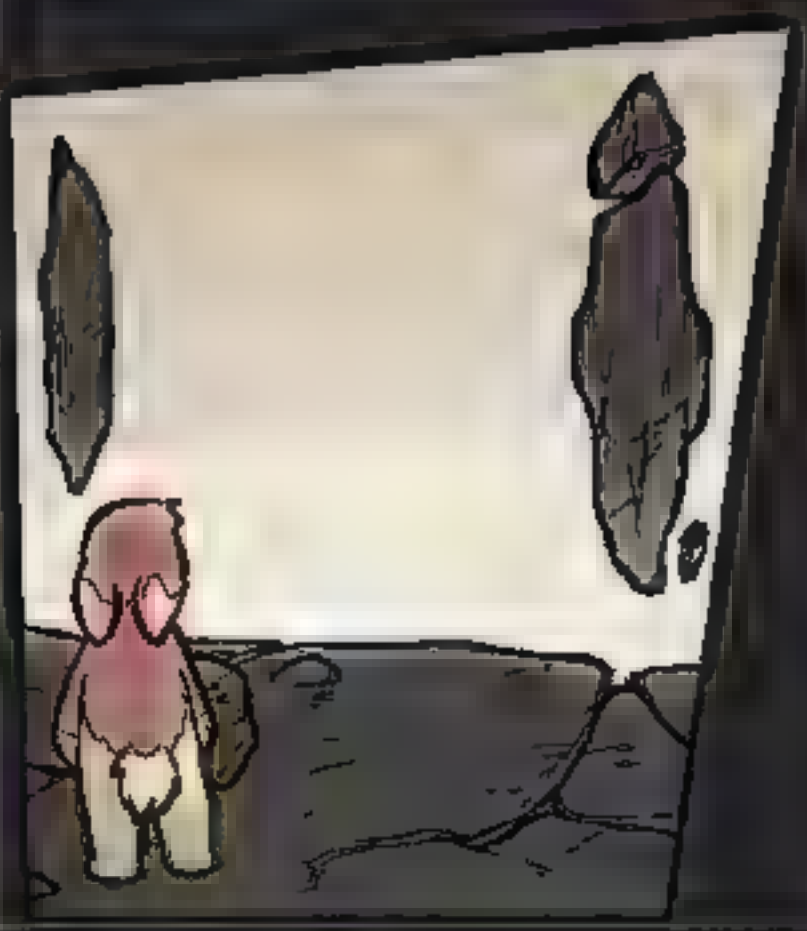
COME AND TRY, THEN


RRAUH-!
nh!
VICTINI, LISTEN--
I'M STRONGER-- HEAVIER THAN YOU--
YOU CAN'T WIN LIKE THIS.
VICTINI, LISTEN TO ME YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP HURTING, OKAY?
WE'RE HELPING DARKRAI
WE CAN HELP YOU TOO, IF YOU JUST GIVE US A CHANCE


WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANT TO BE "HELPED"?
STOP--!

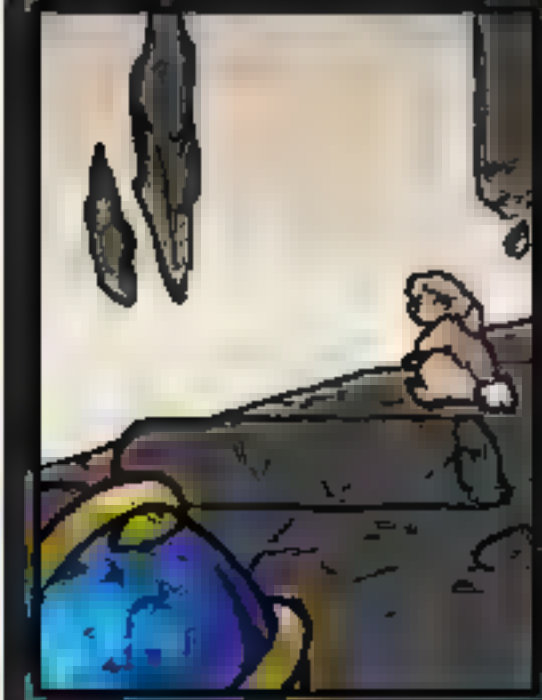
AAA-!

HFF-
HFF



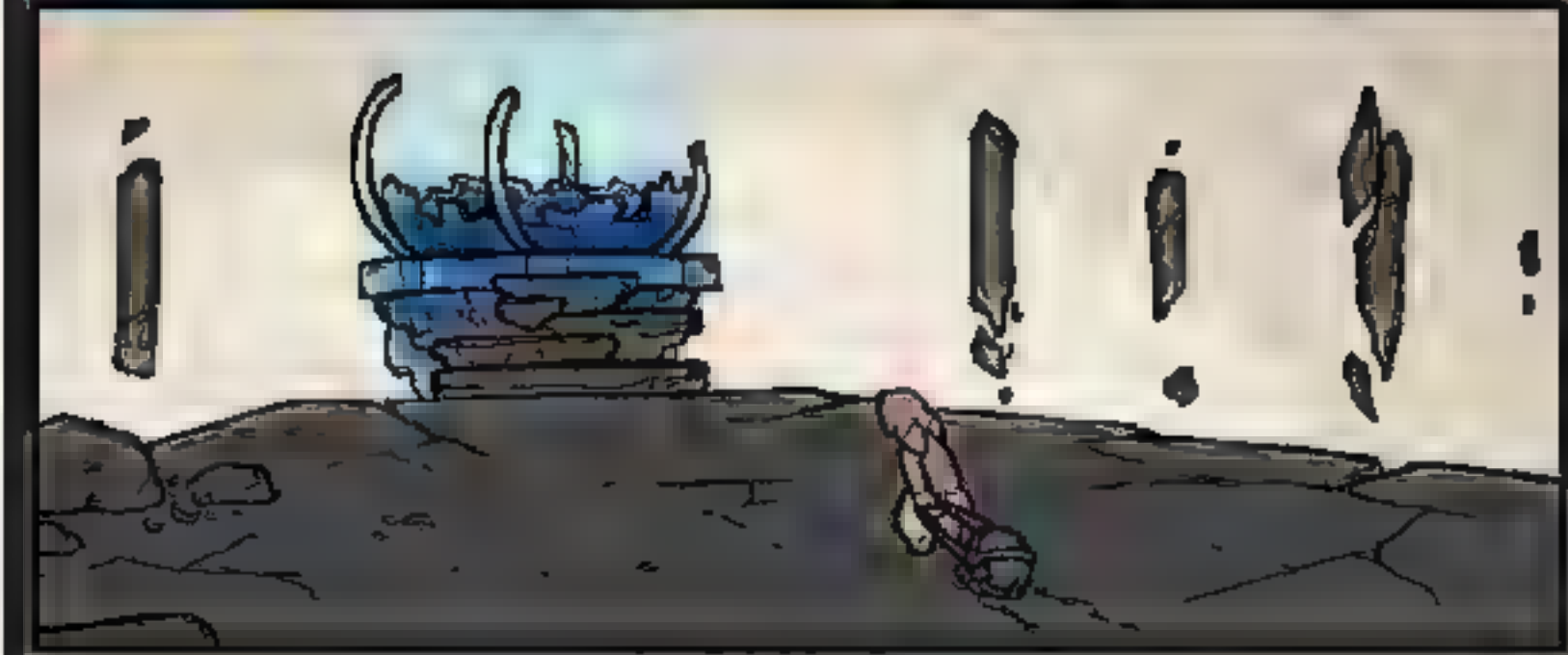
UFF

AH!
JUST HOLD ON-- I'LL PULL YOU UP--
STOP!
OW!
WHAT ARE YOU-- DOING
YOU--
FALL--
WITH--
ME--
AAUH!
NN--
AAHUH --

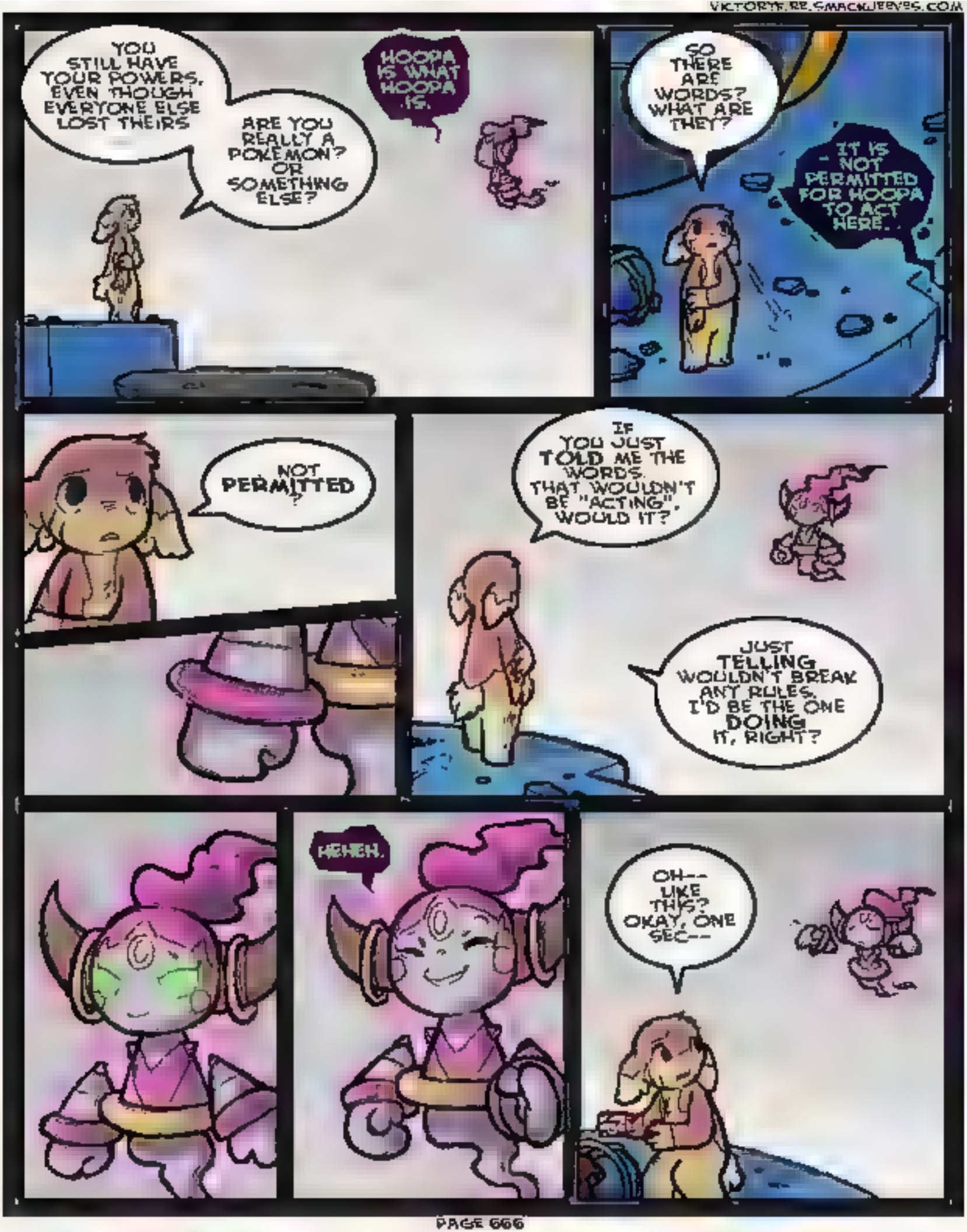


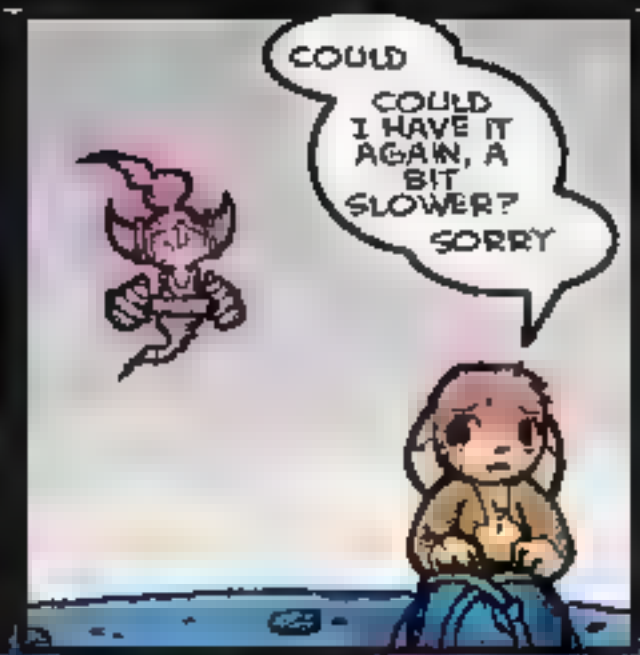
"FINISH THE MISSION "

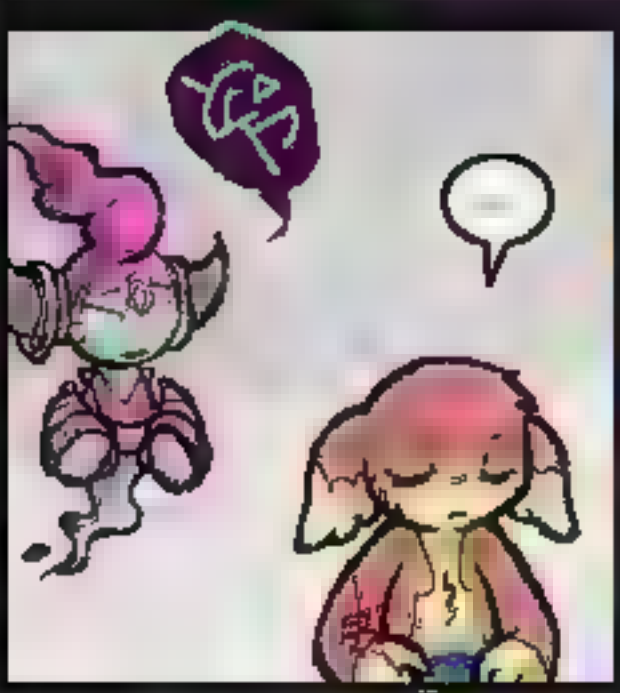
HFF-F

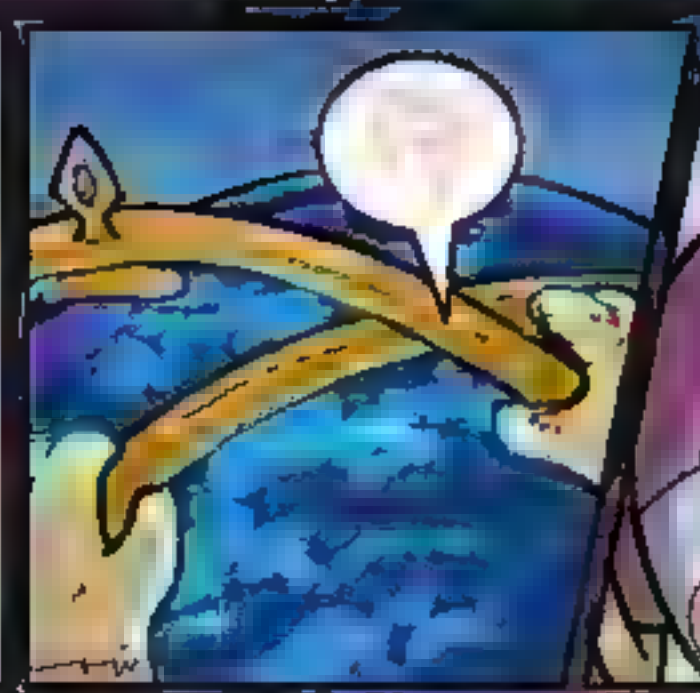


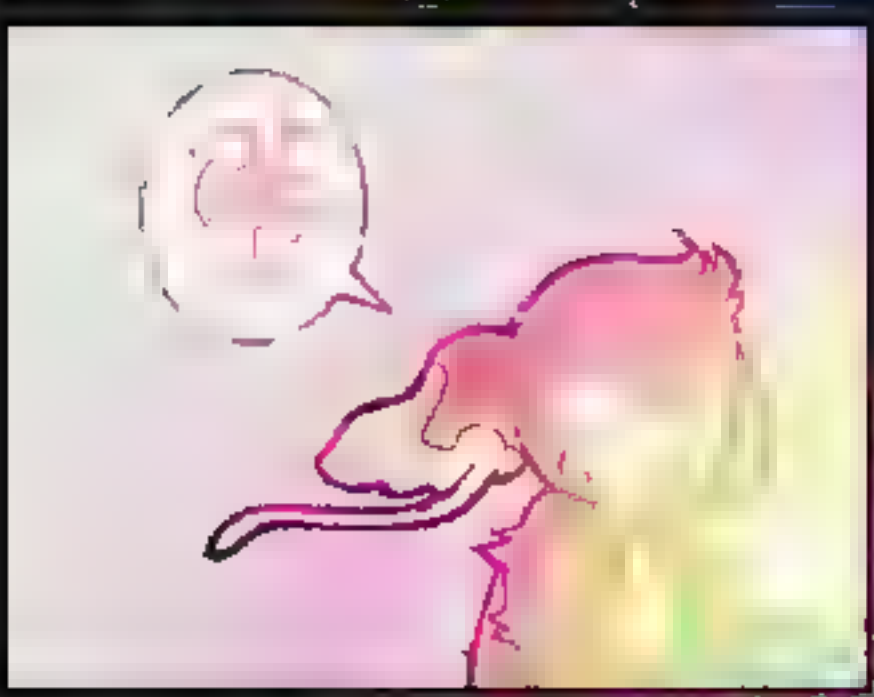
NNF
HUHH
HUHH
OKAY
I'M HERE
I DID IT. I GOT HERE
HOW DO I MAKE YOU WORK ?
HH
THE WORDS HAVE NOT BEEN SPOKEN:
AAA!

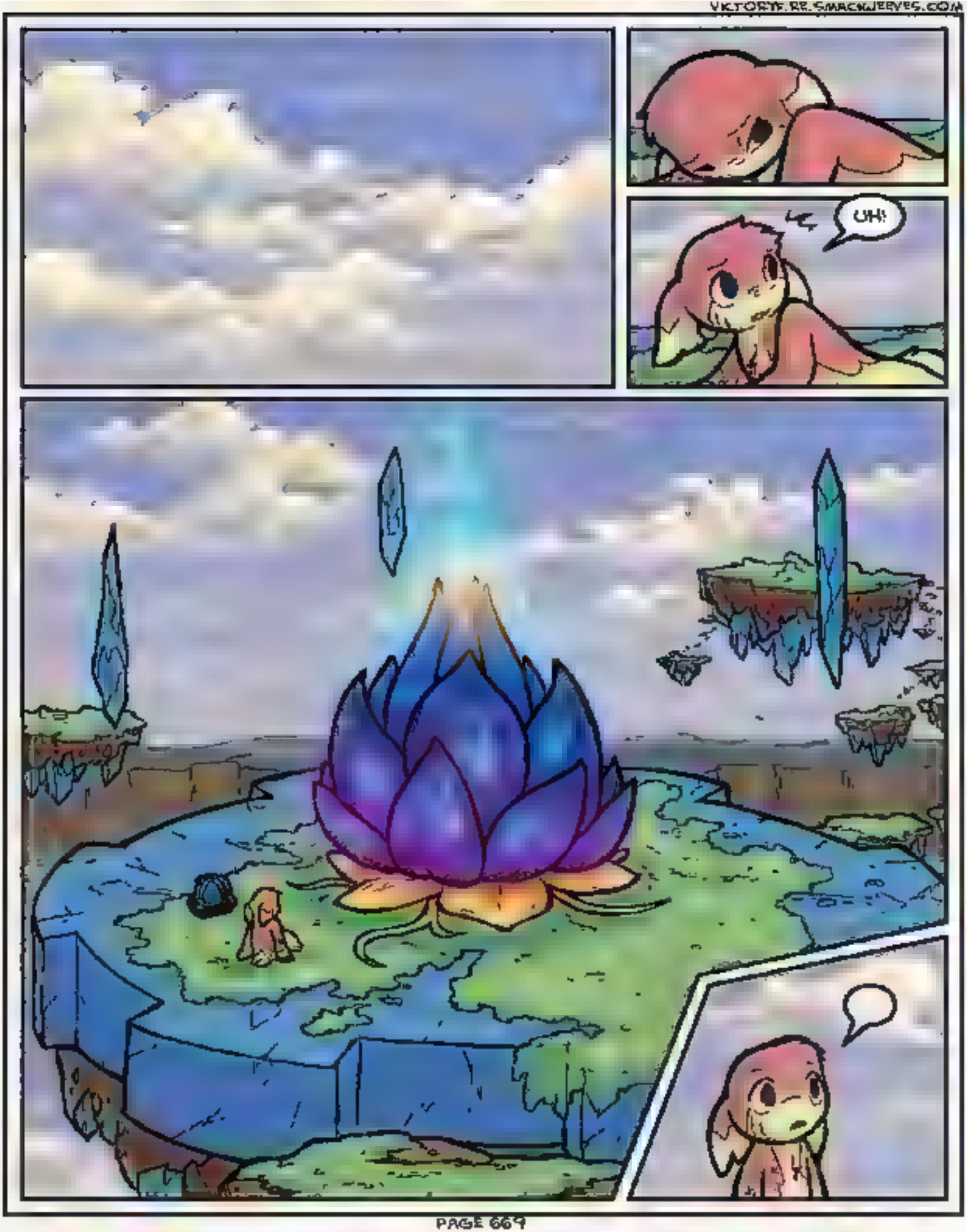

YOU STILL HAVE YOUR POWERS, EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE ELSE LOST THEIRS
ARE YOU REALLY A POKEMON? OR SOMETHING ELSE?
HOOPA IS WHAT HOOPA IS.
SO THERE ARE WORDS? WHAT ARE THEY?
IT IS NOT PERMITTED FOR HOOPA TO ACT HERE...
NOT PERMITTED?
IF YOU JUST TOLD ME THE WORDS. THAT WOULDN'T BE "ACTING", WOULD IT?
JUST TELLING WOULDN'T BREAK ANY RULES. I'D BE THE ONE DOING IT, RIGHT?
HEHEH.
OH-- LIKE THIS? OKAY, ONE SEC--


COULD
COULD I HAVE IT AGAIN, A BIT SLOWER? SORRY





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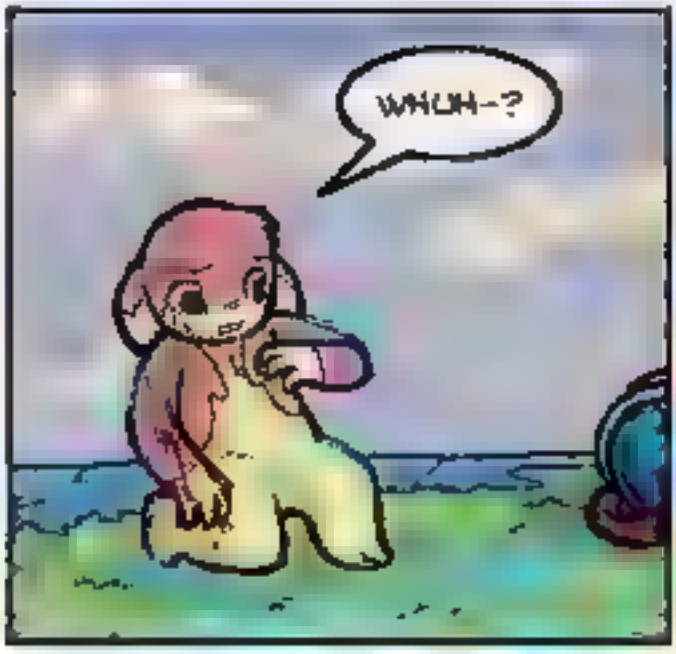
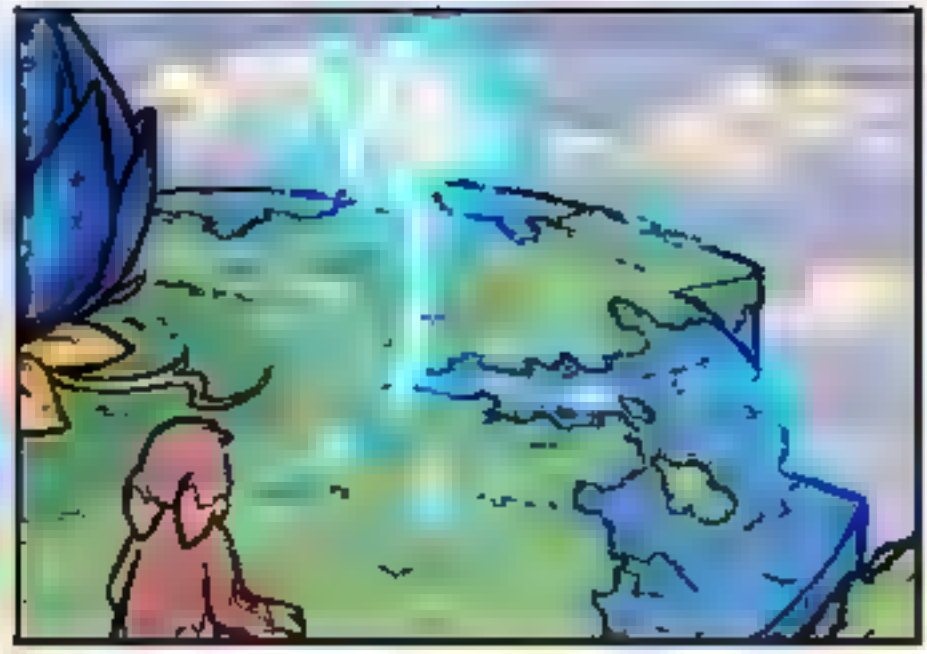
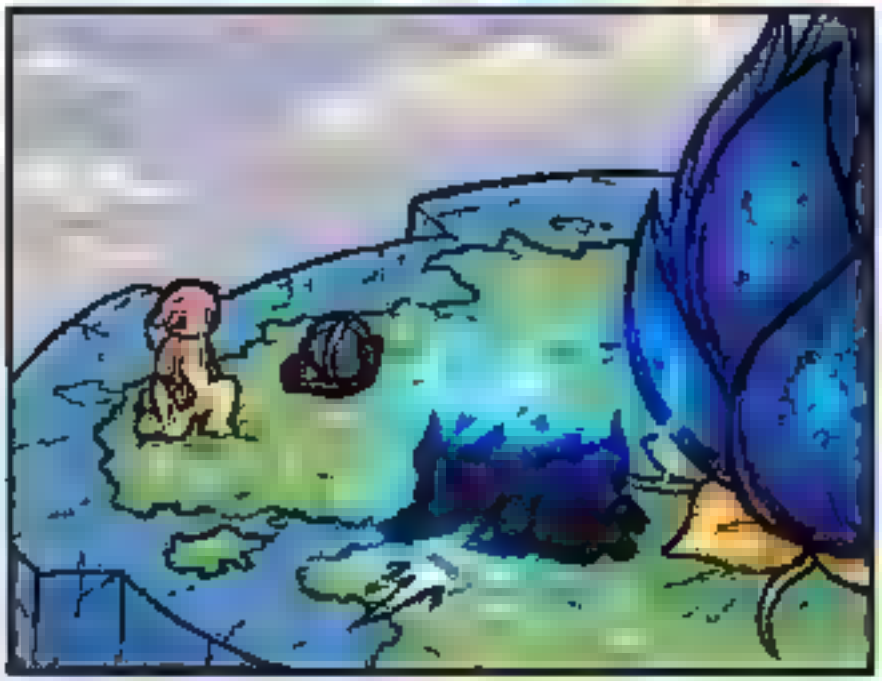
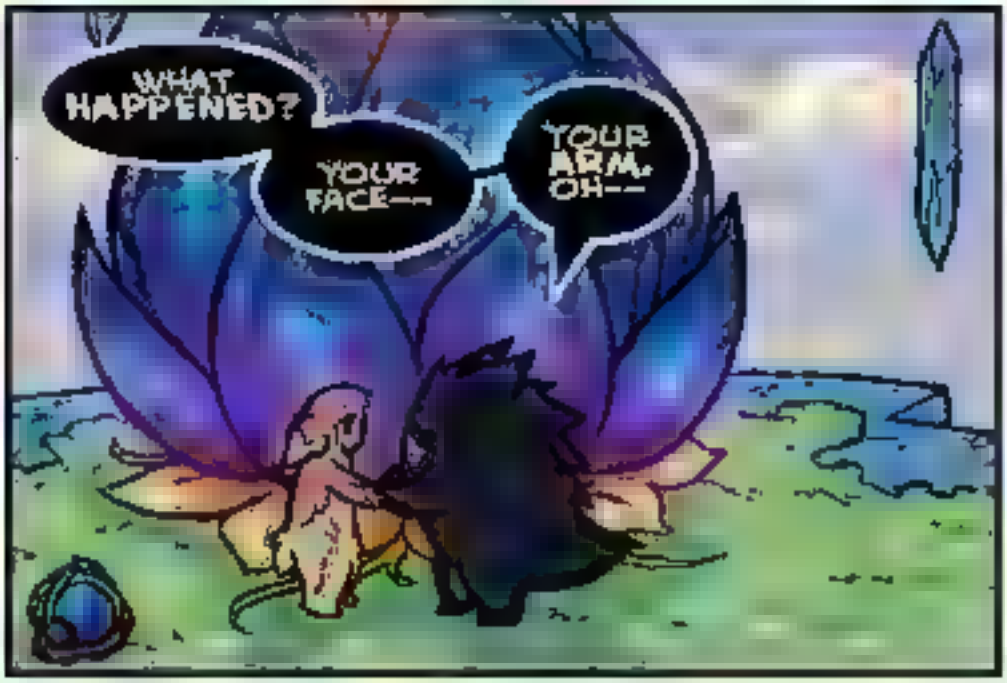

WHUH-?

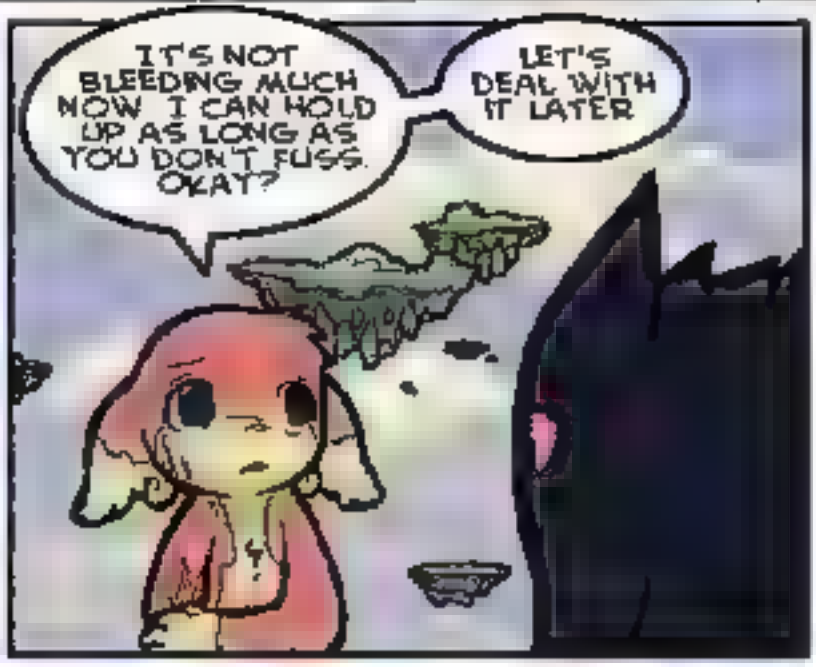




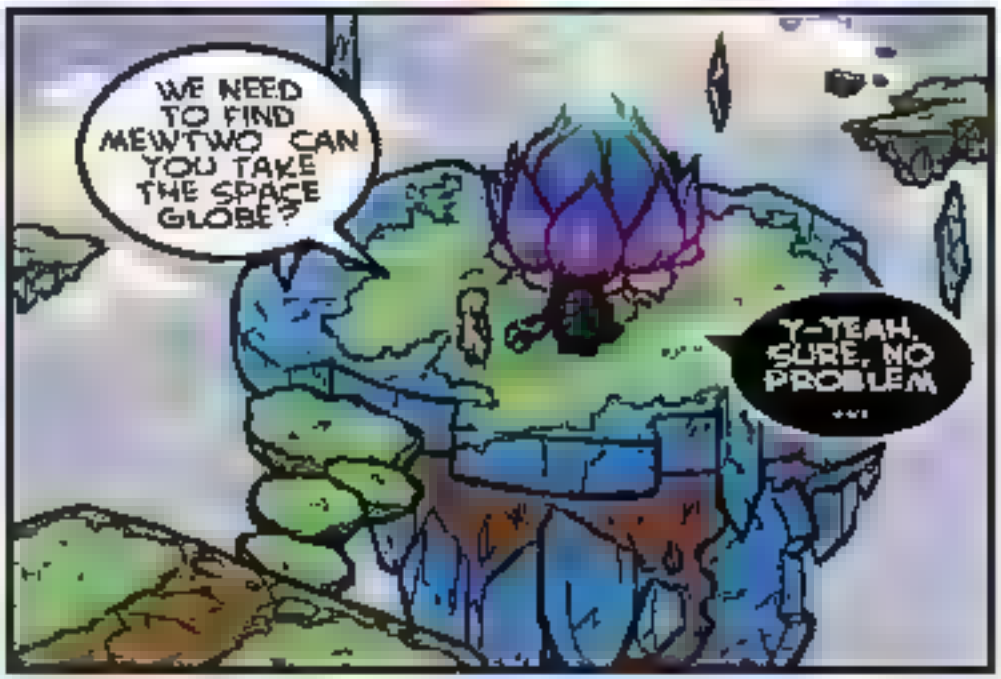
...THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD.

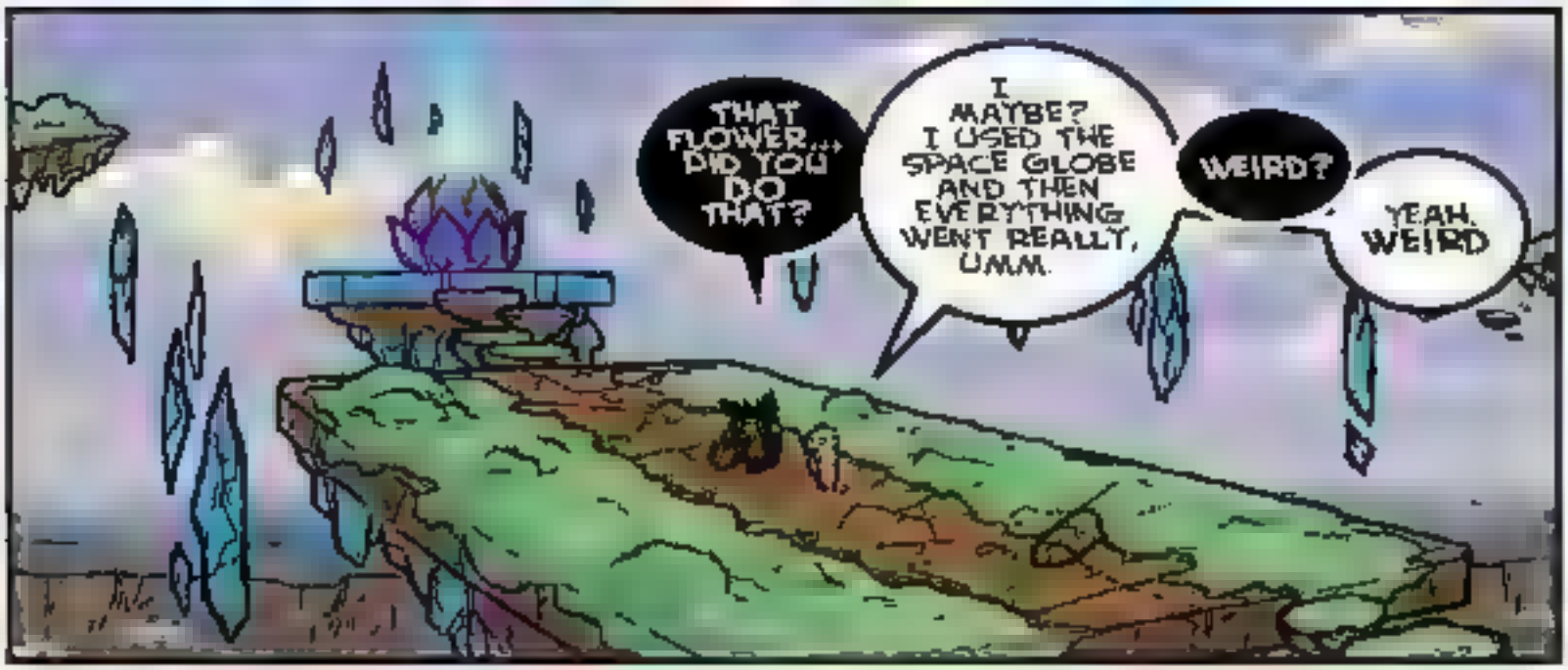

WHAT HAPPENED?
YOUR FACE--
YOUR ARM. OH--

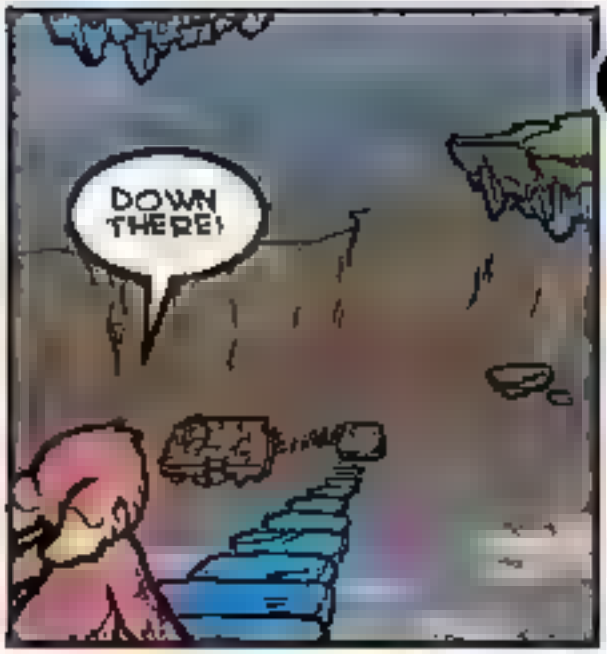
IT'S OKAY
NO IT'S NOT! YOU— YOU'RE ALL TORN UP —!


IT'S NOT BLEEDING MUCH NOW. I CAN HOLD UP AS LONG AS YOU DON'T FUSS. OKAY?
LET'S DEAL WITH IT LATER

IF— IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
YEAH. 'CAUSE THERE'S STILL STUFF TO DO


WE NEED TO FIND MEWTWO. CAN YOU TAKE THE SPACE GLOBE?
Y-YEAH. SURE. NO PROBLEM...

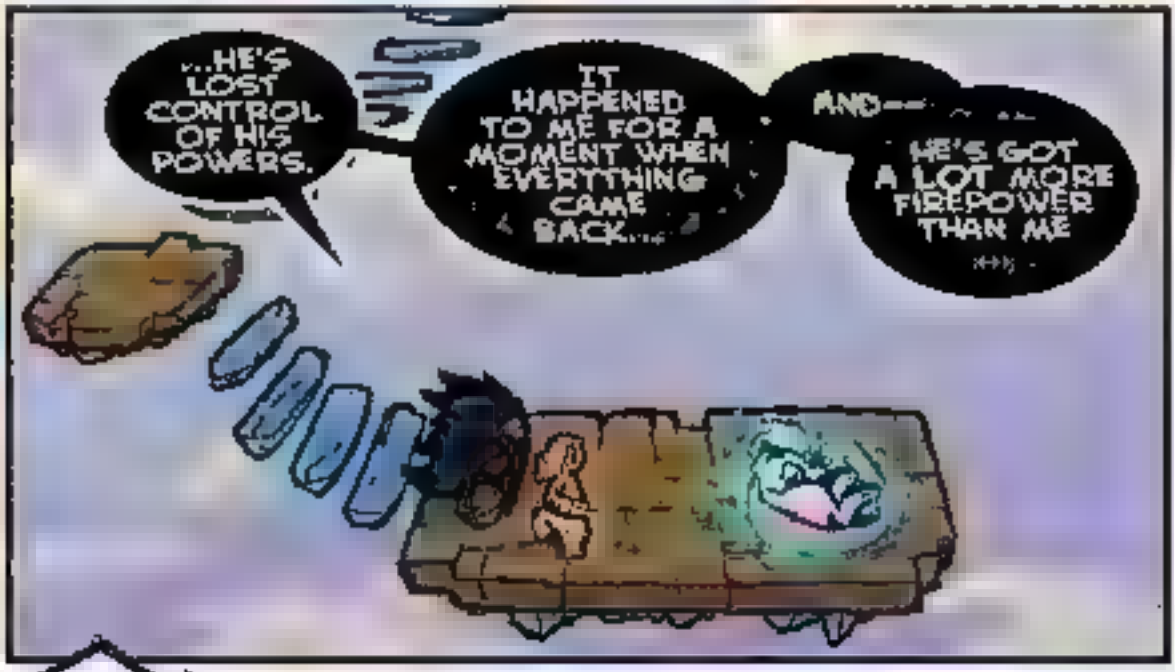

THAT FLOWER... DID YOU DO THAT?
I MAYBE? I USED THE SPACE GLOBE AND THEN EVERYTHING WENT REALLY, UMM.
WEIRD?
YEAH. WEIRD


DOWN THERE!

STOP, STOP! CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT?
SOME-THING'S WRONG

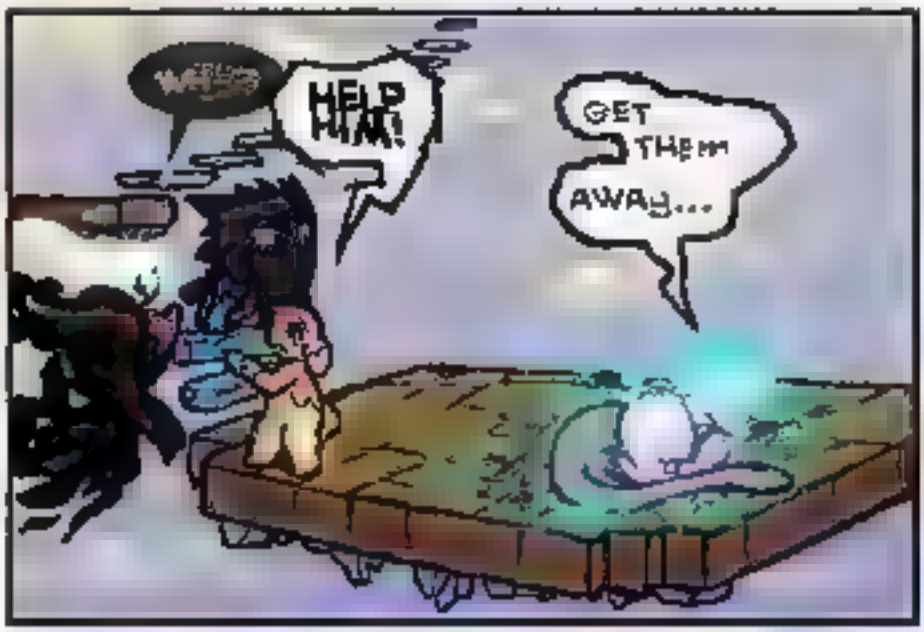
GET AWAY

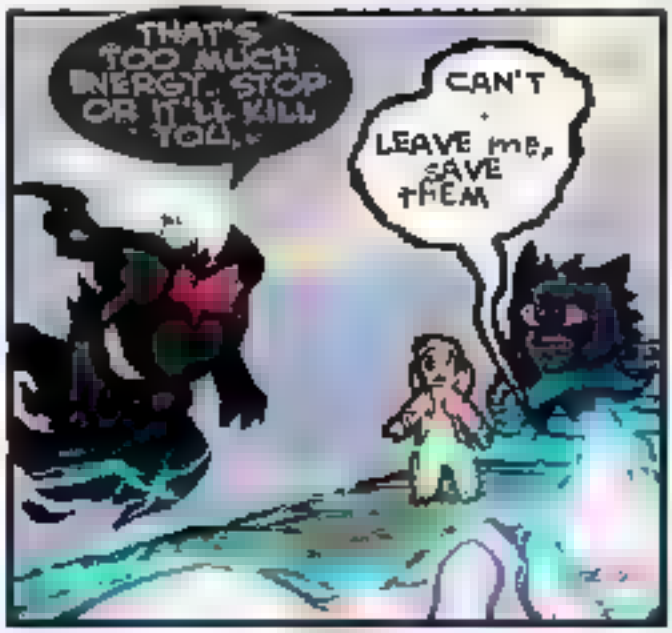
AA-!


...HE'S LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWERS.
IT HAPPENED TO ME FOR A MOMENT WHEN EVERYTHING CAME BACK...
AND--
HE'S GOT A LOT MORE FIREPOWER THAN ME

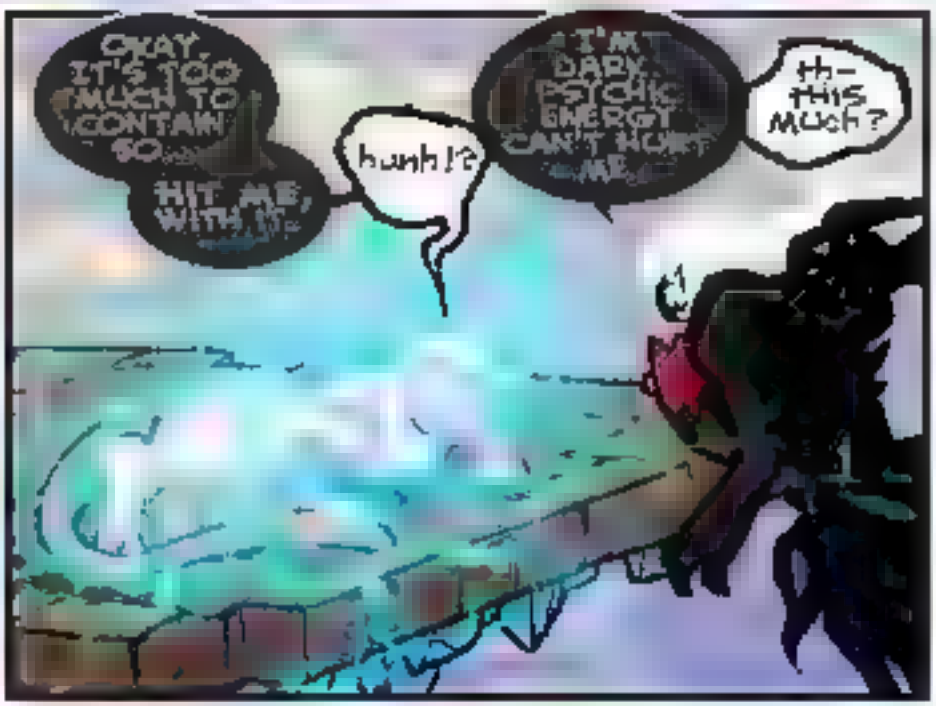
GET AWAY!

HOLD ON I'M COMING!


WHAT?
HELP HIM!
GET THEM AWAY...


THAT'S TOO MUCH ENERGY. STOP OR IT'LL KILL YOU.
CAN'T LEAVE me, SAVE THEM

THAT'S NOT AN OPTION!
GET BACK YOU TWO

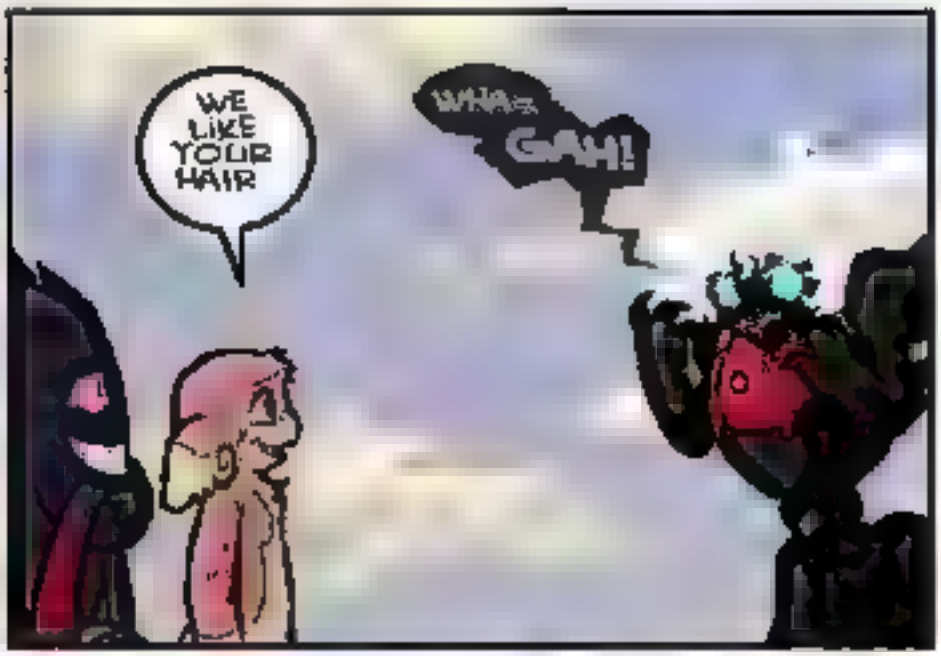

OKAY, IT'S TOO MUCH TO CONTAIN SO...
HIT ME WITH IT.
hunh!?
I'M DARK PSYCHIC ENERGY CAN'T HURT ME
th- THIS MUCH?

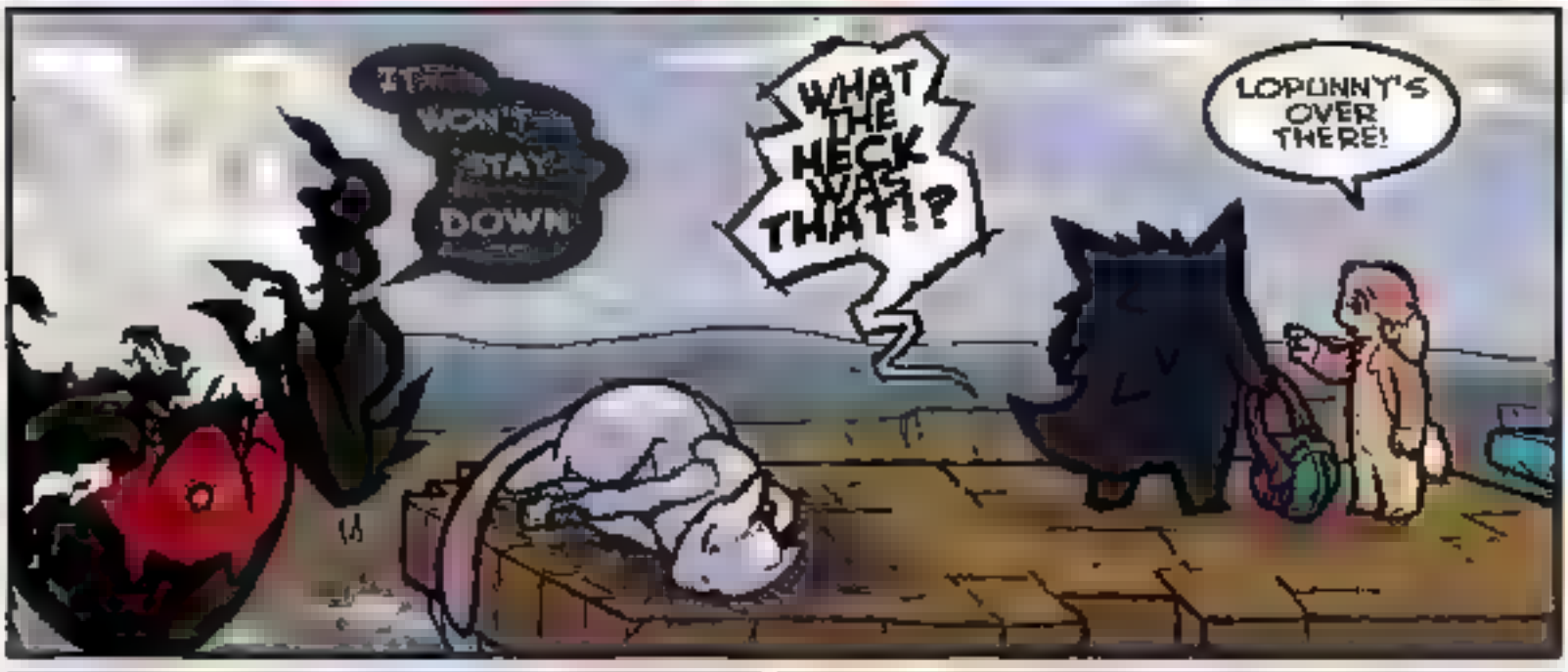
WE'RE OUT OF TIME. IF YOU WON'T DO IT WILLINGLY I'LL HAVE TO FORCE YOU.

SORRY ABOUT THIS.
huf.

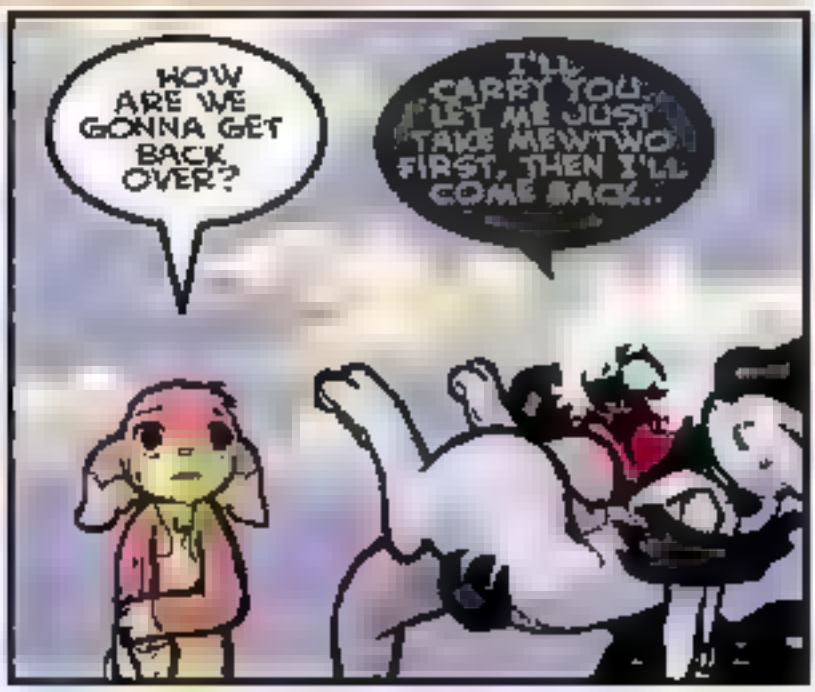
HOLY CRAP!
AHH!
GAAAA-
MEWTWO! ARE YOU OKAY?
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?
uhh...
hhuh...
whuff.

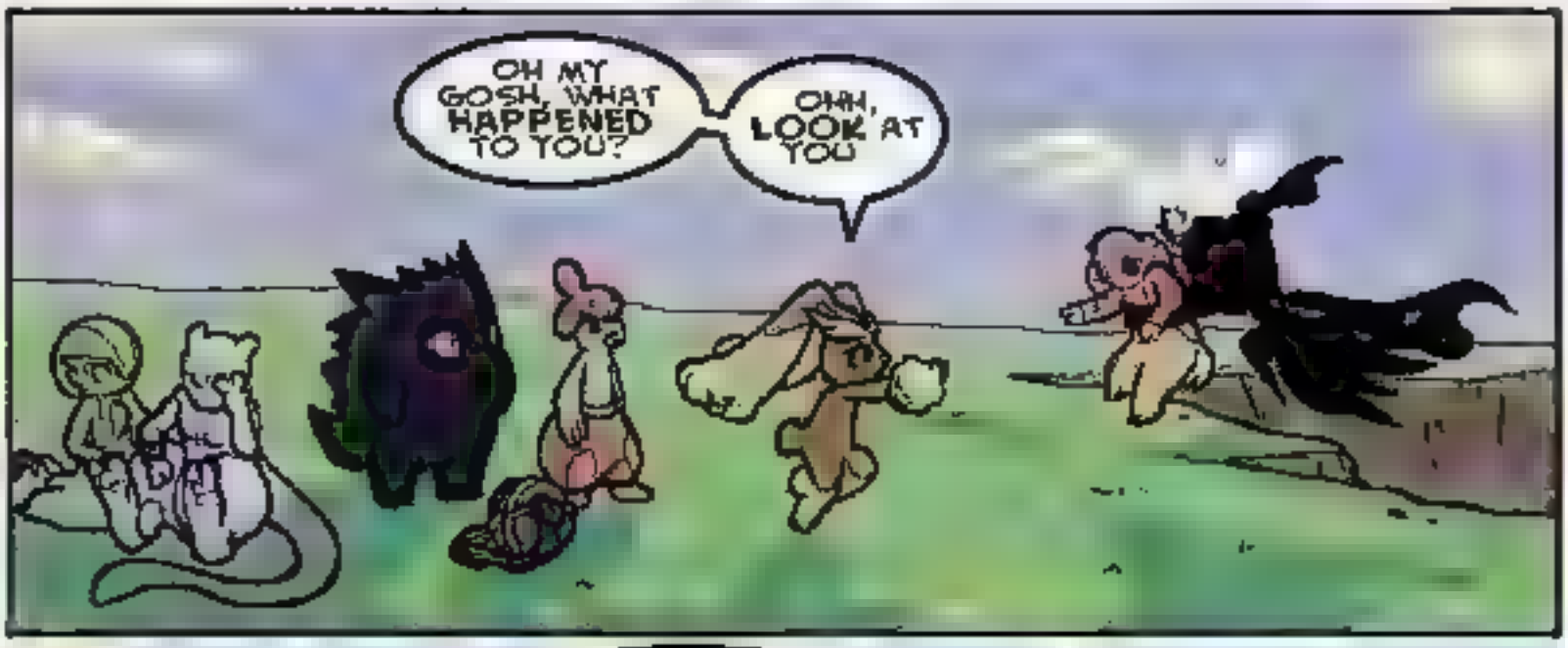
PFF-F-FF ...
KHHHKH ...
WHAT'S THE JOKE?

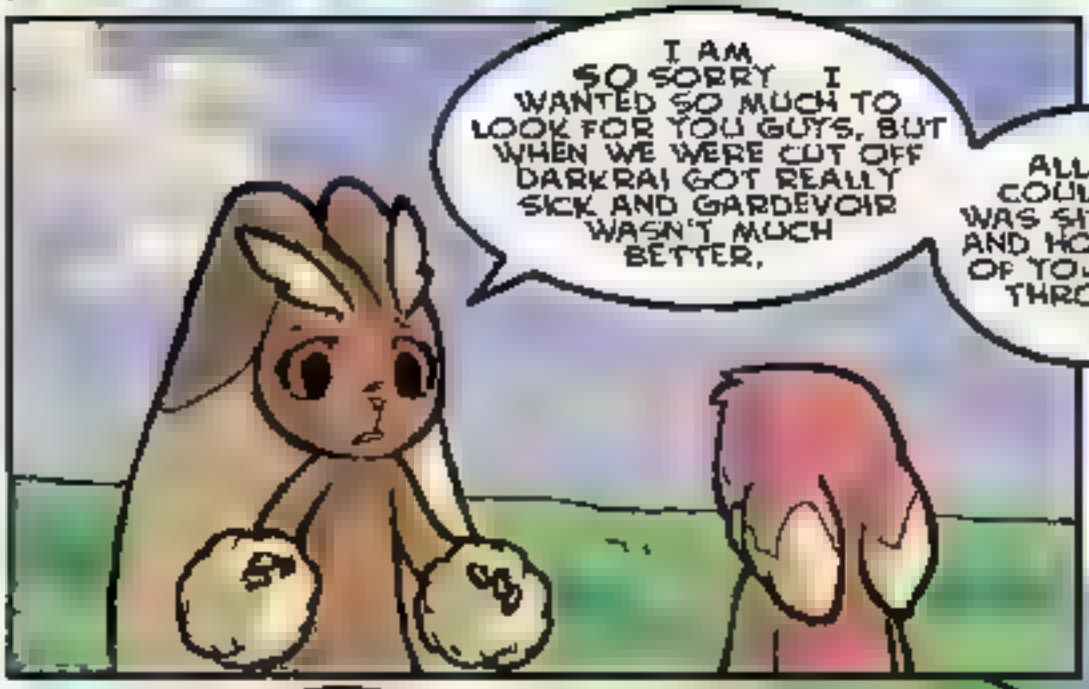

WE LIKE YOUR HAIR
WHA-
GAH!


IT WON'T STAY DOWN
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT!?
LOPUNNY'S OVER THERE!

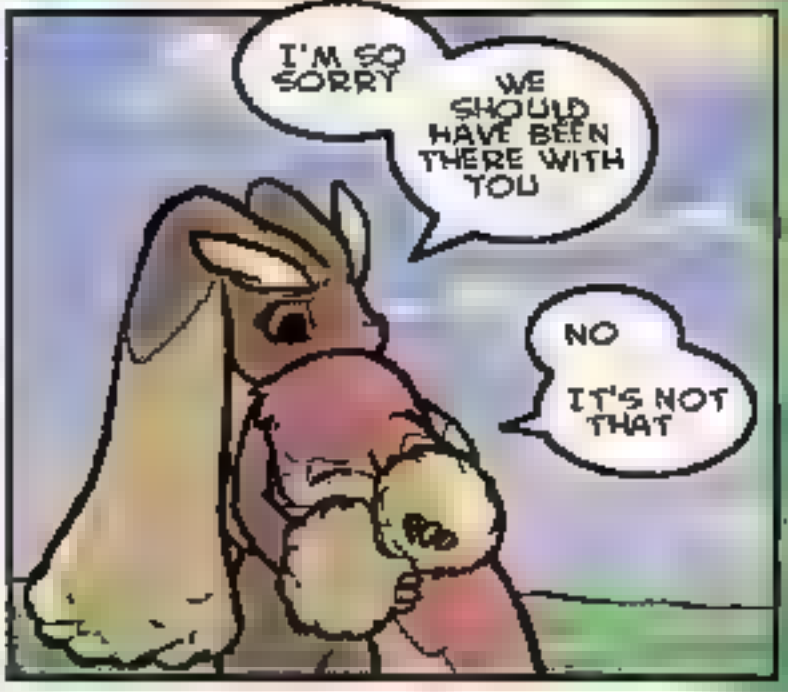
MEWTWO, UHH, EXPLODED.
IT'S OKAY HE GOT BETTER!
HE WHAT!?


HOW ARE WE GONNA GET BACK OVER?
I'LL CARRY YOU. LET ME JUST TAKE MEWTWO FIRST, THEN I'LL COME BACK...

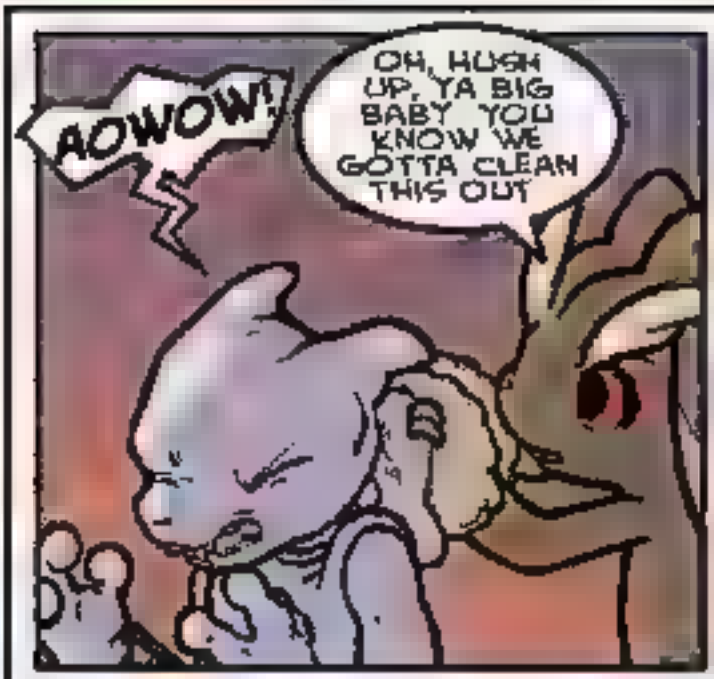

OH MY GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
OHH, LOOK AT YOU

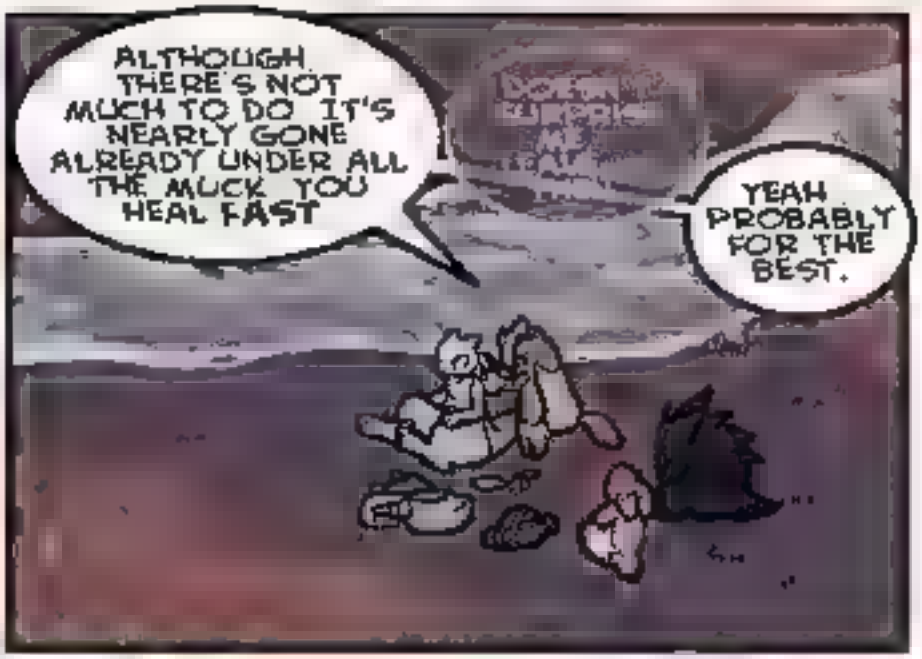

I AM SO SORRY I WANTED SO MUCH TO LOOK FOR YOU GUYS, BUT WHEN WE WERE CUT OFF DARKRAI GOT REALLY SICK AND GARDEVOIR WASN'T MUCH BETTER.

ALL WE COULD DO WAS SIT TIGHT AND HOPE ONE OF YOU CAME THROUGH

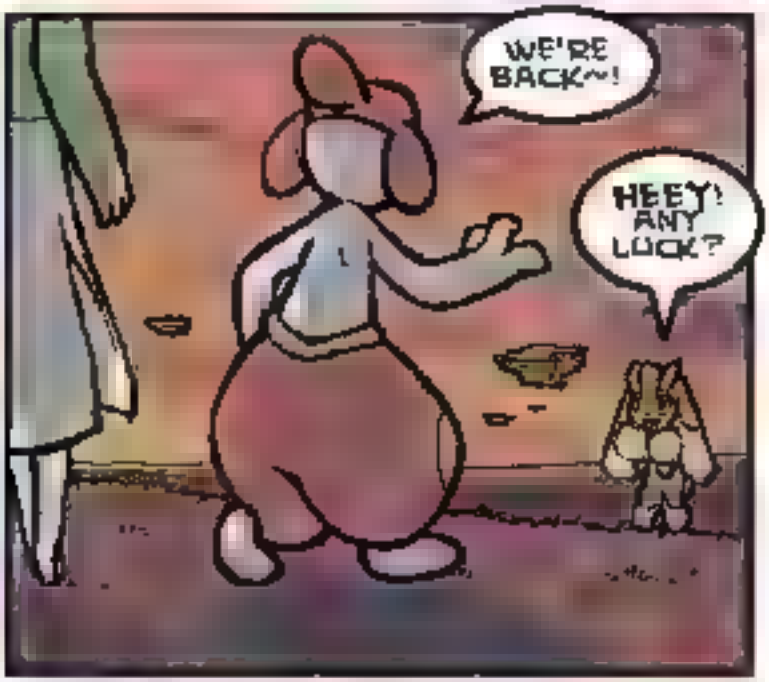

I'M SO SORRY
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE WITH YOU
NO IT'S NOT THAT

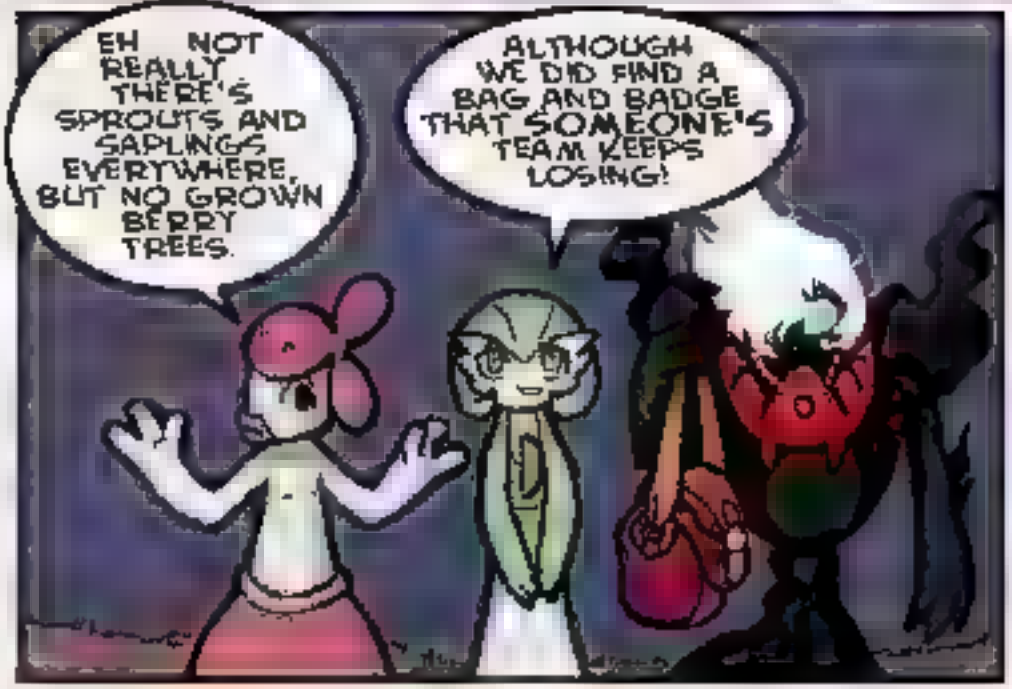
I'M JUST SO GLAD EVERYONE'S OKAY


AOWOW!
OH, HUSH UP, YA BIG BABY YOU KNOW WE GOTTA CLEAN THIS OUT


ALTHOUGH THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO IT'S NEARLY GONE ALREADY UNDER ALL THE MUCK YOU HEAL FAST
YEAH PROBABLY FOR THE BEST.

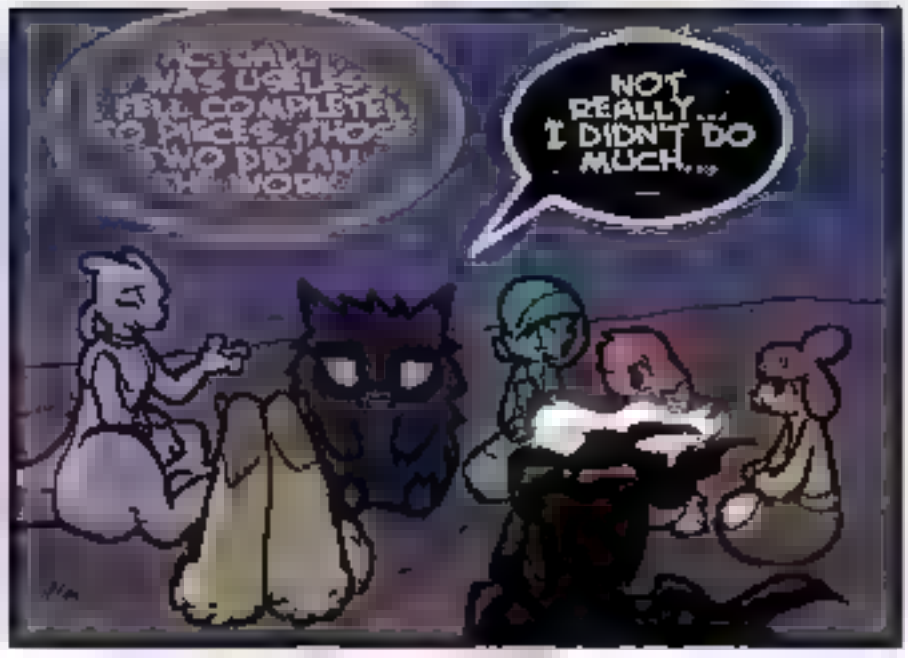
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT BANDAGING ANYWAY
AND YOU'VE GOT A REALLY FUNNY SHAPED HEAD

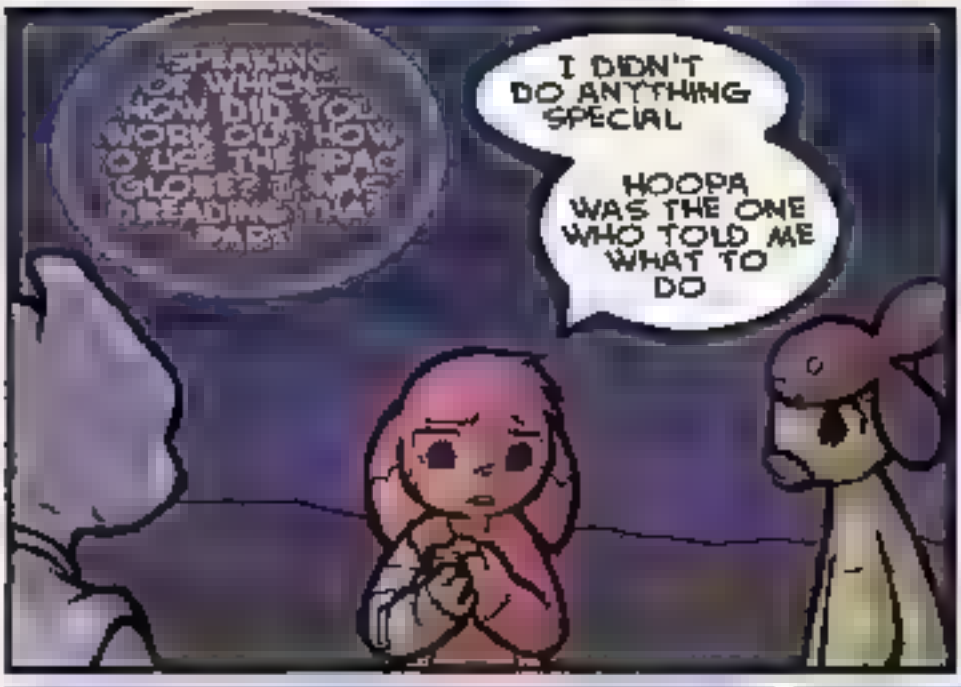

WE'RE BACK~!
HEEY! ANY LUCK?

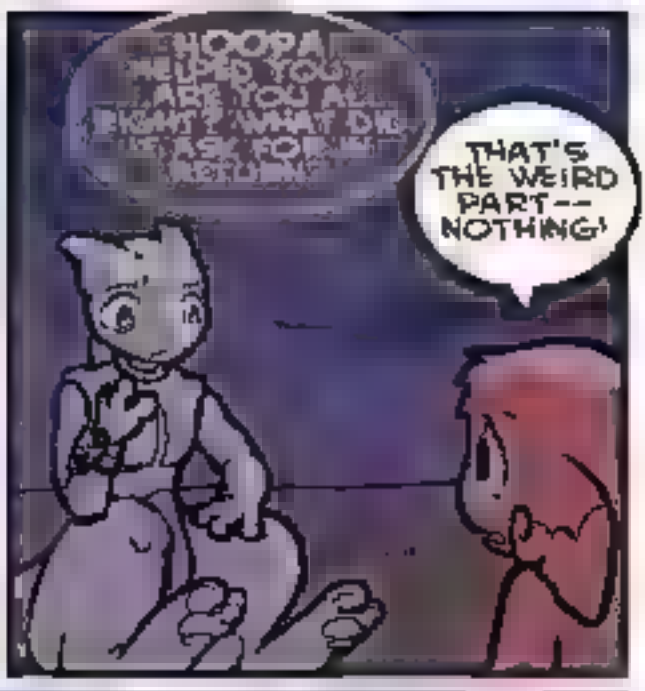

EH NOT REALLY THERE'S SPROUTS AND SAPLINGS EVERYWHERE, BUT NO GROWN BERRY TREES.
ALTHOUGH WE DID FIND A BAG AND BADGE THAT SOMEONE'S TEAM KEEPS LOSING!

IF WE PUT OUR STUFF TOGETHER, WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH FOR A FRUGAL MEAL, AT LEAST

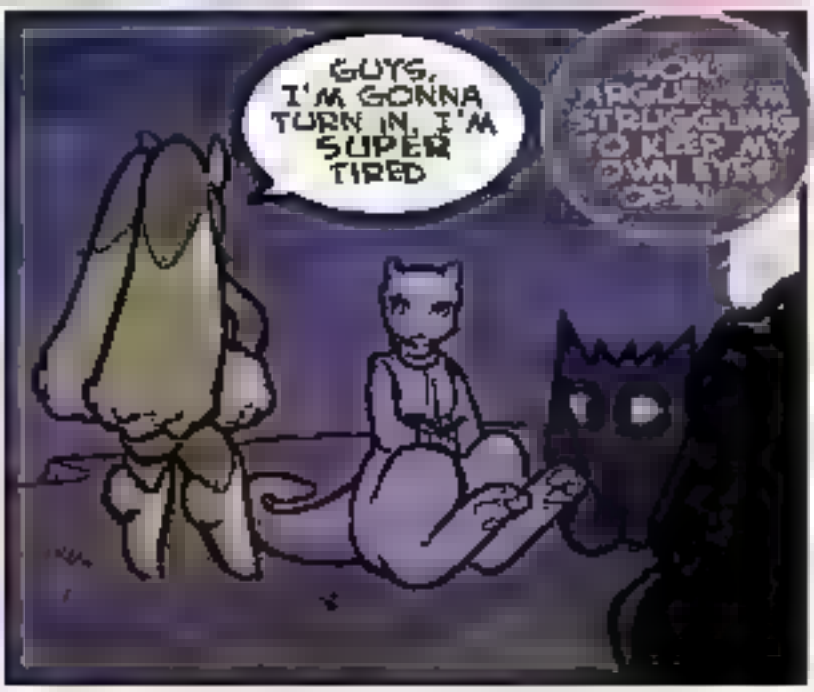
SO, I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D END UP FIXING EVERYTHING, BOSS KITTY. WHY DO YOU EVEN KEEP US ALL AROUND?

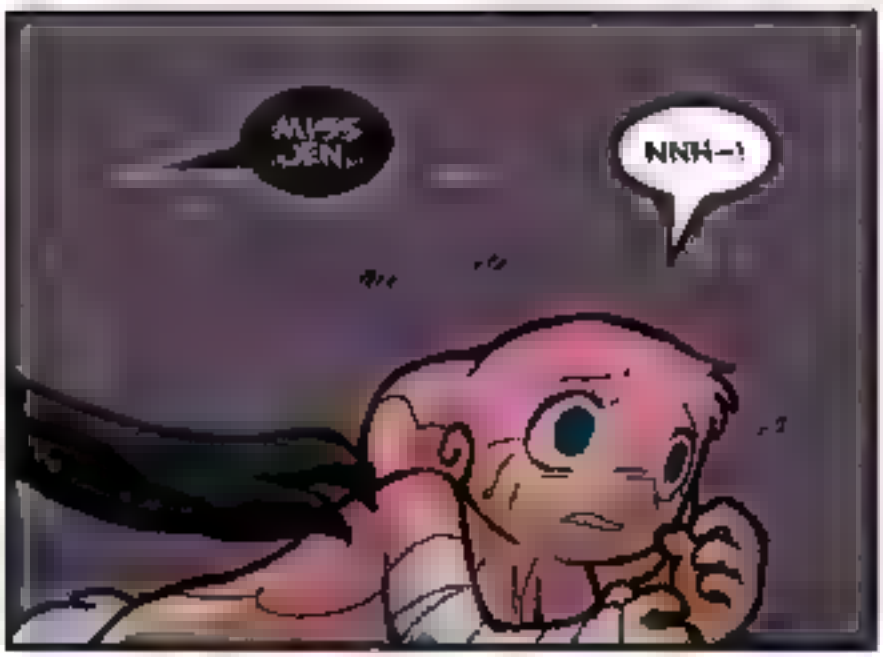

NOT REALLY... I DIDN'T DO MUCH...

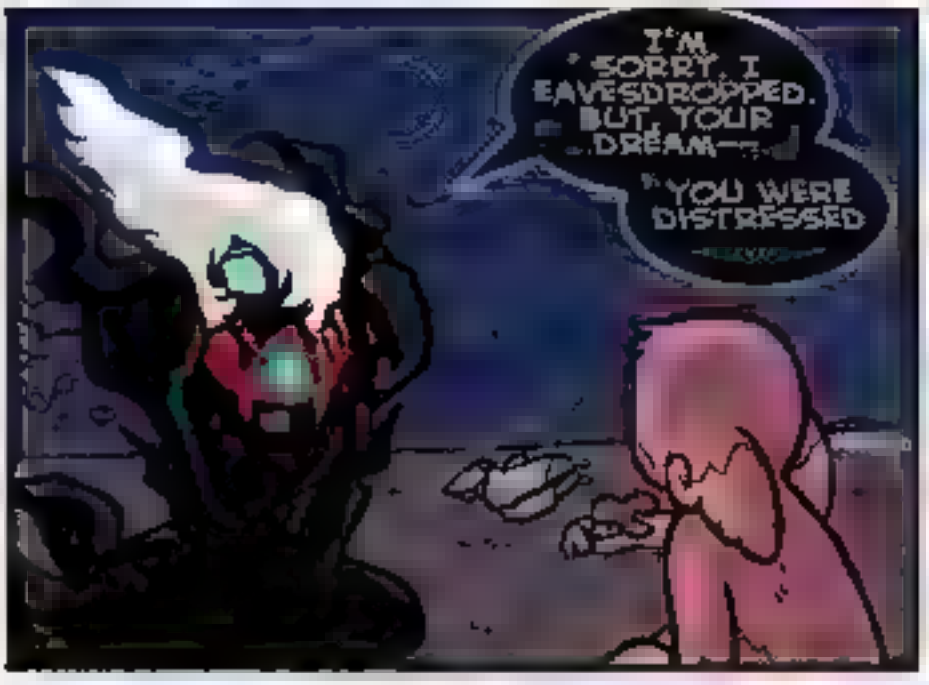

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL
HOOPA WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME WHAT TO DO

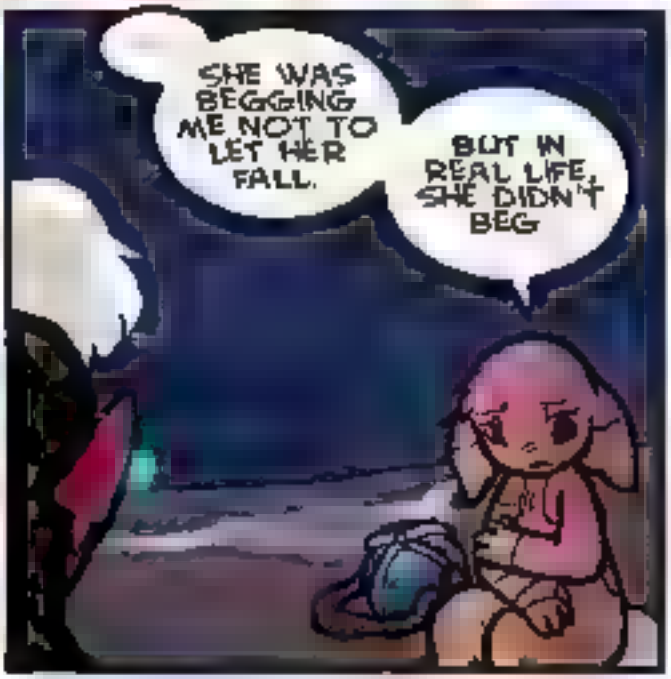

THAT'S THE WEIRD PART-- NOTHING!

HNNH


GUYS, I'M GONNA TURN IN, I'M SUPER TIRED


MISS JEN...
NNH--!

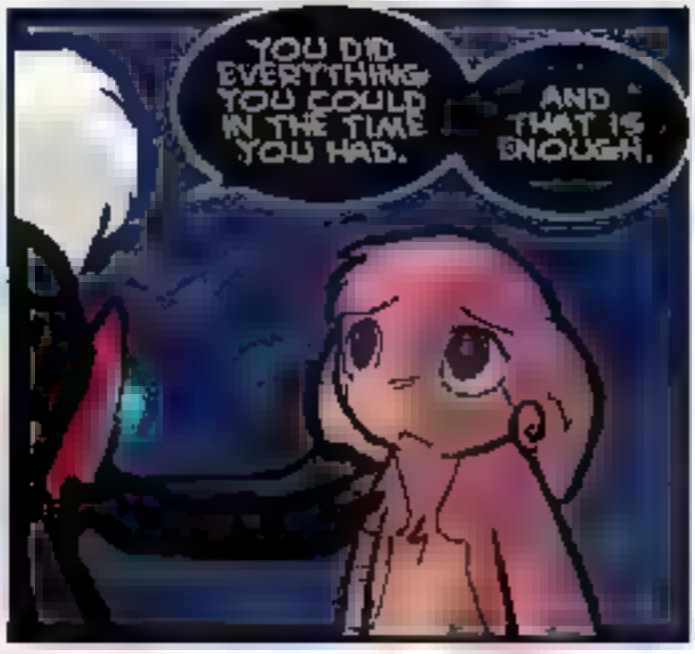

I'M SORRY. I EAVESDROPPED. BUT, YOUR DREAM--
YOU WERE DISTRESSED


SHE WAS BEGGING ME NOT TO LET HER FALL.
BUT IN REAL LIFE, SHE DIDN'T BEG

SHE-- SHE WAS BITING ME AND TRYING TO PULL ME DOWN, AND
I
I HAD TO FINISH THE MISSION I HAD TO MAKE HER LET GO

VICTIM WAS MY SIBLING.
YOUR--
NO, OH NO
I K- KILLED YOUR --?

MISS JEN, NO. I SAW YOUR DREAM--YOU TRIED SO HARD TO REACH HER--
I COULD HAVE TRIED HARDER --

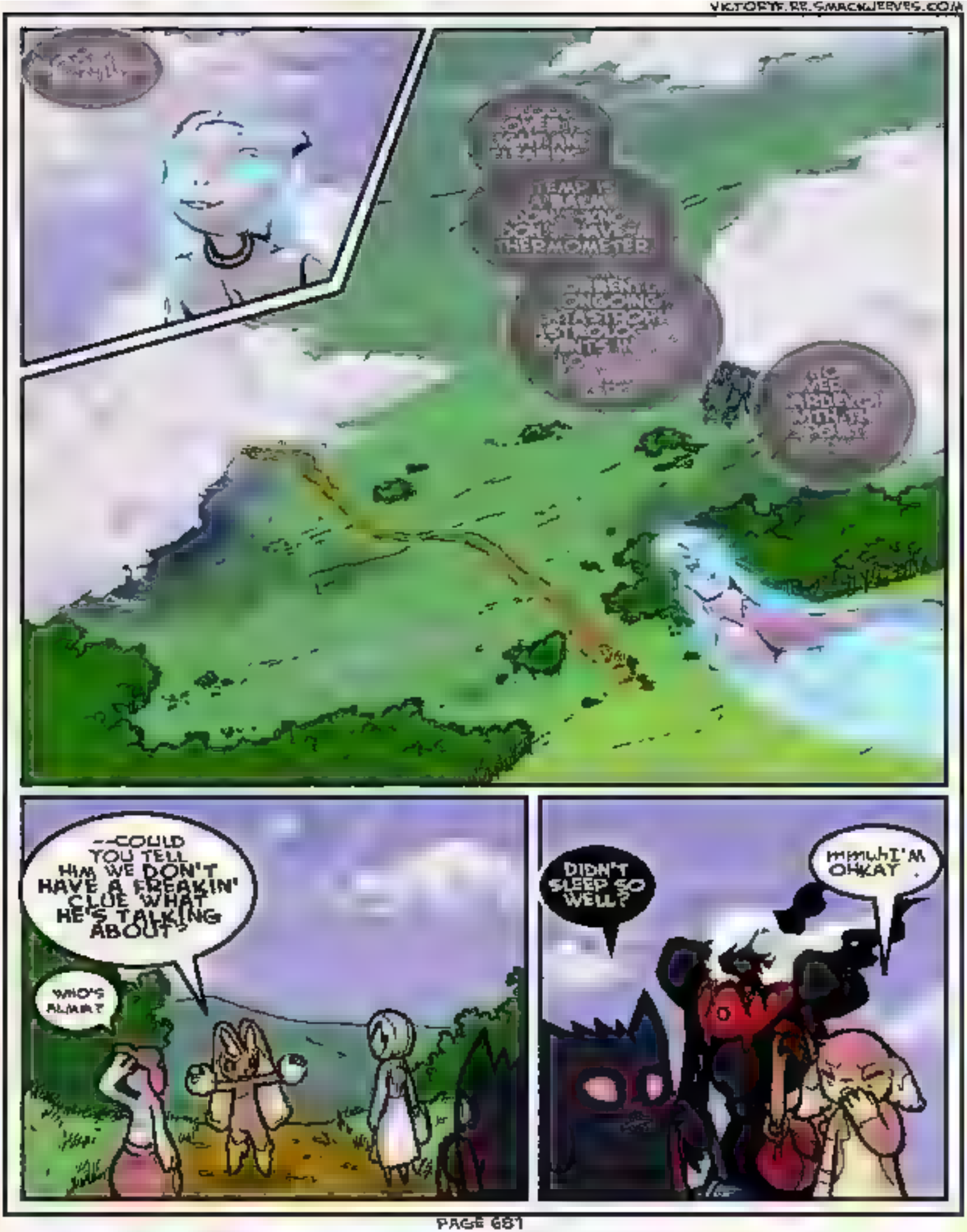

YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD IN THE TIME YOU HAD.
AND THAT IS ENOUGH.

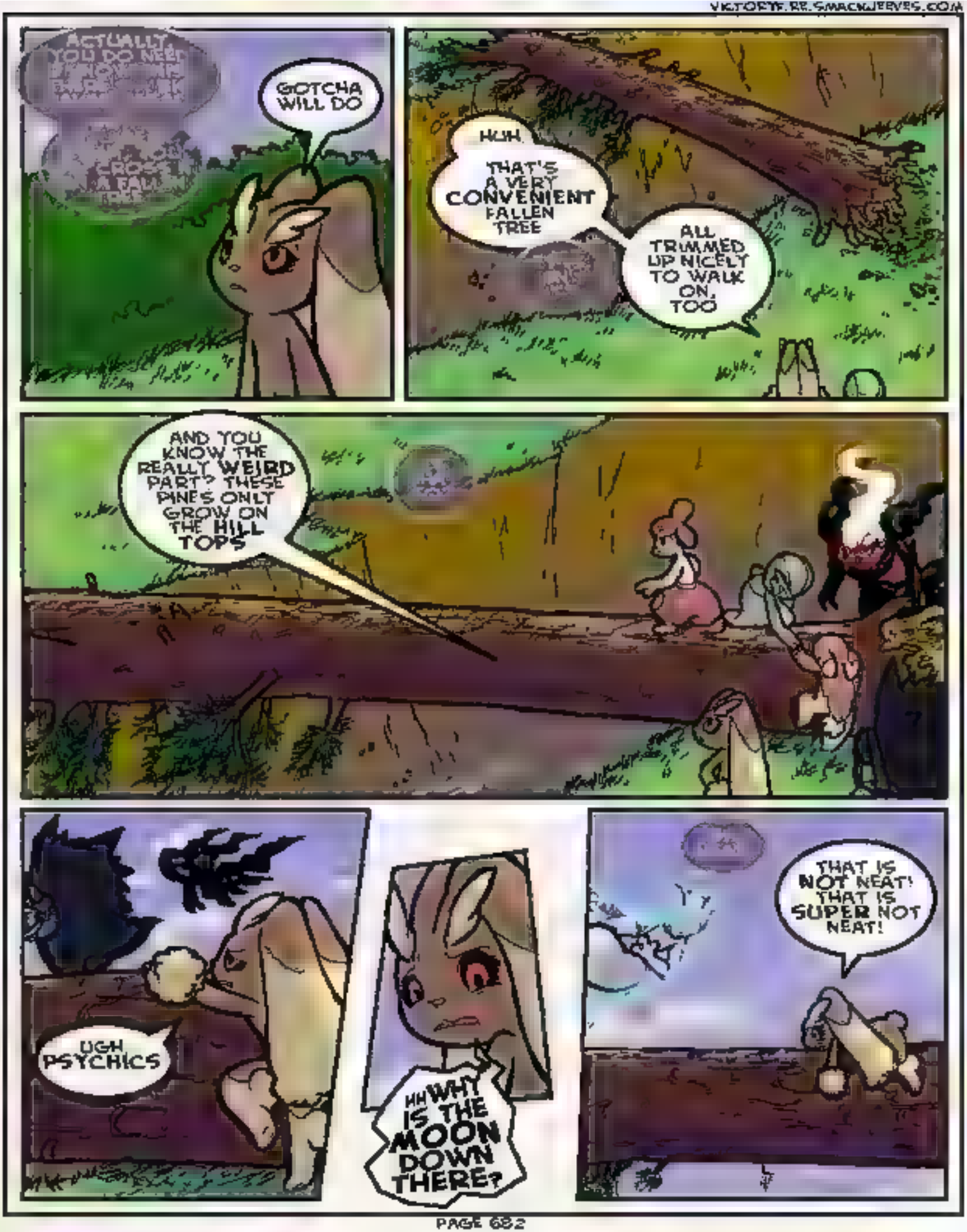
DARKRAI, I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO SLEEP YET
CAN WE JUST SIT FOR A BIT?
IF YOU WISH, MISS JEN.

AHEH "MISS JEN" YOU'RE ALWAYS SO POLITE TO PEOPLE
I SUPPOSE I'M A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED.

HEY HOW OLD ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
YOU MEAN, IN... YEARS...?
MM.

I'M SORRY-- I CAN'T SAY...
I WAS NEVER VERY GOOD WITH BIG NUMBERS.

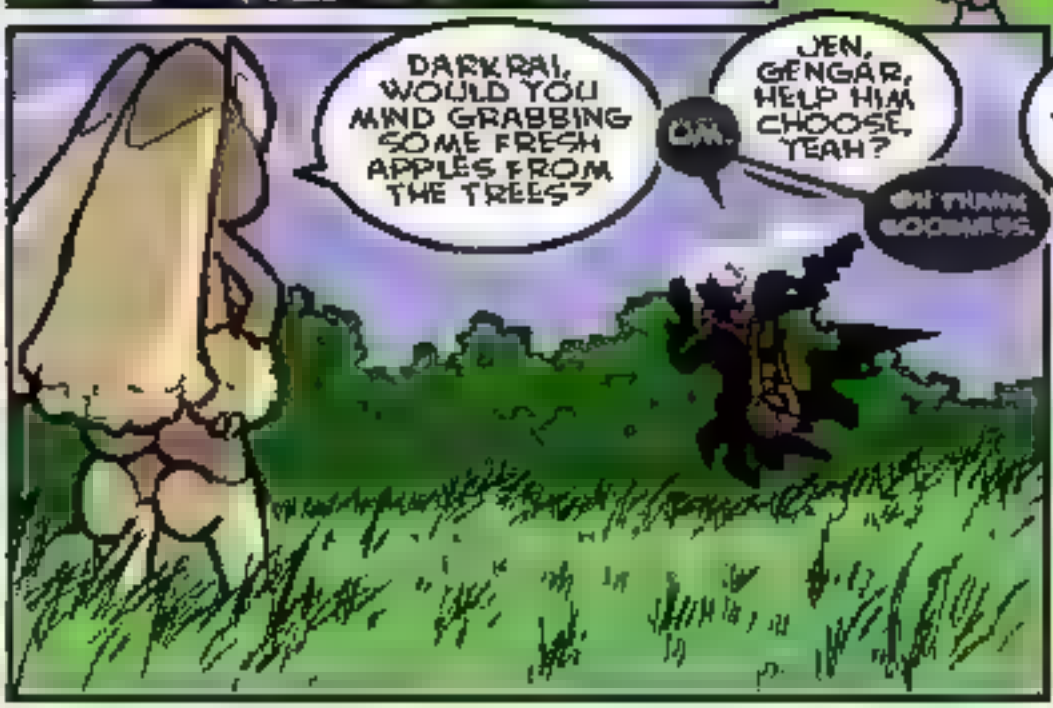

TEMP IS
THERMOMETER
--COULD YOU TELL HIM WE DON'T HAVE A FREAKIN' CLUE WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?
WHO'S ALMA?
DIDN'T SLEEP SO WELL?
mmmuhI'M OHKAY


ACTUALLY YOU DO NEED
GOTCHA WILL DO
HUH
THAT'S A VERY CONVENIENT FALLEN TREE
ALL TRIMMED UP NICELY TO WALK ON, TOO
AND YOU KNOW THE REALLY WEIRD PART? THESE PINES ONLY GROW ON THE HILL TOPS
UGH PSYCHICS
HH WHY IS THE MOON DOWN THERE?
THAT IS NOT NEAT! THAT IS SUPER NOT NEAT!

KEEP THAT UP AND YOU'LL GET SUCH A SMACK

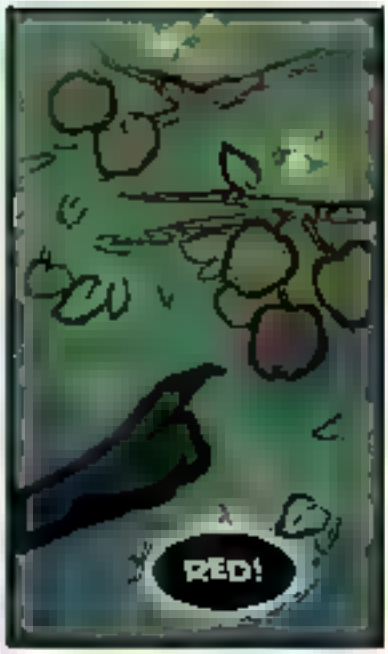
I THOUGHT THE SPACE GLOBE WOULD FIX EVERYTHING BUT STUFF'S STILL WEIRD AND BROKEN

AH WELL. SINCE BOSS KITTY'S NOW DESCENDED TO JOIN US PUNY MORTALS, LET'S GET SOME LUNCH
GARDEVOIR, MEDICHAM, YOU CAN PICK US A NICE SPOT

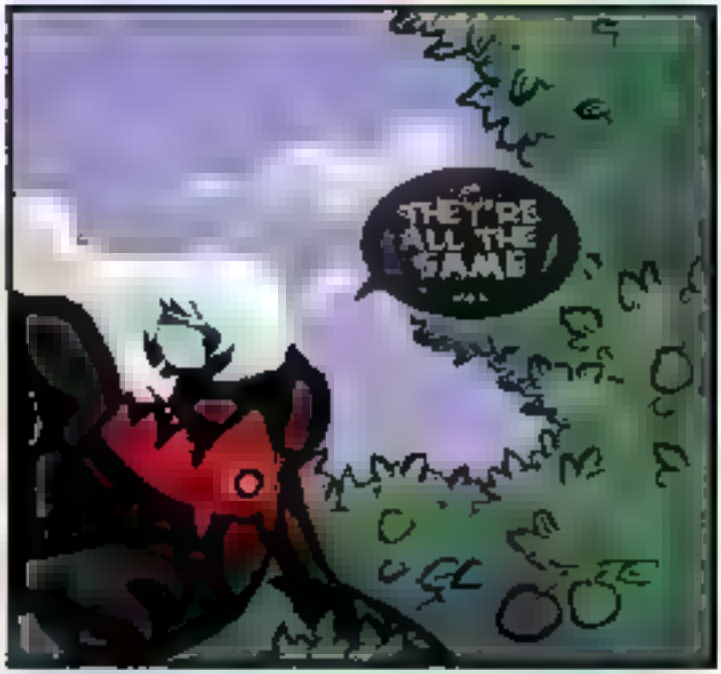

DARKRAI, WOULD YOU MIND GRABBING SOME FRESH APPLES FROM THE TREES?
OK.
JEN, GENGAR, HELP HIM CHOOSE, YEAH?
OH THANK GOODNESS.

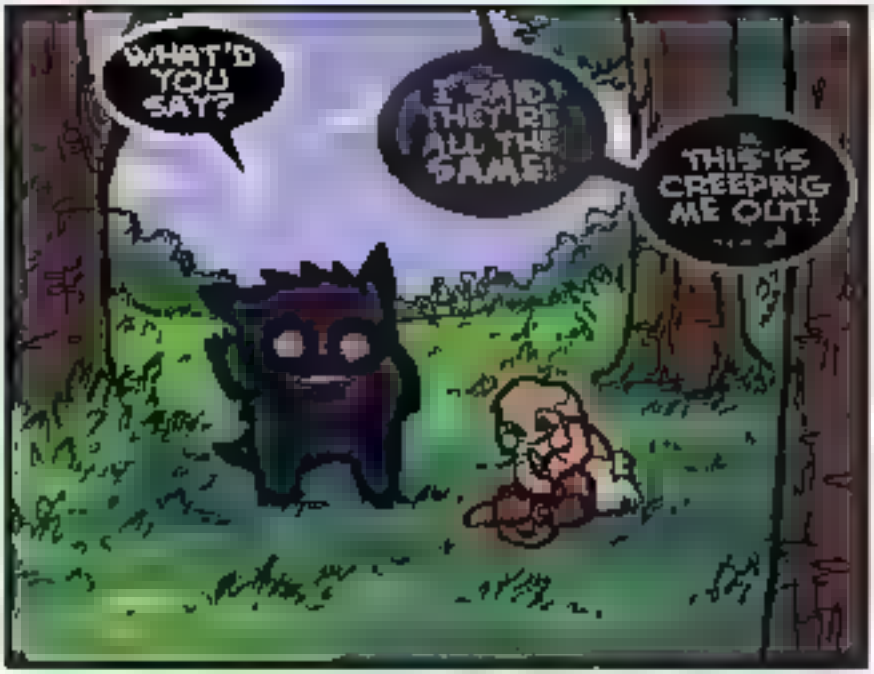
AS FOR YOU YOU COME WITH ME
WHY, YOU SCARED?

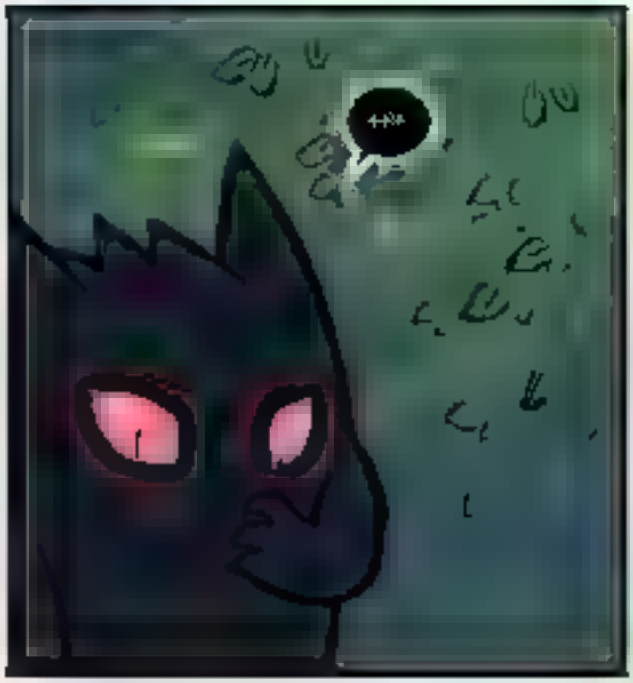
GREEN!

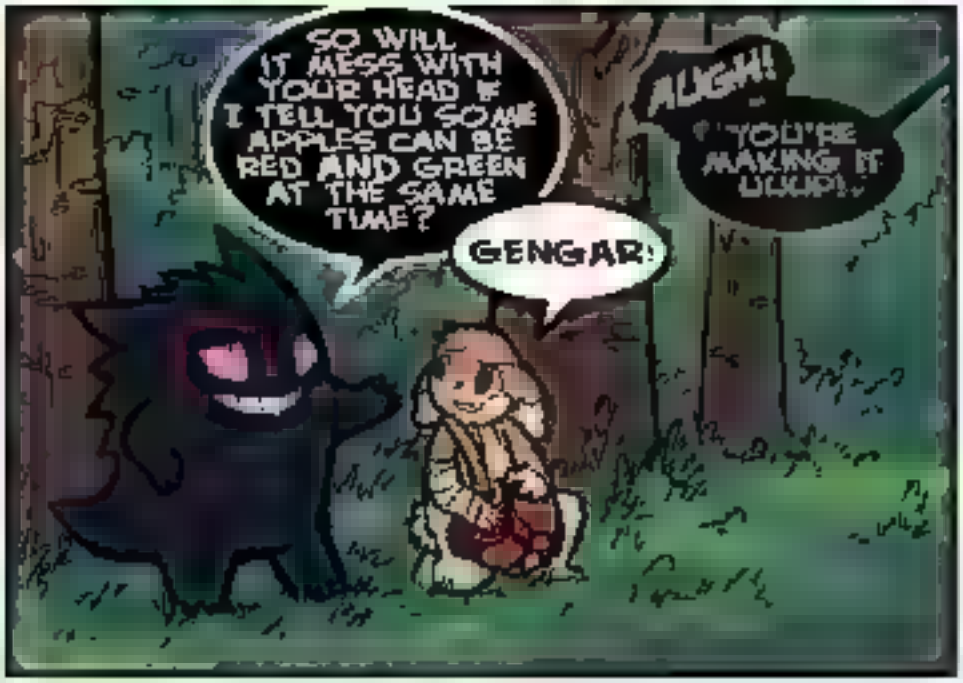

RED!

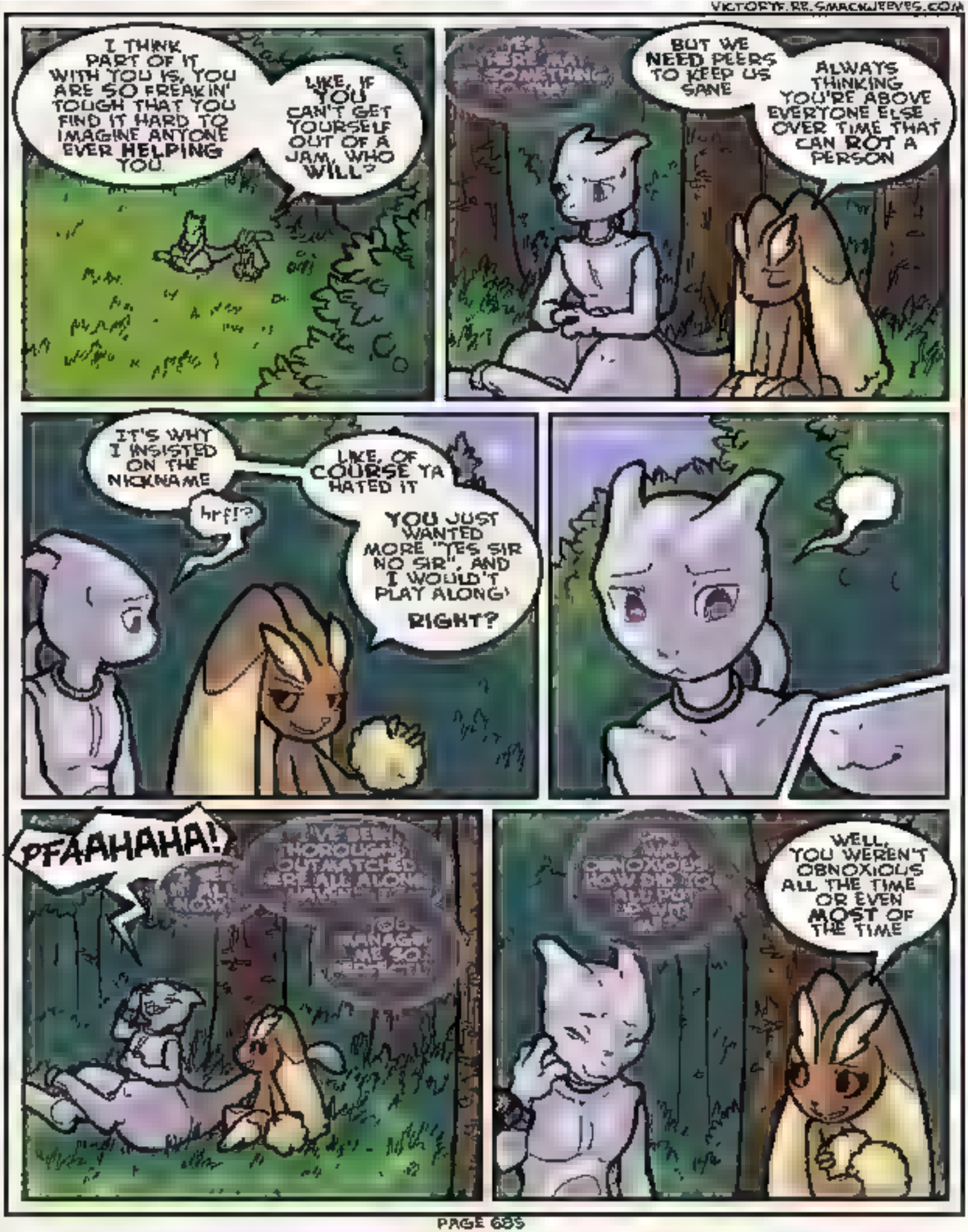
GREEN AGAIN!

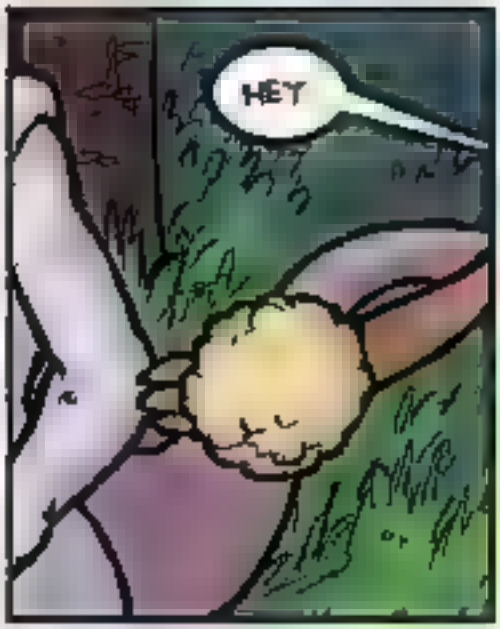

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME


WHAT'D YOU SAY?
I SAID THEY'RE ALL THE SAME!
THIS IS CREEPING ME OUT!

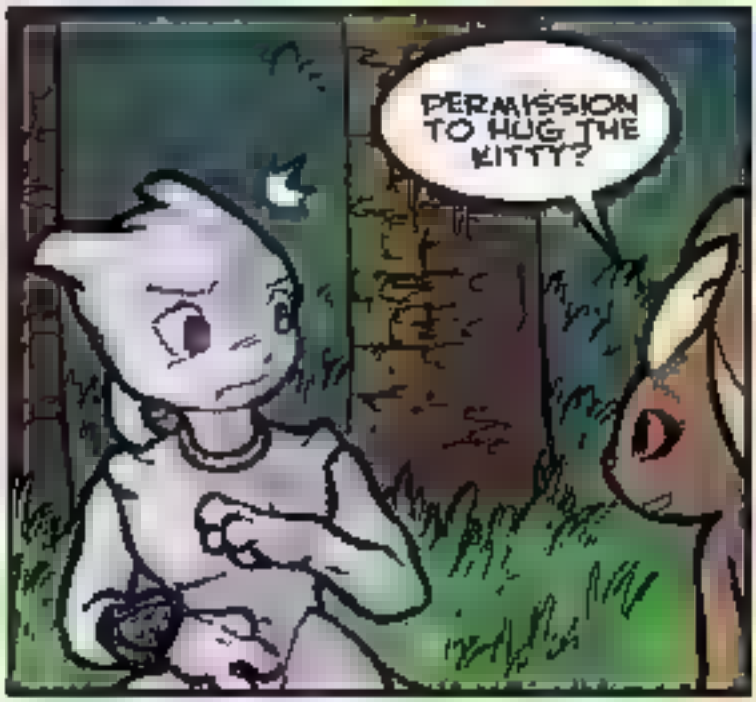


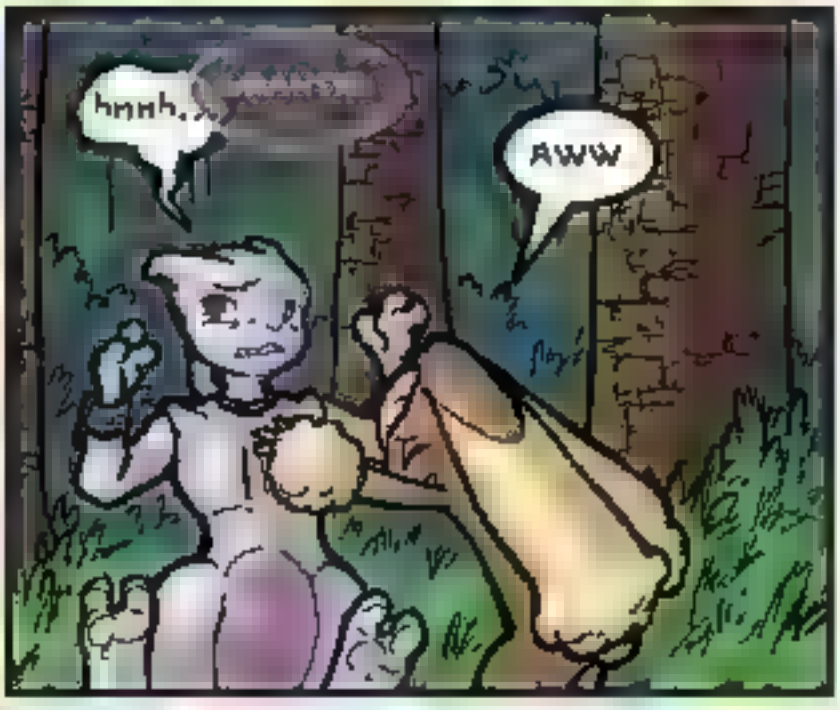

SO WILL IT MESS WITH YOUR HEAD IF I TELL YOU SOME APPLES CAN BE RED AND GREEN AT THE SAME TIME?
GENGAR!
AUGH!
YOU'RE MAKING IT UUUP!


I THINK PART OF IT WITH YOU IS, YOU ARE SO FREAKIN' TOUGH THAT YOU FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE ANYONE EVER HELPING YOU.
LIKE, IF YOU CAN'T GET YOURSELF OUT OF A JAM, WHO WILL?
BUT WE NEED PEERS TO KEEP US SANE
ALWAYS THINKING YOU'RE ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE OVER TIME THAT CAN ROT A PERSON
IT'S WHY I INSISTED ON THE NICKNAME
hrf!?
LIKE, OF COURSE YA HATED IT
YOU JUST WANTED MORE "YES SIR NO SIR", AND I WOULD'T PLAY ALONG
RIGHT?
PFAAHAHA!
WELL, YOU WEREN'T OBNOXIOUS ALL THE TIME OR EVEN MOST OF THE TIME


HEY

THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE BEEN SUPER HARD ON YOU
BUT YOU HAVE SO MUCH LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL THAT I WAS NOT WILLING TO SIT BACK AND LET YOU BE OKAY, WHEN YOU COULD BE GREAT.

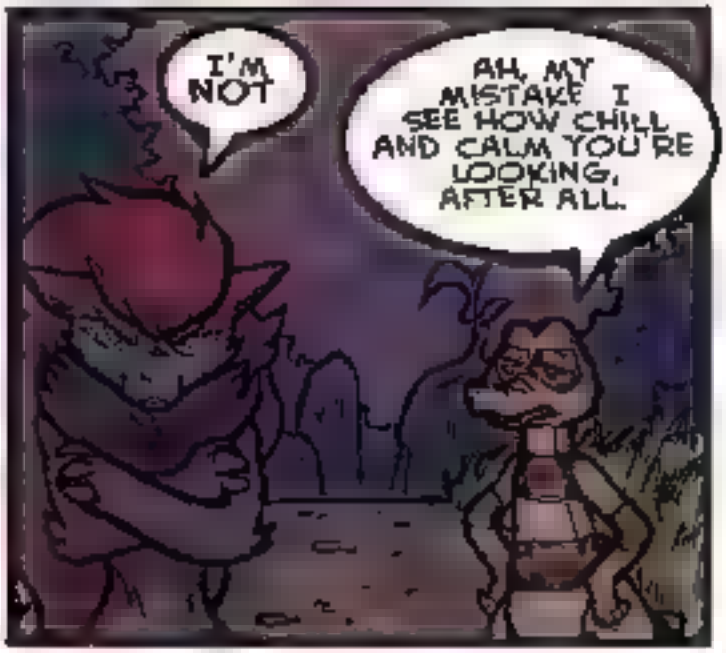

PERMISSION TO HUG THE KITTY?

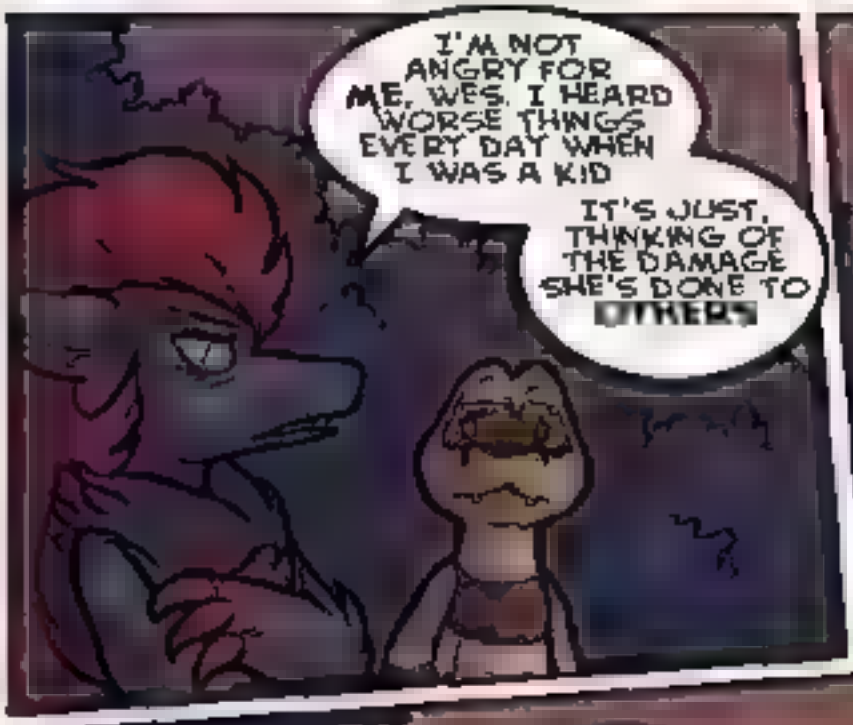

hmmh.
AWW

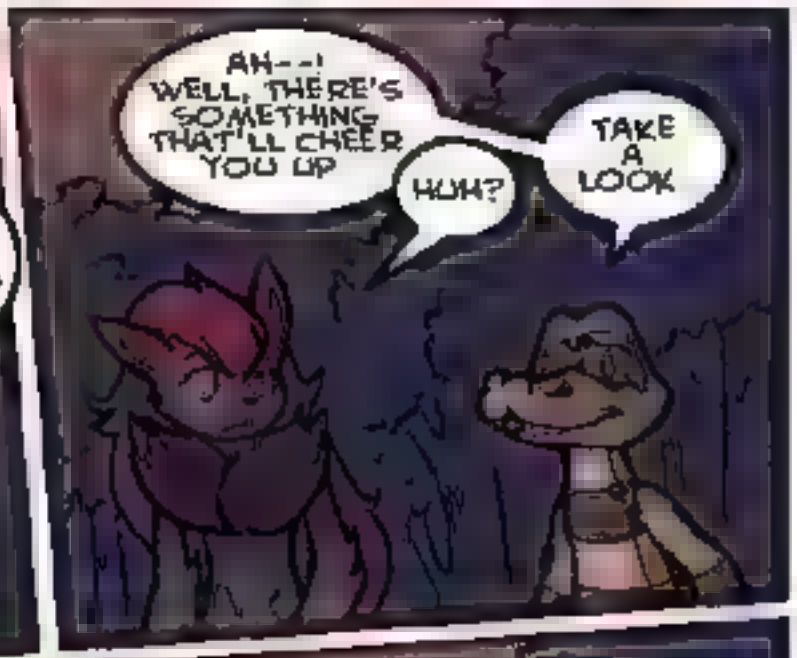
KITTY GOTTA HUG BACK, OR IT DOESN'T COUNT

AWW

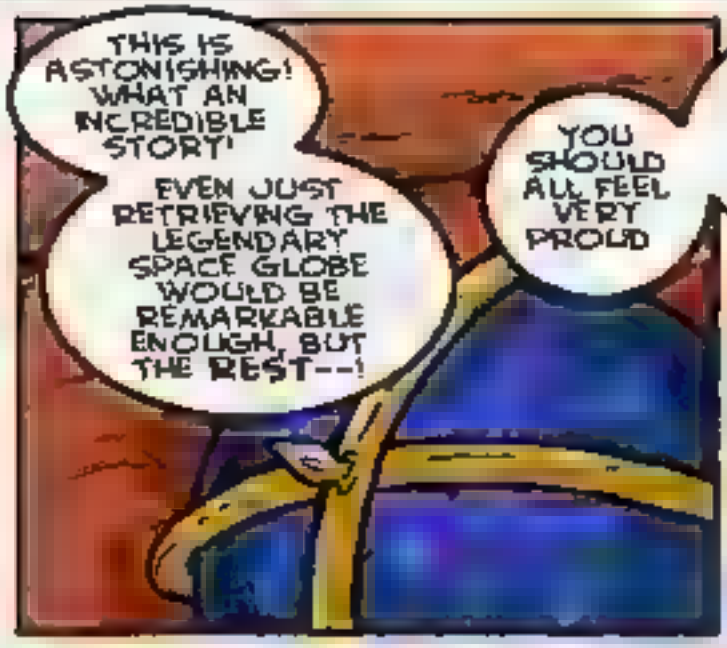
WHEW, THERE YOU ARE.
LOOK, DON'T LET HER GET TO YOU WITH THAT STUFF, ALL RIGHT?


I'M NOT
AH, MY MISTAKE. I SEE HOW CHILL AND CALM YOU'RE LOOKING, AFTER ALL.

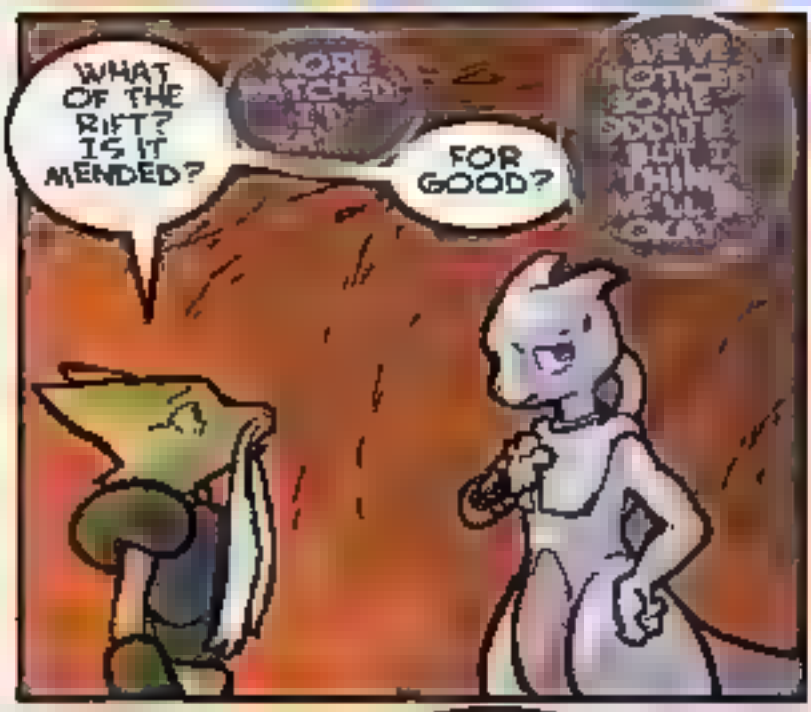

I'M NOT ANGRY FOR ME, WES. I HEARD WORSE THINGS EVERY DAY WHEN I WAS A KID
IT'S JUST, THINKING OF THE DAMAGE SHE'S DONE TO OTHERS


AH--! WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'LL CHEER YOU UP
HUH?
TAKE A LOOK

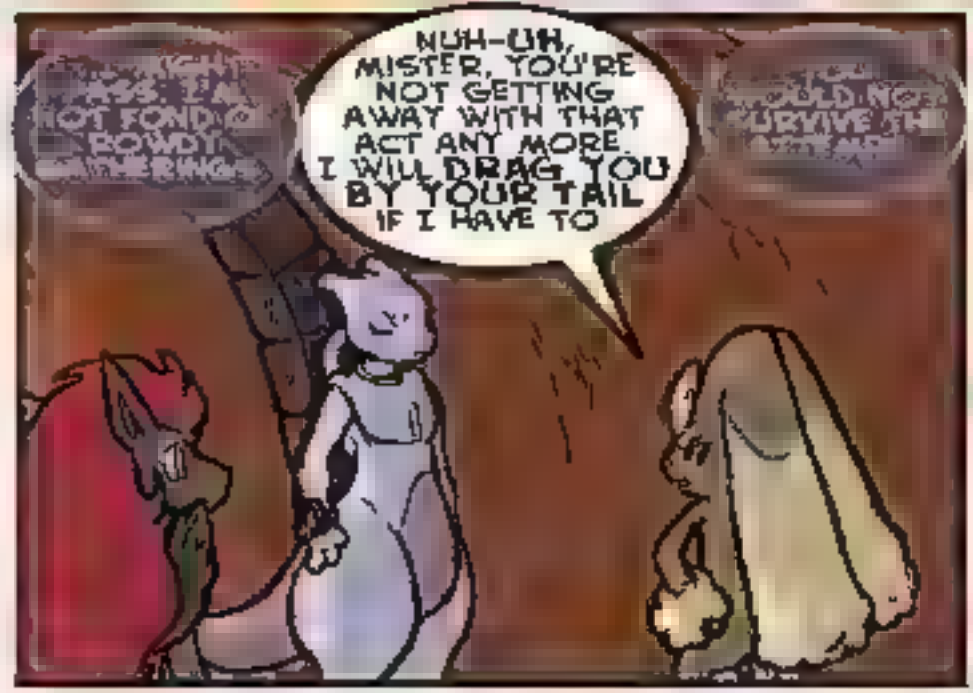
SEEM FAMILIAR?
--
THEY'RE BACK!


THIS IS ASTONISHING! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE STORY!
EVEN JUST RETRIEVING THE LEGENDARY SPACE GLOBE WOULD BE REMARKABLE ENOUGH, BUT THE REST--!
YOU SHOULD ALL FEEL VERY PROUD

NOW THE QUESTION EVERY EXPLORER WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT WAS DESTINY TOWER LIKE?
URGH.
NOT... GOOD.
THE STAIRS!


WHAT OF THE RIFT? IS IT MENDED?
FOR GOOD?

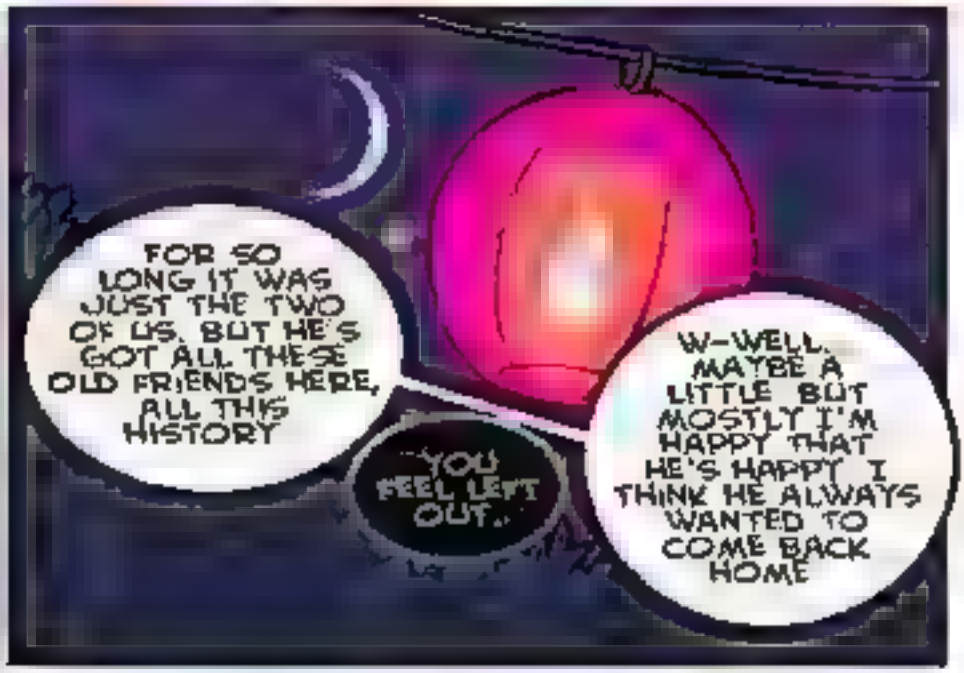
WELL, YOU SHOULD ALL HEAD OVER TO THE VILLAGE, IF YOU'RE NOT TOO TIRED THERE HAS BEEN TALK OF A PARTY
OOH, FOR REAL?


NUH-UH, MISTER, YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THAT ACT ANY MORE. I WILL DRAG YOU BY YOUR TAIL IF I HAVE TO

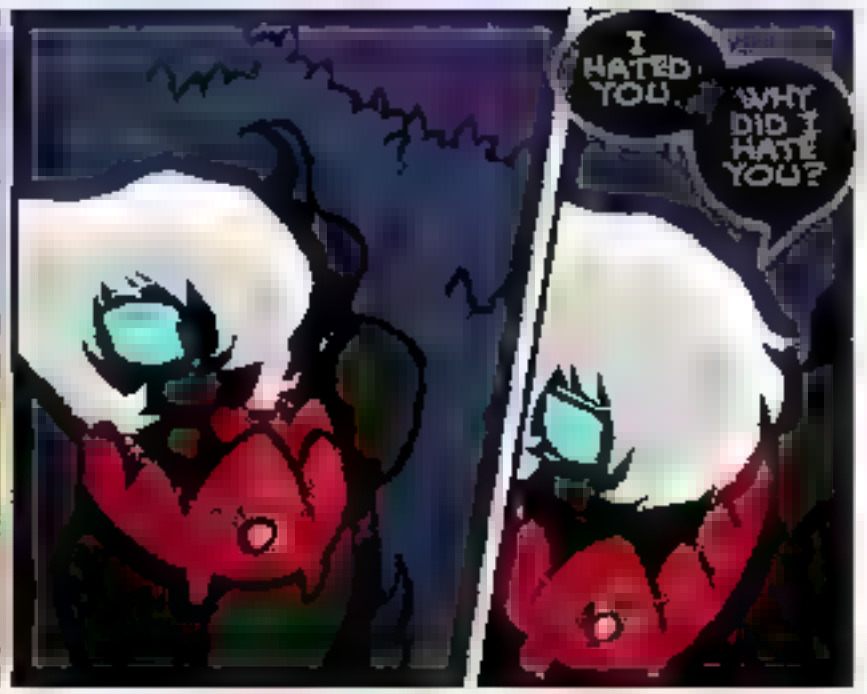
REALLY? LET'S SEE--
HAH!
WOW.

HUF

IS SOMETHING WRONG, MISS JEN?
HUH? NO-- WELL, IT'S JUST WEIRD


FOR SO LONG IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US. BUT HE'S GOT ALL THESE OLD FRIENDS HERE, ALL THIS HISTORY
YOU FEEL LEFT OUT..
W-WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE BUT MOSTLY I'M HAPPY THAT HE'S HAPPY. I THINK HE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME BACK HOME

HEY. THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HERE. I'VE MET SOME OF THE BEST FRIENDS I'VE EVER HAD. GENGAR, MEWTWO, LOPUNNY... YOU.


I HATED YOU.
WHY DID I HATE YOU?

I TORMENTED YOU—
SET HUNTERS ON YOU—
MISS JEN, I AM SO SORR—
DON'T.

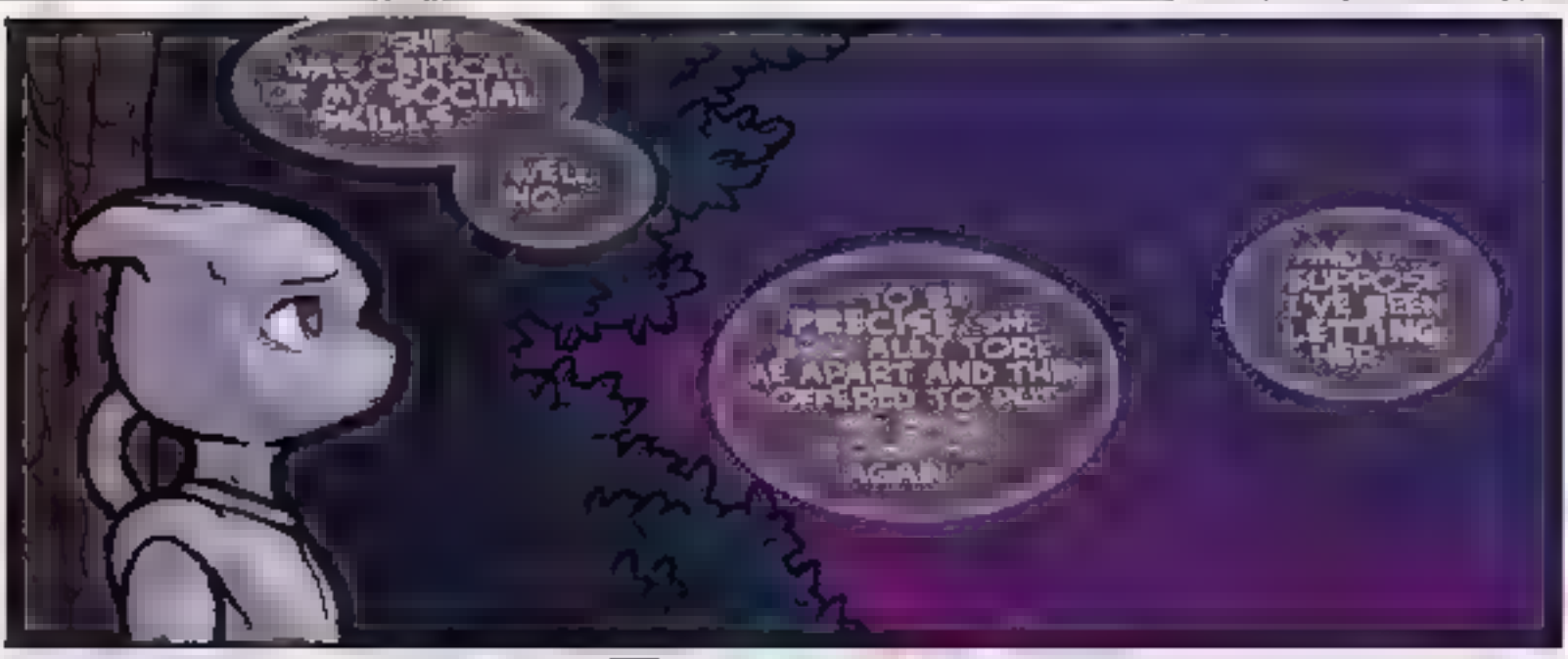
MEWTWO SAYS YOU SHOULD NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR THINGS THAT AREN'T YOUR FAULT
THAT DOES SOUND LIKE HIM.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING, BUT I DON'T SEE HER HERE.
YEAH, I... GUESS THEY'RE KEEPING HER UP AT TEAM ACT'S PLACE.

HEY, DID YOU GET A CUPCAKE BEFORE THEY ALL WENT? DO YOU WANT MINE?
NO, I— THAT'S YOURS, I WOULDN'T—
I'VE HAD LIKE THREE I'M TOO FULL.

OKAY...

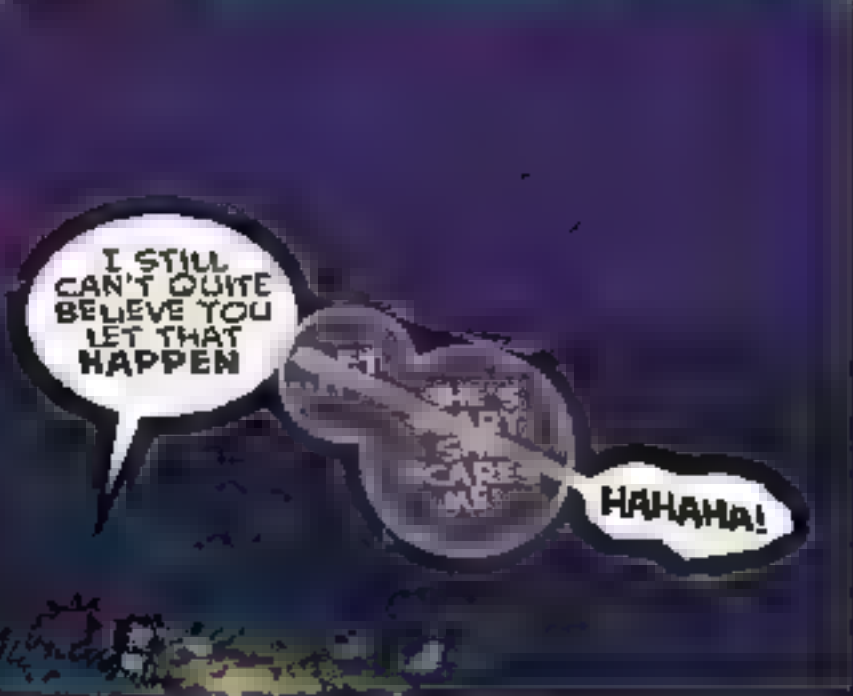
OH THIS IS NICE
WOW!
YEAH... I'VE BEEN COMING UP HERE A LOT
I HAVE TO ASK.
WHAT'S WITH THE UH...?
I'VE MET YOUR BENS
OH NO WILL YOU BE OKAY?
I THINK SO.
DARKRAI SAYS ALL I CAN DO NOW IS WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS I'VE AGREED TO.
YOU'VE CHANGED
THAT'S WORRYING, I FEAR...
NO, NOT IN A BAD WAY!
YOU WERE ALWAYS SO TENSE I'D GET ANXIOUS JUST BEING AROUND YOU
LATELY YOU SEEM SO MUCH MORE RELAXED AND, WELL-- CONFIDENT AROUND PEOPLE
AN'T SUPPOSE WE CAN THANK LOPUNNY TRAINING FOR THAT THIN
OKAY, HOLD UP
LOPUNNY?
TRAINING YOU?
WHAAT?
aheh.

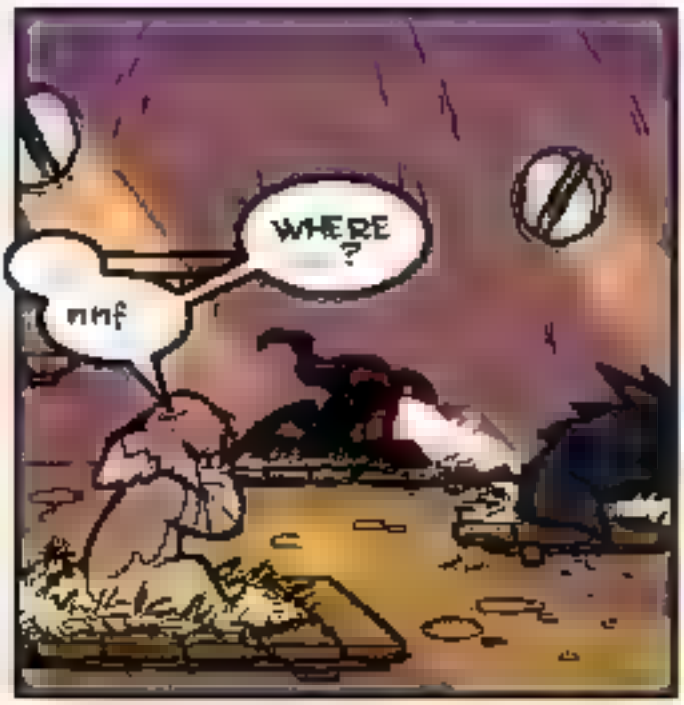

SHE WAS CRITICAL OF MY SOCIAL SKILLS
WELL, NO
TO BE PRECISE SHE ACTUALLY TORE ME APART AND THEN OFFERED TO PUT ME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN
I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN LETTING HER

WELL, WHATEVER YOU TWO HAVE BEEN DOING TOGETHER
YOU SHOULD KEEP IT UP IT'S WORKING

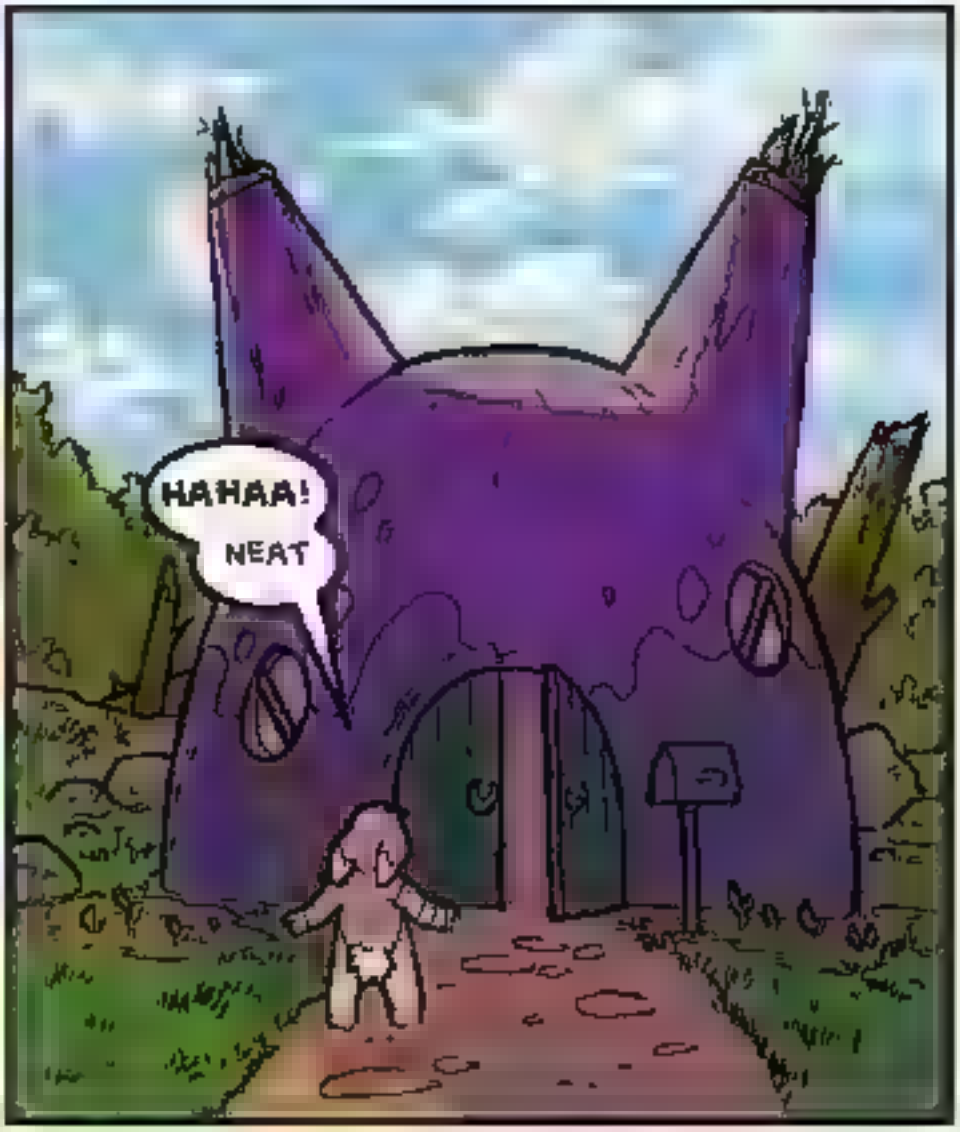
heh.

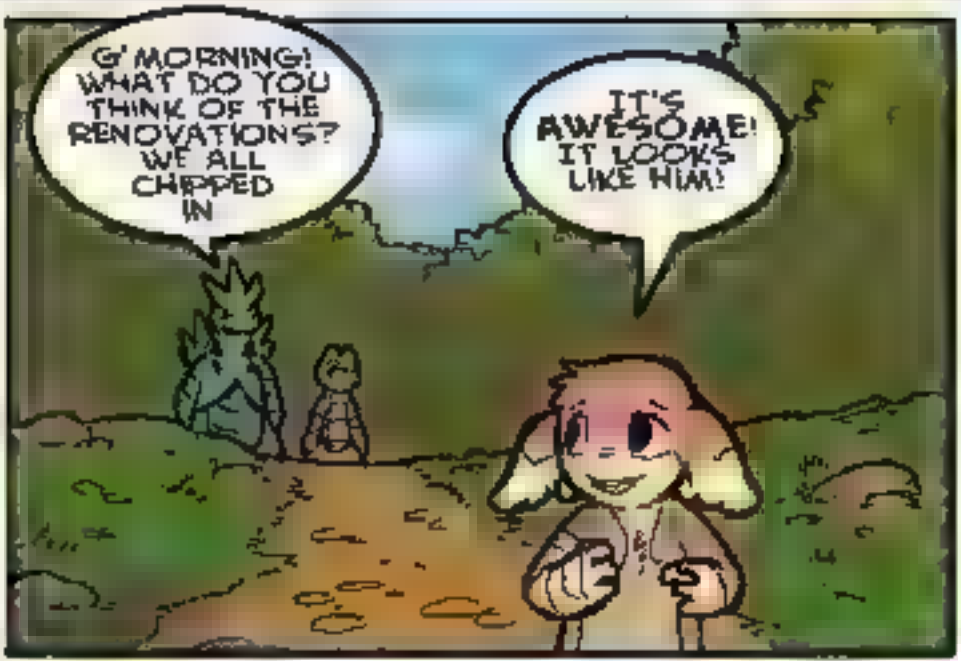
HAHAHA!


I STILL CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE YOU LET THAT HAPPEN
HAHAHA!


WHERE ?
mmf

AH!

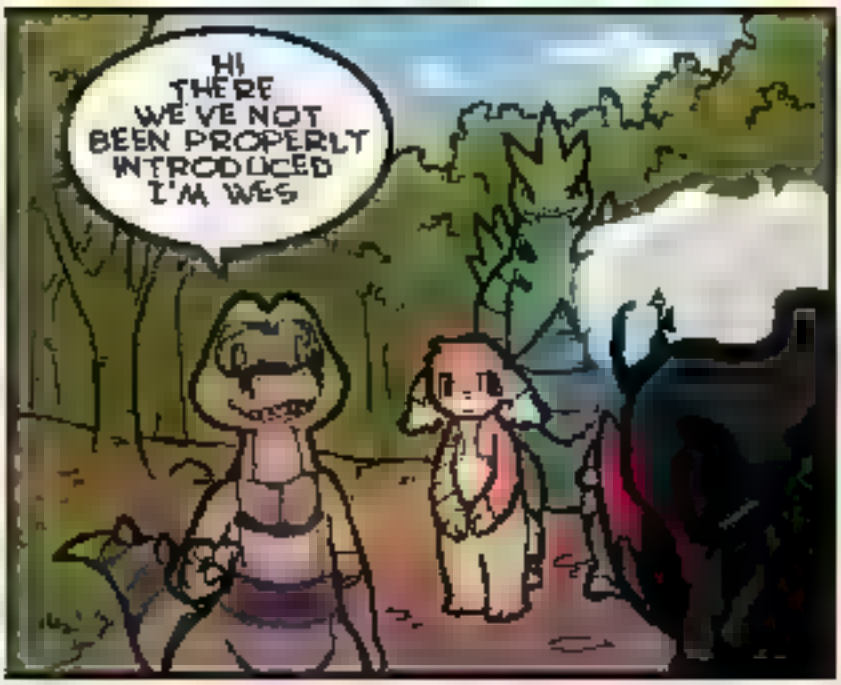

HAHAA!
NEAT


G'MORNING! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE RENOVATIONS? WE ALL CHIPPED IN
IT'S AWESOME! IT LOOKS LIKE HIM!

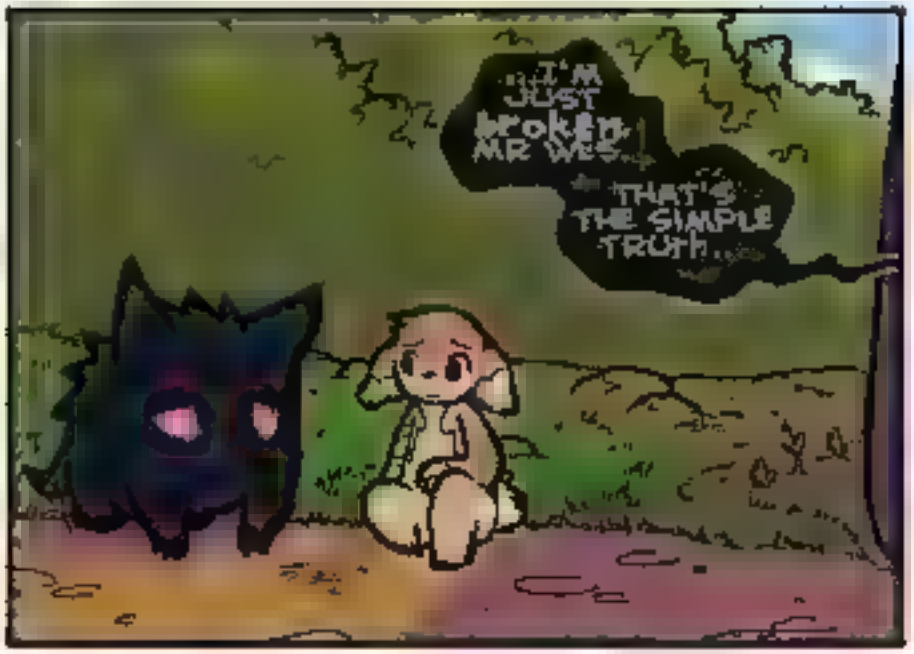
HEHEH. YEP, IT DOES! THAT'S AN OLD TEAM TRADITION AROUND HERE

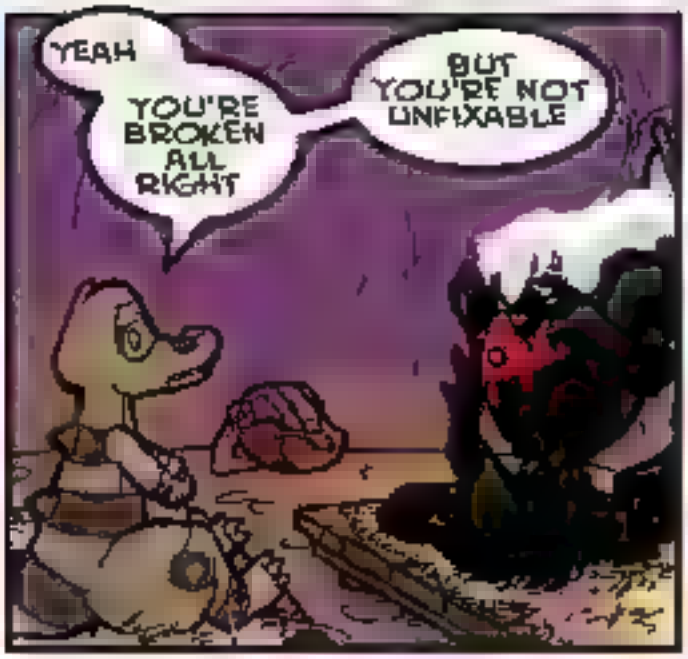
IS DARKRAI AROUND?

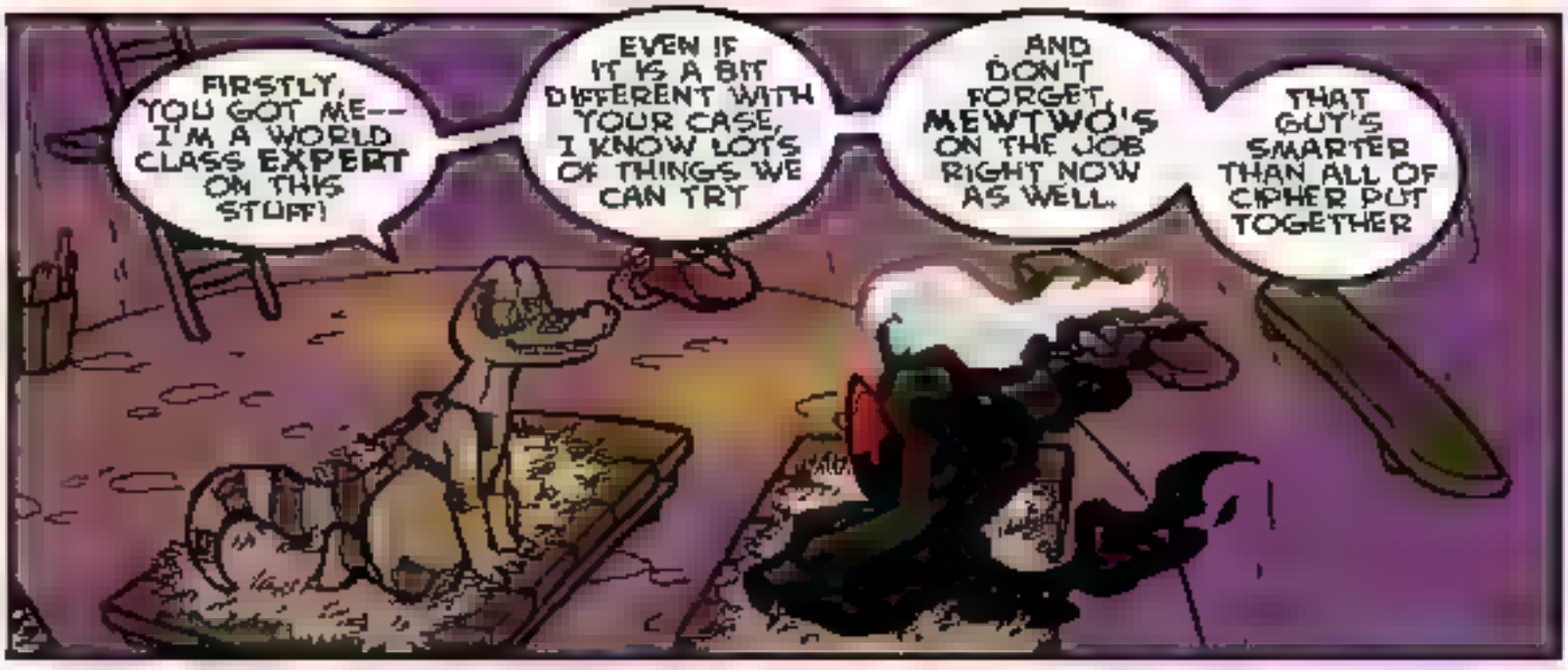
UM. YES. I'M HERE.
HELLO.


HI THERE WE'VE NOT BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED I'M WES

I'VE COME TO TALK ABOUT CIPHER, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU

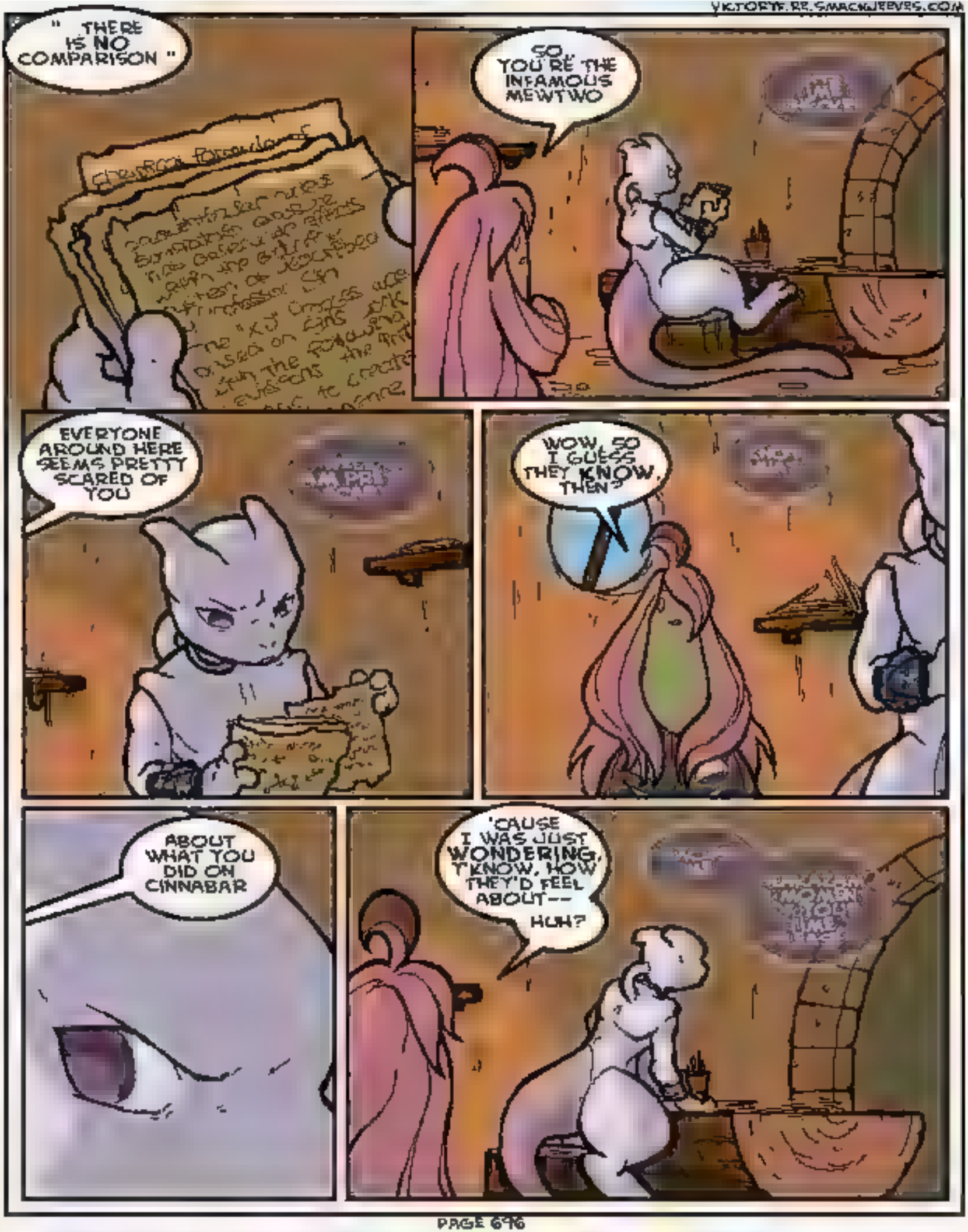

I'M JUST broken MR WEE...
THAT'S THE SIMPLE TRUTH...


YEAH
YOU'RE BROKEN ALL RIGHT
BUT YOU'RE NOT UNFIXABLE

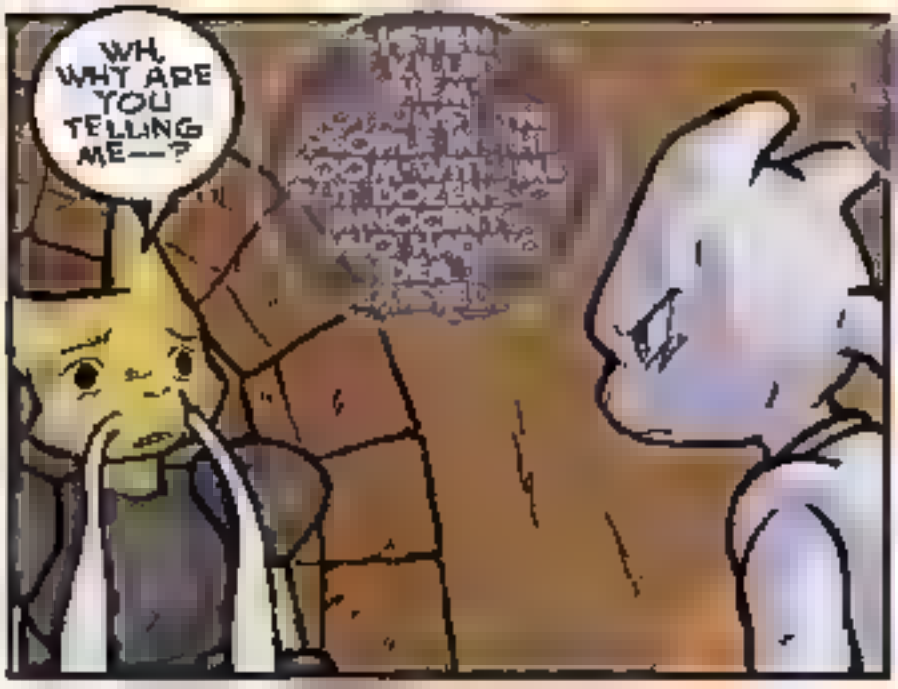

FIRSTLY, YOU GOT ME-- I'M A WORLD CLASS EXPERT ON THIS STUFF!
EVEN IF IT IS A BIT DIFFERENT WITH YOUR CASE, I KNOW LOTS OF THINGS WE CAN TRY
AND DON'T FORGET, MEWTWO'S ON THE JOB RIGHT NOW AS WELL.
THAT GUY'S SMARTER THAN ALL OF CIPHER PUT TOGETHER

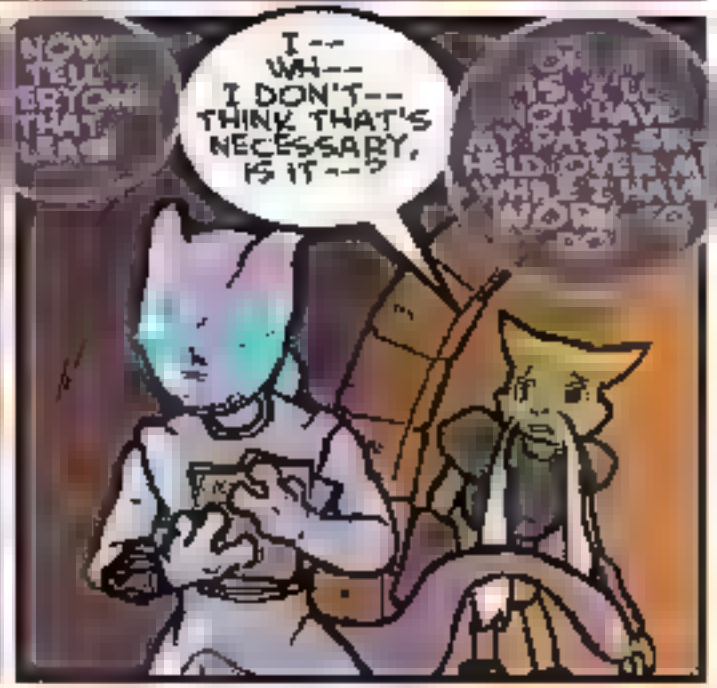
ahem...
EVEN MISS LOVRINA?

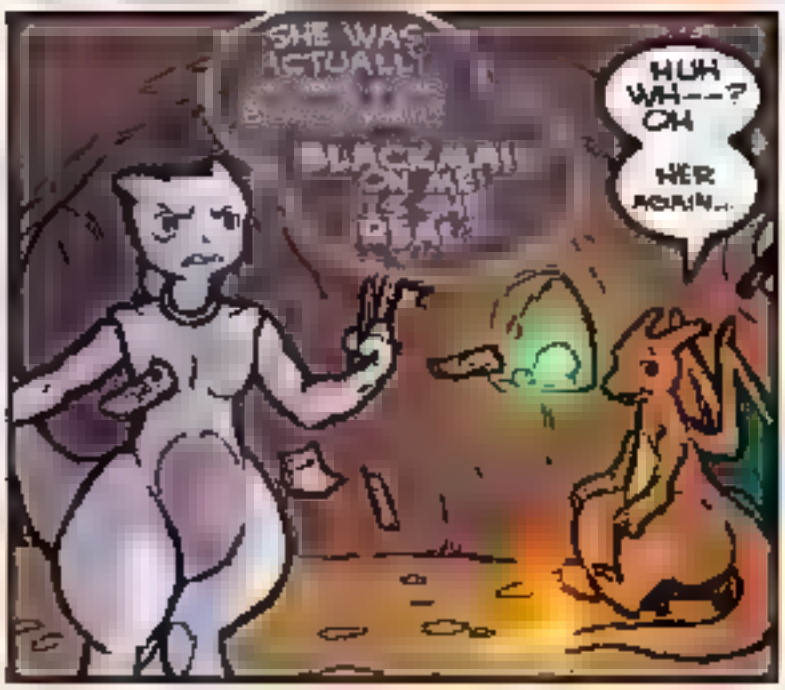
MATE, I'VE GOT TO KNOW 'EM BOTH PRETTY WELL BY NOW, AND TRUST ME ON THIS.

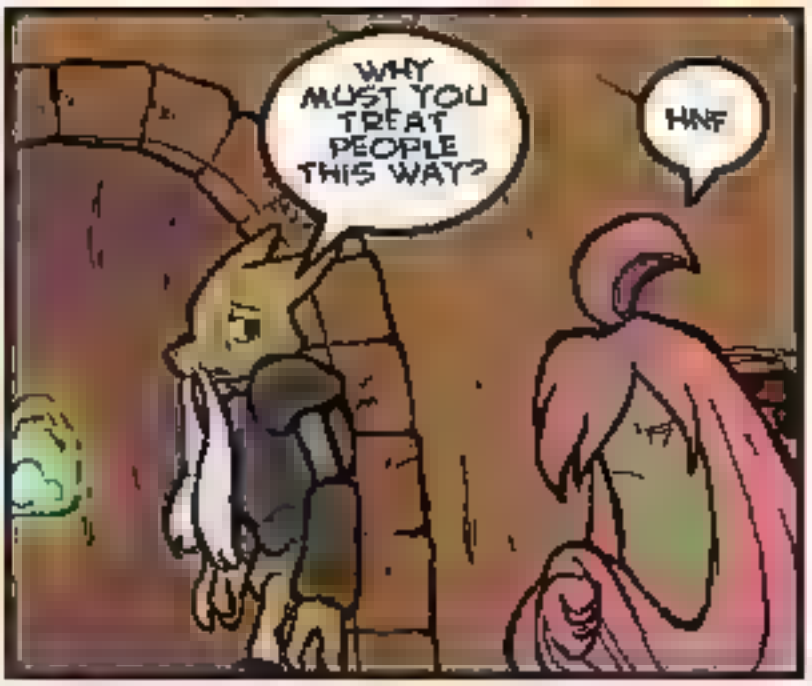

" THERE IS NO COMPARISON "
SO, YOU'RE THE INFAMOUS MEWTWO
EVERYONE AROUND HERE SEEMS PRETTY SCARED OF YOU
WOW, SO I GUESS THEY KNOW, THEN?
ABOUT WHAT YOU DID ON CINNABAR
'CAUSE I WAS JUST WONDERING, Y'KNOW, HOW THEY'D FEEL ABOUT--
HUH?

CAREFULL
ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM ENGINEERED BY HUMANS
WHAT THE--?

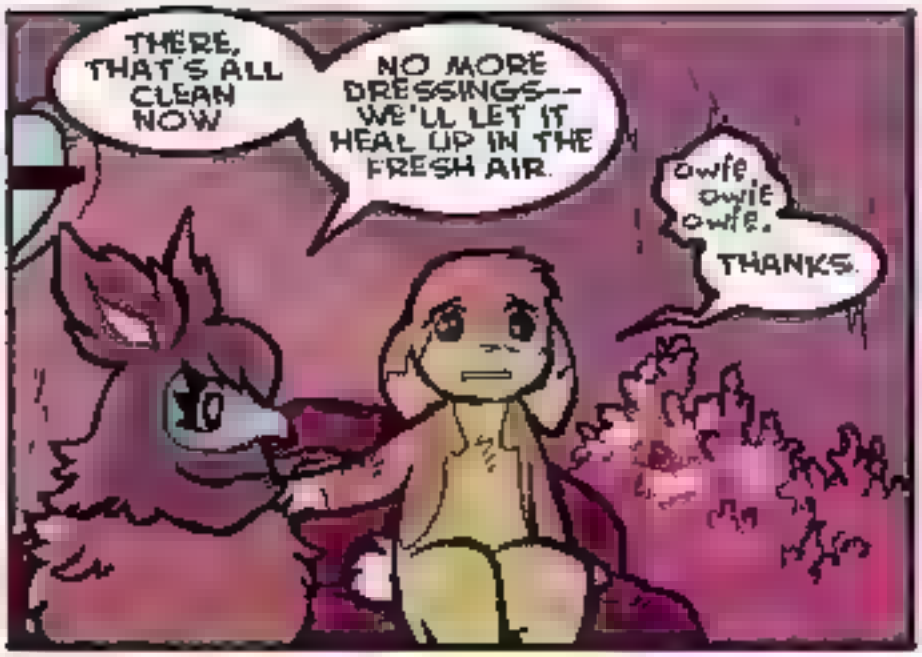

WH, WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME--?


I-- WH-- I DON'T-- THINK THAT'S NECESSARY, IS IT--?


SHE WAS ACTUALLY
BLACKMAIL ON US
HUH WH--? OH
HER AGAIN...


WHY MUST YOU TREAT PEOPLE THIS WAY?
HMF

I'M NOT DOUBTING YOU--IT JUST SEEMS A LITTLE WEIRD.
YEAH, IT'S NOT MY SORT OF THING EITHER, BUT IT DOES HELP
ANYTHING THAT LOWERS STRESS MAKES AN EPISODE LESS LIKELY
A SPA TREATMENT, THOUGH?
I'M WILLING TO TRY
GREAT! BECAUSE STRESS RELIEF IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!
COME THROUGH WITH US, DEAR
USE THE SCENTED OILS!
WE'LL LET THEM WORK THEIR MAGIC FOR A BIT
NOW, MISSY, AROMATISSE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO LET'S GO GET THAT ARM LOOKED AT, ALL RIGHT?


THERE, THAT'S ALL CLEAN NOW.
NO MORE DRESSINGS-- WE'LL LET IT HEAL UP IN THE FRESH AIR.
owie owie owie.
THANKS.

SO, DO I GET TO BE AN OFFICIAL MEANIE YET?
I HAVE GOT TO LOOK INTO CHANGING THAT NAME.

WELL, THERE'S DARKRAI TOO. WE COULD BE TEAM DREAMIES. IT'S ALMOST THE SAME.

THAT IS THE SECOND WORST TEAM NAME THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD.
AWW.

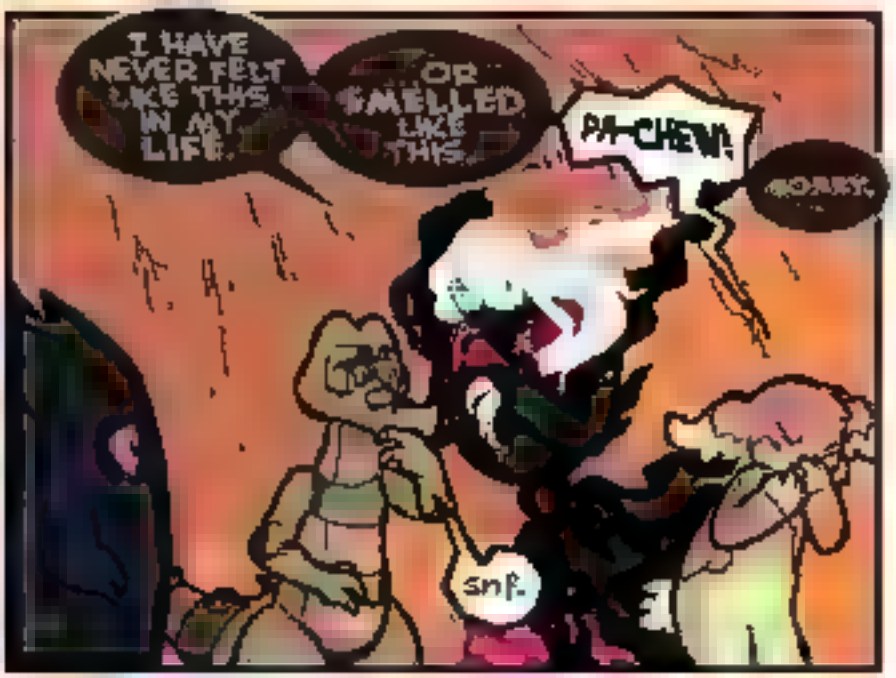
HEH LISTENING TO YOU TWO TAKES ME BACK.
I USED TO BE IN TEAM SNAGEM.

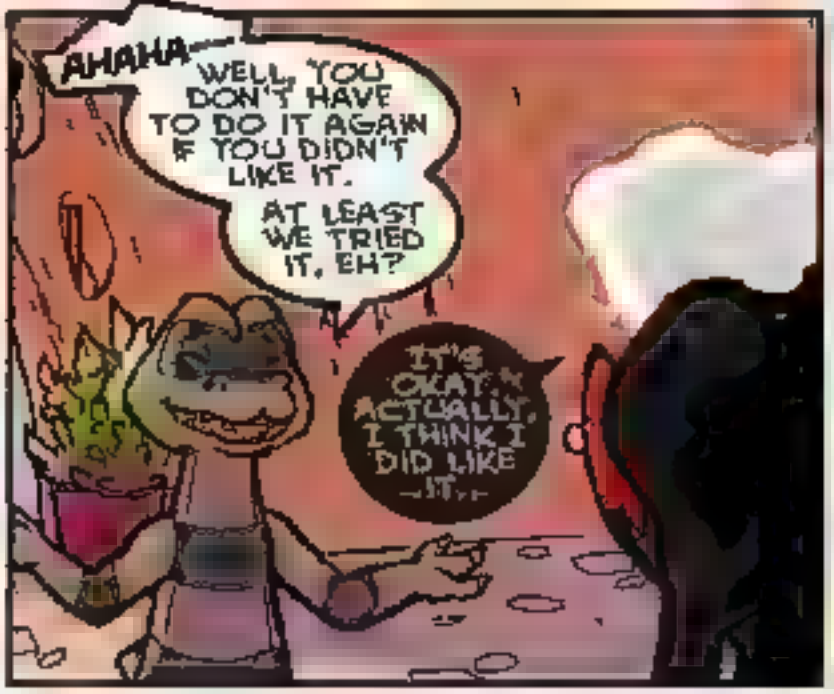
THIRD WORST, NOW.
OI!

HEY! ALL DONE THEN?
DID YOU ENJOY YOUR MASSAGE?
I DON'T KNOW...
OH, NOT SURE?

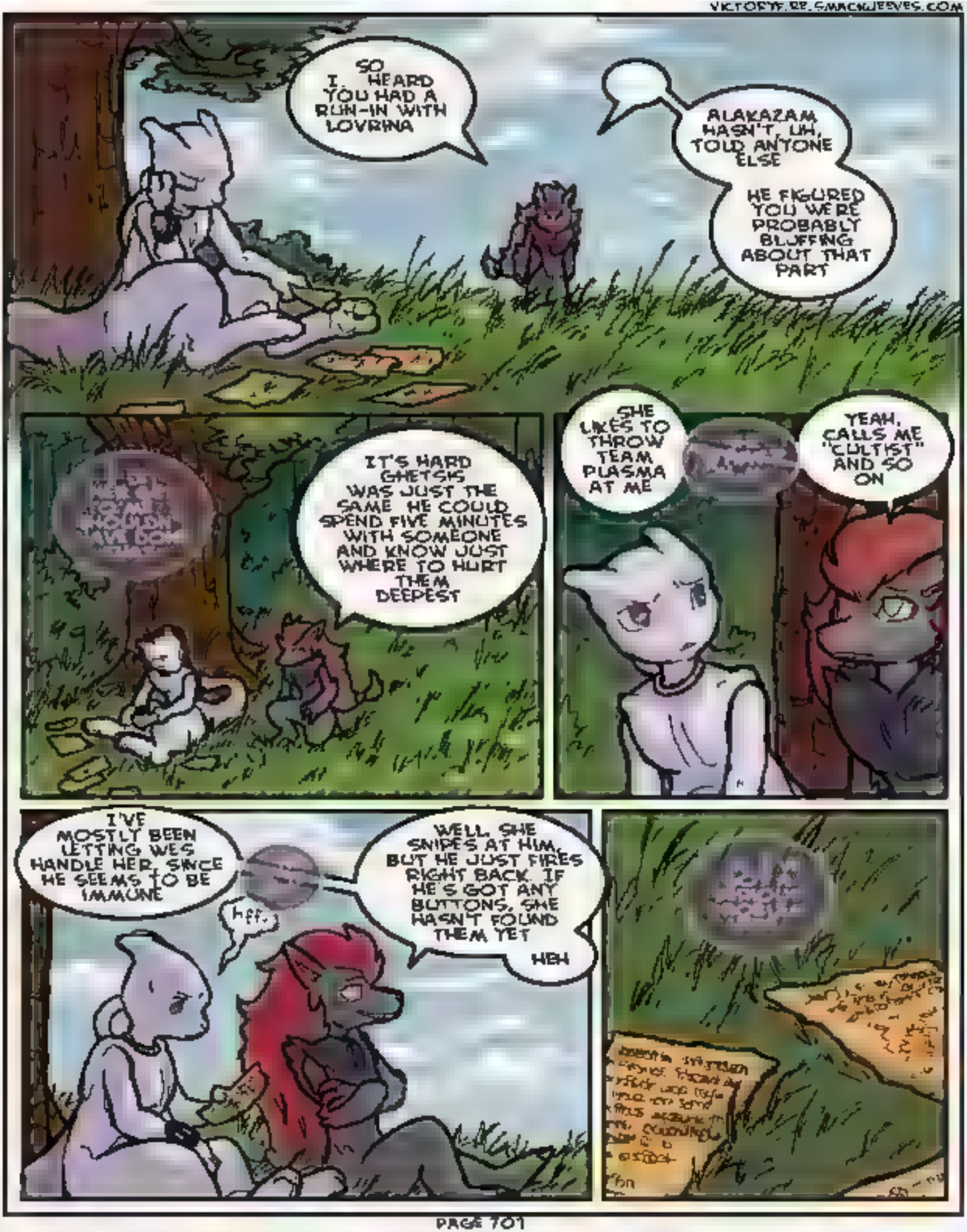
I FELL ASLEEP.
--WELL, THAT'S GOOD, THEN!

EVERY-THING'S GONE ALL WARM AND NOODLY.
IT'S CALLED RELAXATION BET YOU HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS IN A WHILE, EH?


I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE.
OR SMELLED LIKE THIS.
PA-CHEW!
SORRY.
SNF.


AHAHA--
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT.
AT LEAST WE TRIED IT, EH?
IT'S OKAY... ACTUALLY, I THINK I DID LIKE IT...

THANK YOU, MISS ORICORIO.
VISIT US WHENEVER YOU WISH, MY DEAR.

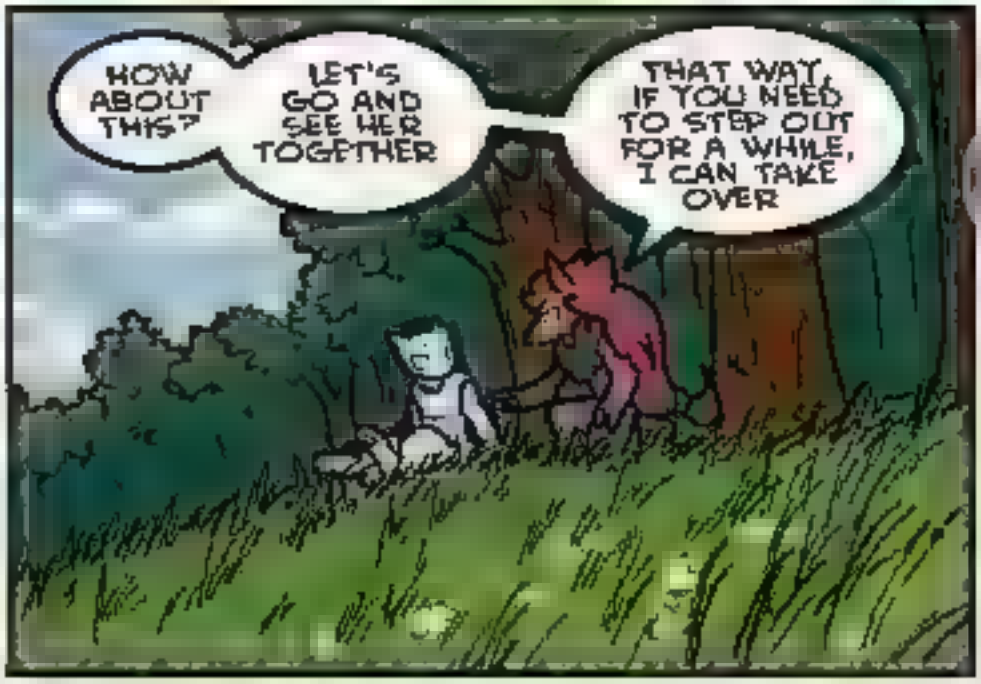

SO I HEARD YOU HAD A RUN-IN WITH LOVRINA
ALAKAZAM HASN'T, UH, TOLD ANYONE ELSE
HE FIGURED YOU WERE PROBABLY BLUFFING ABOUT THAT PART
IT'S HARD GHETSIS WAS JUST THE SAME. HE COULD SPEND FIVE MINUTES WITH SOMEONE AND KNOW JUST WHERE TO HURT THEM DEEPEST
SHE LIKES TO THROW TEAM PLASMA AT ME
YEAH, CALLS ME "CULTIST" AND SO ON
I'VE MOSTLY BEEN LETTING WES HANDLE HER, SINCE HE SEEMS TO BE IMMUNE
hff.
WELL, SHE SNIPES AT HIM, BUT HE JUST FIRES RIGHT BACK. IF HE'S GOT ANY BUTTONS, SHE HASN'T FOUND THEM YET
HEH

HAD ACCESS TO SCHOOL EVERYTHING I KNOW I'D LEARNT SELF.
I HATE TO ADMIT THIS, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND TO UNDERSTAND HER NOTES

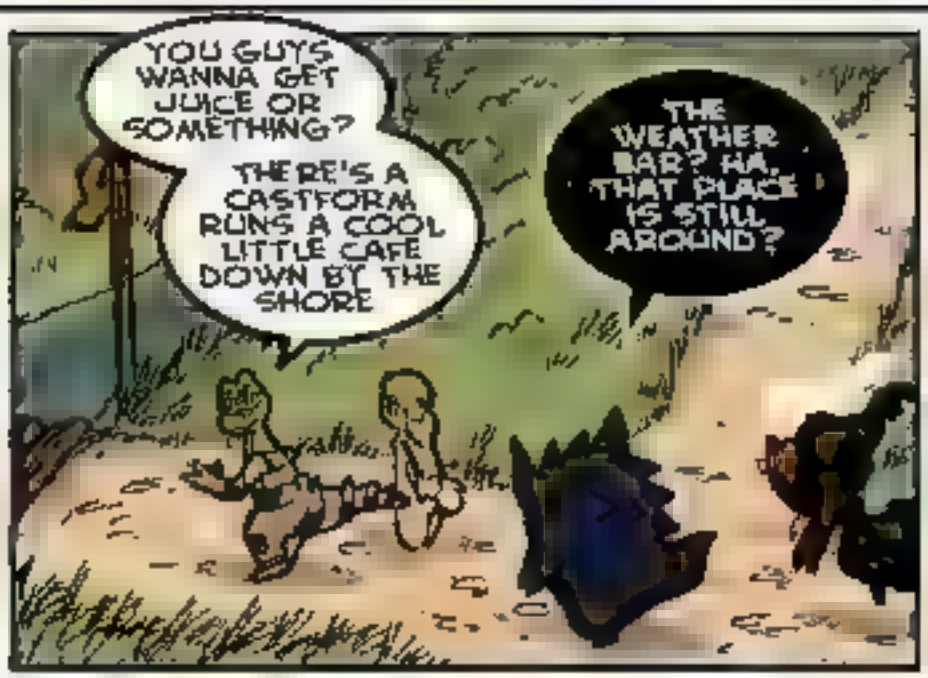
CAN I HELP WITH ANY OF IT?

PHD
AH... PRETTY MUCH NONEXISTENT, I'M AFRAID

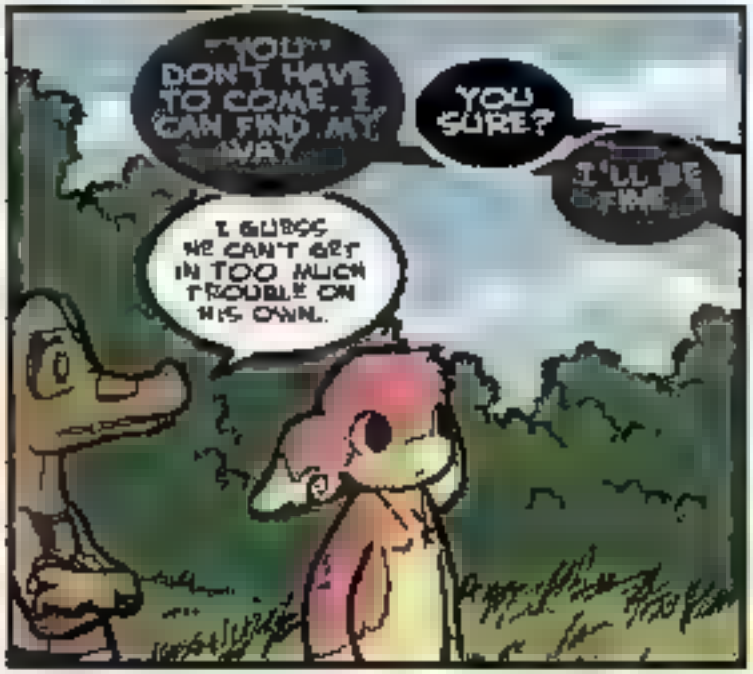
I GET IT

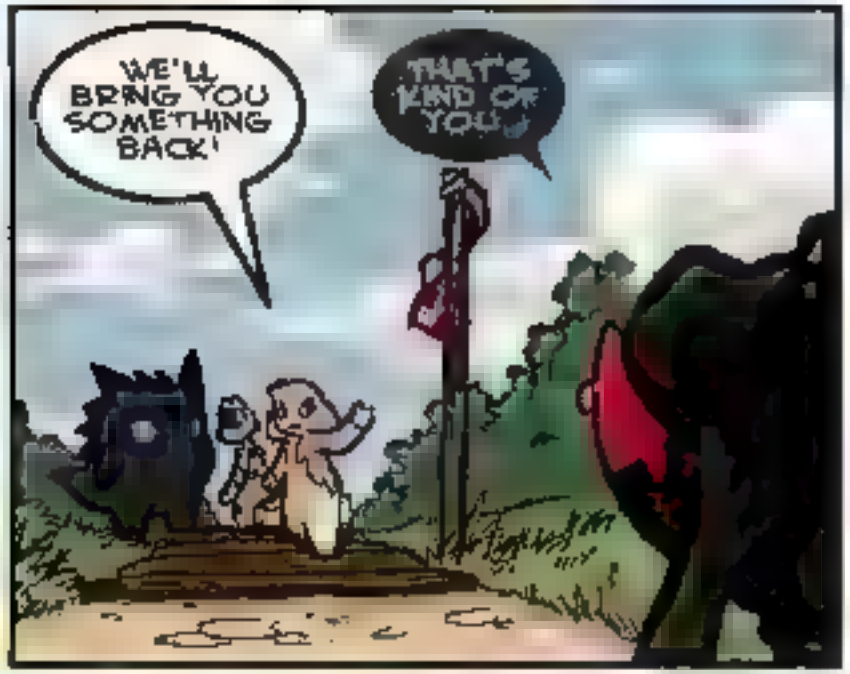

HOW ABOUT THIS?
LET'S GO AND SEE HER TOGETHER
THAT WAY, IF YOU NEED TO STEP OUT FOR A WHILE, I CAN TAKE OVER

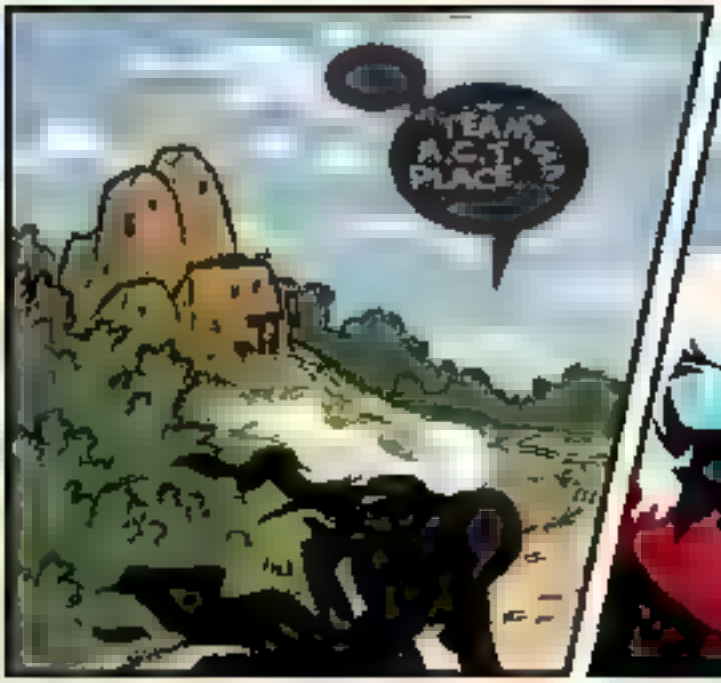
HEY, PARTNERS, REMEMBER?


YOU GUYS WANNA GET JUICE OR SOMETHING?
THERE'S A CASTFORM RUNS A COOL LITTLE CAFE DOWN BY THE SHORE
THE WEATHER BAR? HA, THAT PLACE IS STILL AROUND?

I'M STILL VERY SLEEPY. WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I JUST WENT BACK TO THE BASE?
OH, YEAH. OKAY, WE CAN DO THAT...

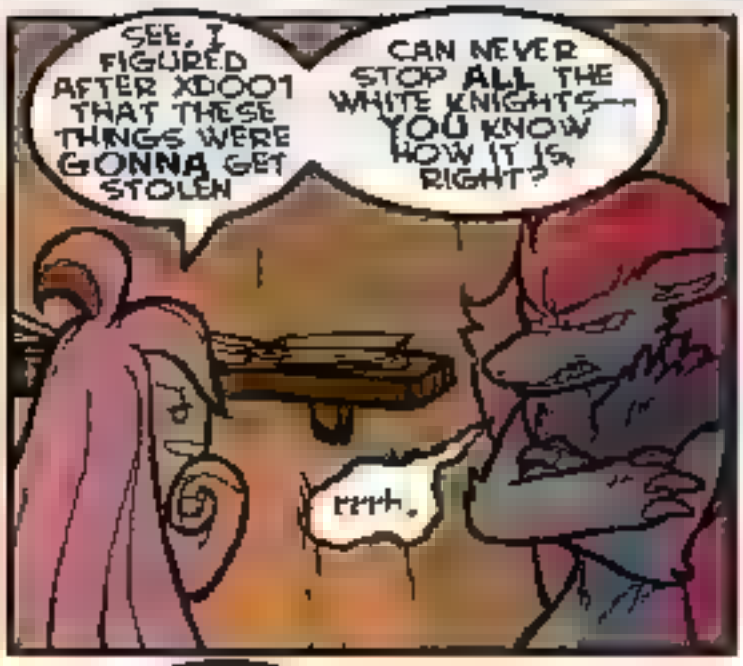

YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME. I CAN FIND MY WAY.
YOU SURE?
I'LL BE FINE.
I GUESS WE CAN'T GET IN TOO MUCH TROUBLE ON HIS OWN.

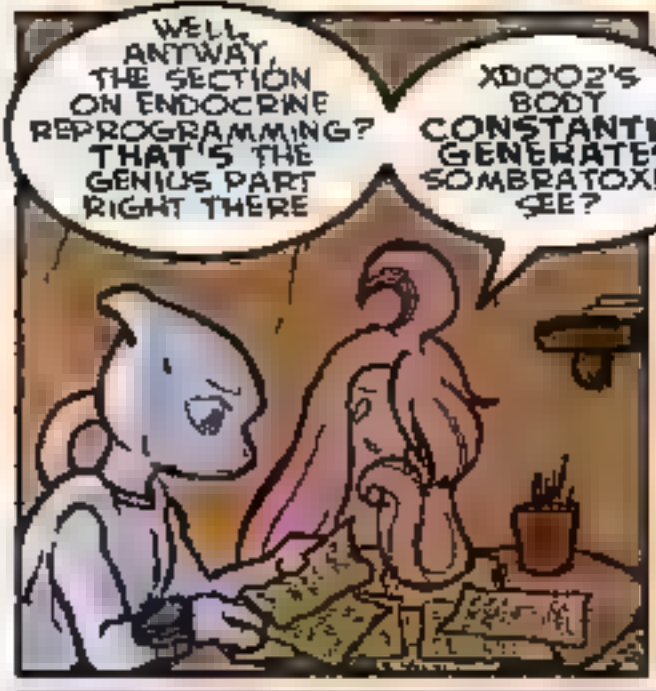

WE'LL BRING YOU SOMETHING BACK!
THAT'S KIND OF YOU.

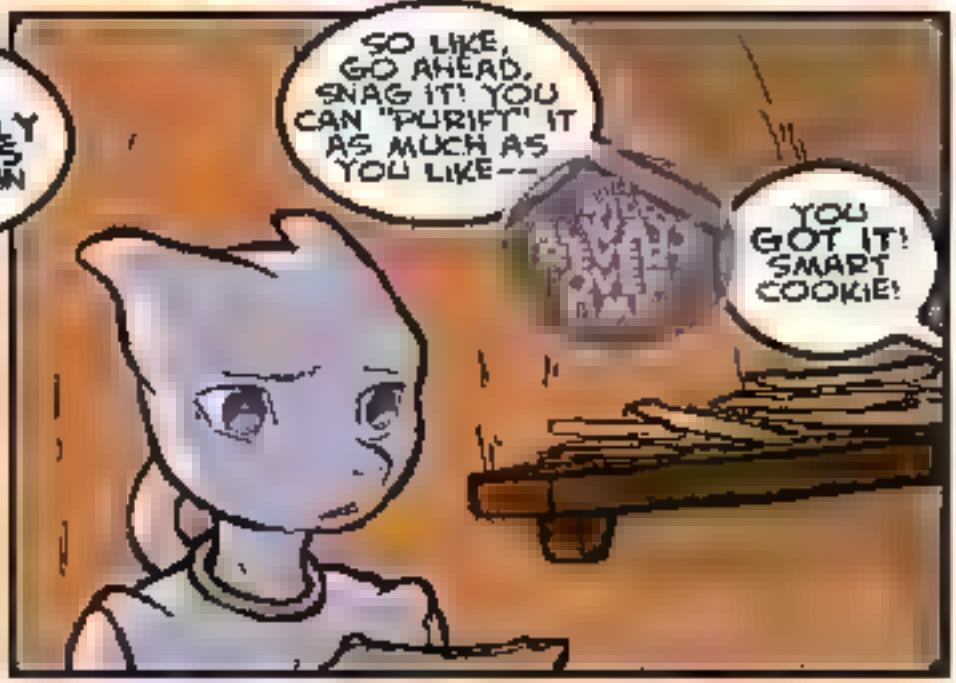

TEAM A.C.T. PLACE...?

I MISS LOVRINA.

OR, AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH XDOO3'S ABILITY TO SPREAD THE SYNDROME.
YOU'LL THE UNIQUE FEATURE OF XDOO2
OH YEAH, THAT WAS LIKE TOTAL GENIUS.


SEE, I FIGURED AFTER XDOO1 THAT THESE THINGS WERE GONNA GET STOLEN
CAN NEVER STOP ALL THE WHITE KNIGHTS-- YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, RIGHT?
mmh.


WELL, ANYWAY, THE SECTION ON ENDOCRINE REPROGRAMMING? THAT'S THE GENIUS PART RIGHT THERE
XDOO2'S BODY CONSTANTLY GENERATES SOMBRATOXIN SEE?


SO LIKE, GO AHEAD, SNAG IT! YOU CAN "PURIFY" IT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE--
YOU GOT IT! SMART COOKIE!

AND YOU'RE PROUD OF THIS. ARE YOU TORTURING AN INTELLIGENT CREATURE INTO INSANITY?
PFF IT WASN'T TORTURE --

IT WAS TORTURE.

YOU CAGED ME.
BEAT ME.
POISONED ME.
BURNED YOUR MARK INTO MY FLESH.
ARE THESE THINGS NOT TORTURE?
YET I WAS LUCKY COMPARED TO MY SIBLING, WHO YOU DROVE TO HER DEATH.

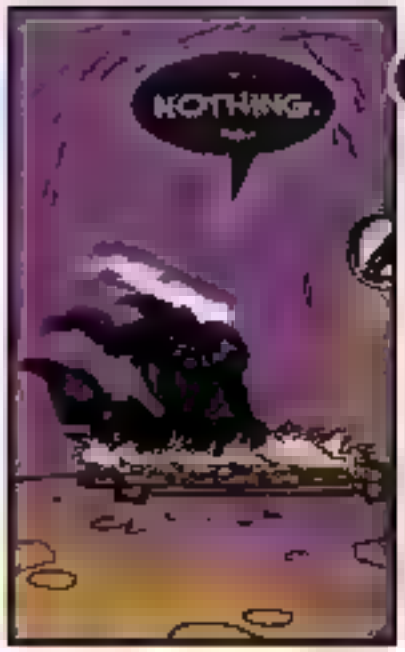
EVEN SO, I DON'T HATE YOU ANY MORE, MISS LOVRINA. I AM SORRY FOR YOU.

BECAUSE THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER LIE TO YOURSELF ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
AND ON THAT DAY, ALL MY NIGHTMARES WILL PALE BEFORE THE ONES YOU'VE BEEN CRAFTING FOR YOURSELF.

SO SLEEP WELL, MY LADY.
WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

I NEED A RAWST BERRY FOR BEING IN THE SAME ROOM AS THAT BURN

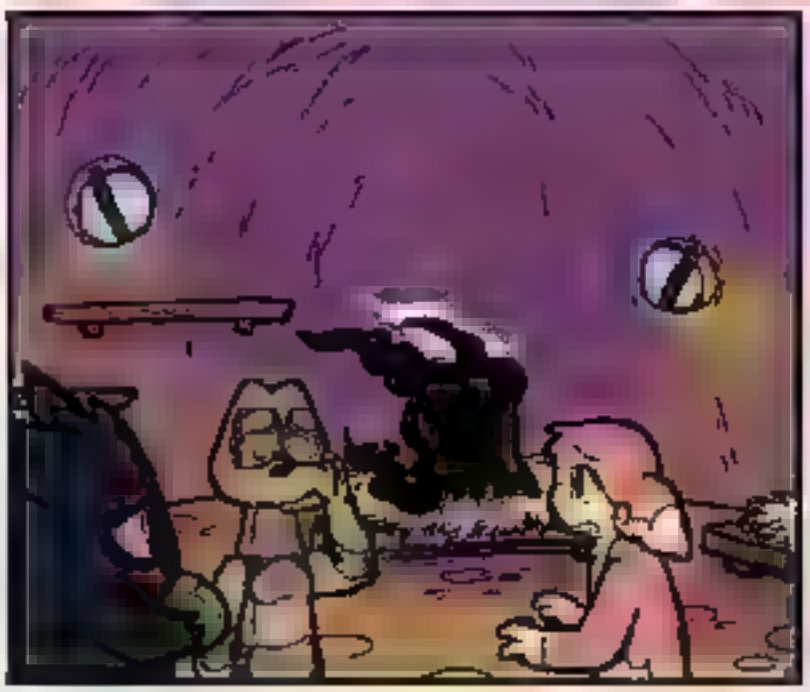
HEY, WE'RE BACK --?
DARKRAI, WHAT'S WRONG?

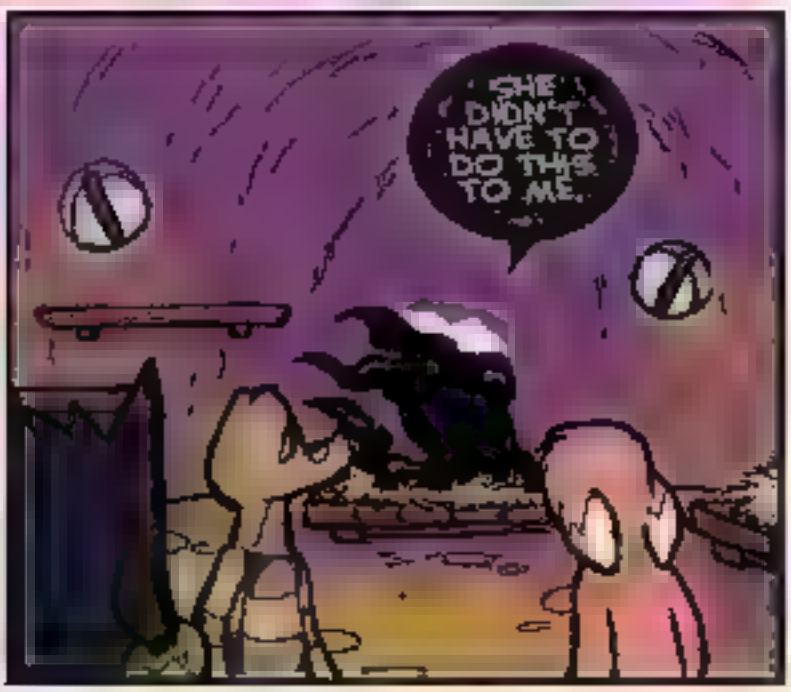

NOTHING.

DARKRAI --
I'M NOT GOING TO ATTACK ANYONE-- I'M JUST ANGRY!
AM I PERMITTED TO BE ANGRY?

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO LOVRINA, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.
MATE, YOU HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM HER--

I WILL SPEAK WITH MY PARTNER WHEN I CHOOSE, MR WES.
OKAY, SORRY
SORRY




SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO ME.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW IT ALL...

SHE NEVER GAVE ME A FAIR BATTLE. SHE ATTACKED ME WHEN I WAS ALREADY WOUNDED, AND SUBDUED ME WITH TRICKERY AND POISONED DARTS.

BUT I WAS WILLING TO FORGIVE HER THAT, BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT AT LAST SOMEONE WANTED ME...

BECAUSE OF MY CURSE, THE NIGHTMARES, I HAD NEVER HAD A PARTNER. PEOPLE FEARED ME TOO MUCH TO SEEK ME OUT...

YOU UNDERSTAND, MR WES? I WAS WILLING TO FORGIVE A GREAT DEAL. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS ALL SO-- INFURIATING!

IF SHE HAD EVER SHOWN ME THE SLIGHTEST SCRAP OF PERSONAL REGARD, I WOULD HAVE LAID DOWN MY LIFE FOR HER.

IF SHE HAD EVER JUST ASKED.

AW, NO...

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO ME

OKAY, WE'RE OUT OF OUR DEPTH HERE.

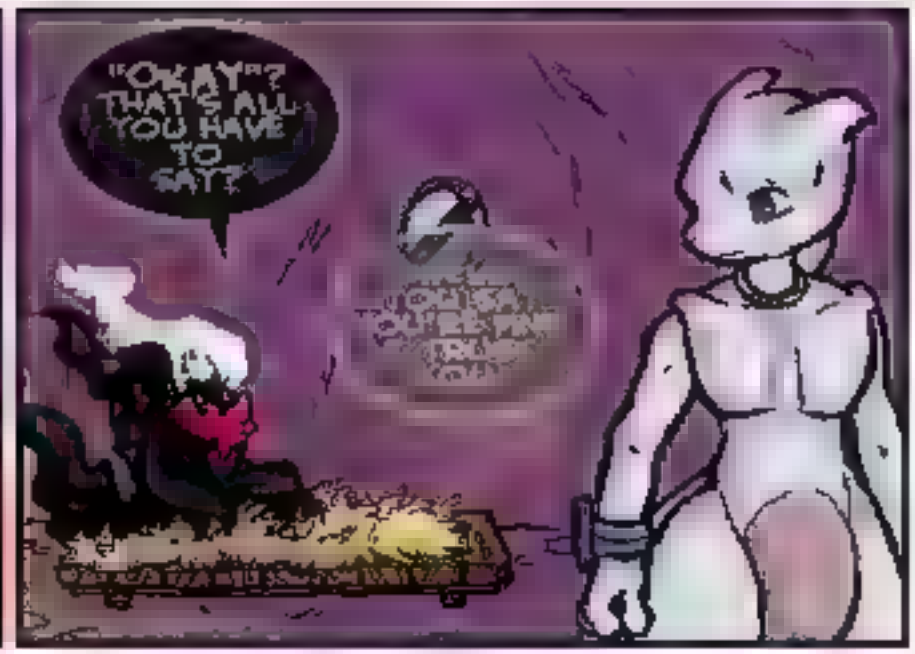
WHERE'S MEWTWO?

UP AT TEAM A.C.T'S, I THINK

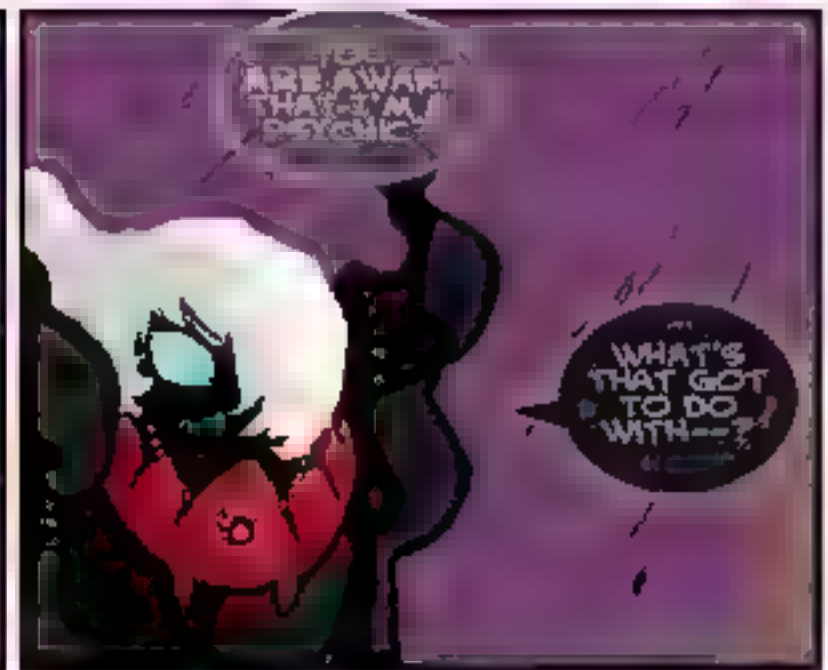
I'LL GO-- I'M FASTEST.

HURRY, GENGAR!

YOU DON'T NEED YOUR FOCUS BLAST. I'M NOT DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW.


"OKAY"? THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

THEN YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DOES.

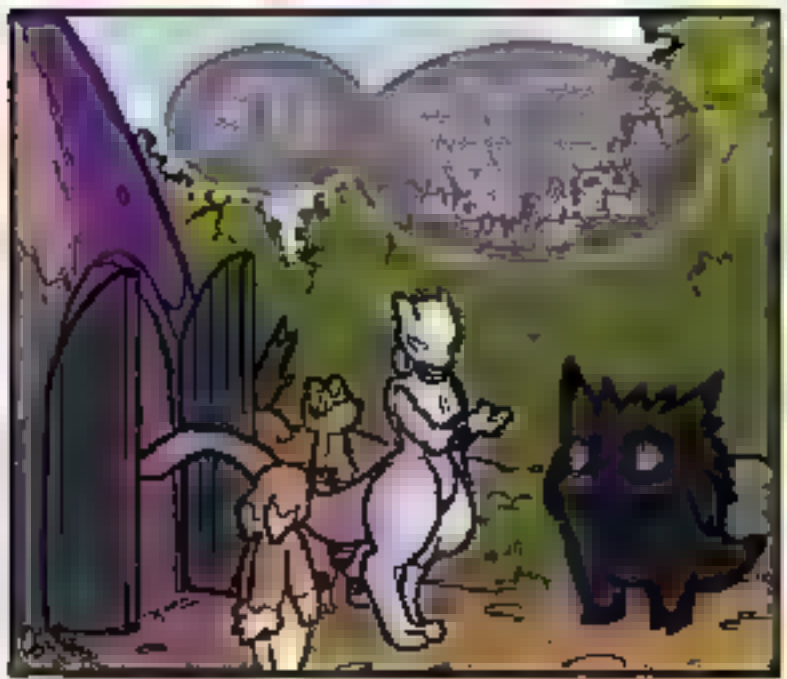

ARE AWARE THAT I'M PSYCHIC.
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH--?

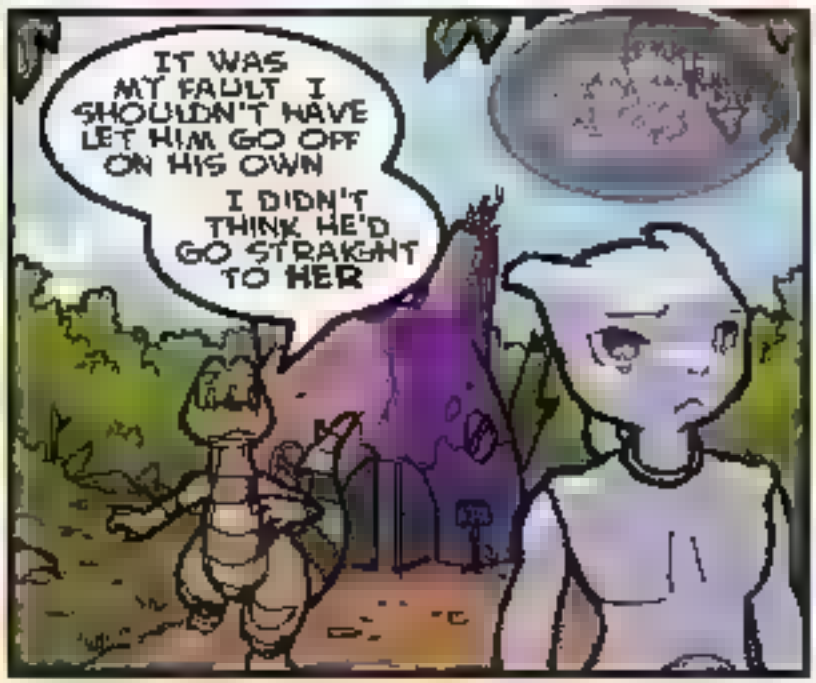
BECAUSE ONE CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED.
MENGAE IS WISHING COULD MORE

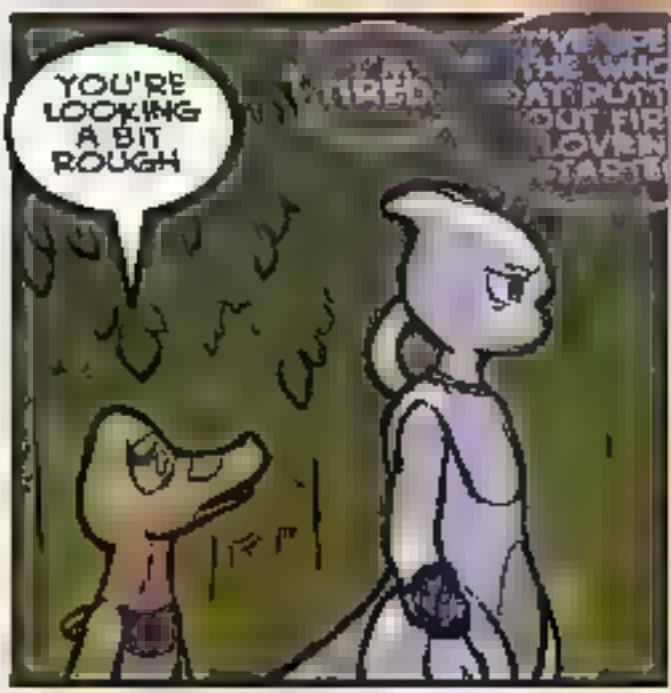
THERE'S NO MISTRUST HERE, DARKER AND I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW

I HEARD YOUR TALK ABOUT "REVERTING"
THERE'S NO CURE FOR THIS, IS THERE?

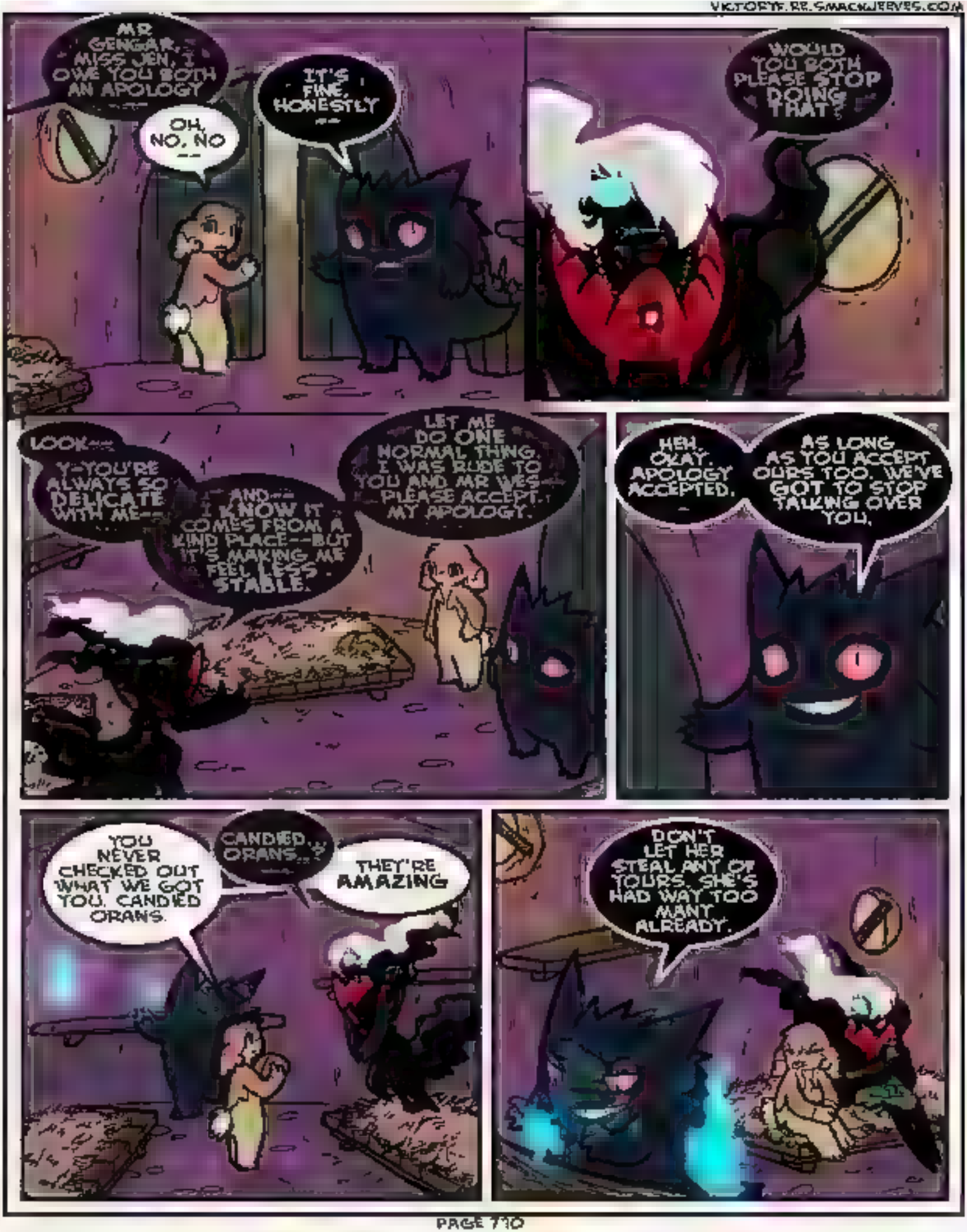
WHAT YOU HEARD WAS OUT OF CONTEXT

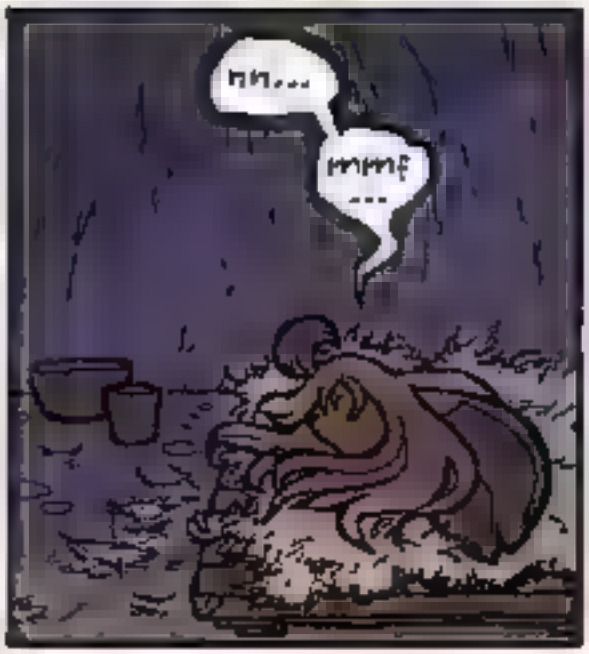



IT WAS MY FAULT I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM GO OFF ON HIS OWN
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D GO STRAIGHT TO HER

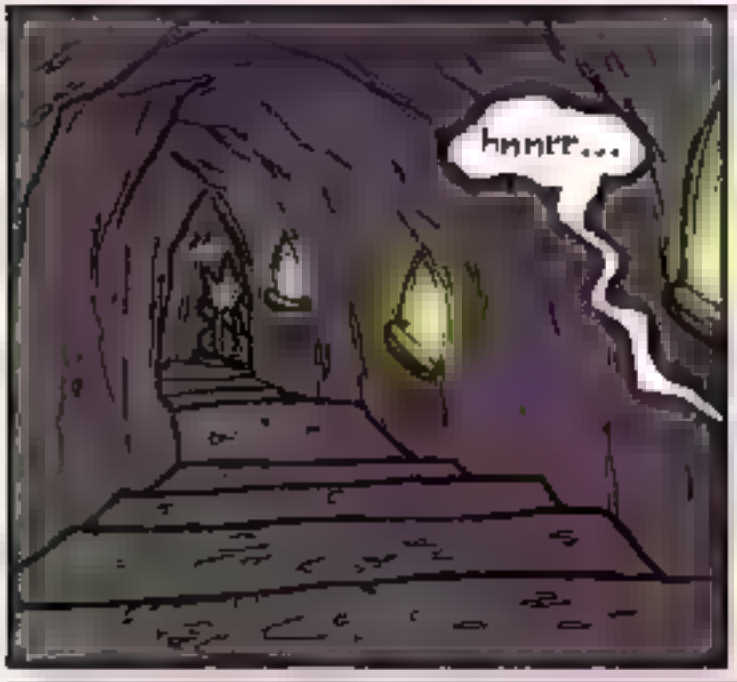

YOU'RE LOOKING A BIT ROUGH

MEWTWO, HE'S CALLING HER HIS PARTNER


MR GENGAR, MISS JEN, I OWE YOU BOTH AN APOLOGY
OH, NO, NO
IT'S FINE, HONESTLY
WOULD YOU BOTH PLEASE STOP DOING THAT?
LOOK--
Y-YOU'RE ALWAYS SO DELICATE WITH ME--
--AND-- I KNOW IT COMES FROM A KIND PLACE--BUT IT'S MAKING ME FEEL LESS STABLE.
LET ME DO ONE NORMAL THING. I WAS RUDE TO YOU AND MR WES-- PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY.
HEH. OKAY. APOLOGY ACCEPTED.
AS LONG AS YOU ACCEPT OURS TOO. WE'VE GOT TO STOP TALKING OVER YOU.
YOU NEVER CHECKED OUT WHAT WE GOT YOU. CANDIED ORANS.
CANDIED ORANS...?
THEY'RE AMAZING
DON'T LET HER STEAL ANY OF YOURS. SHE'S HAD WAY TOO MANY ALREADY.


nn...
mmmf ...

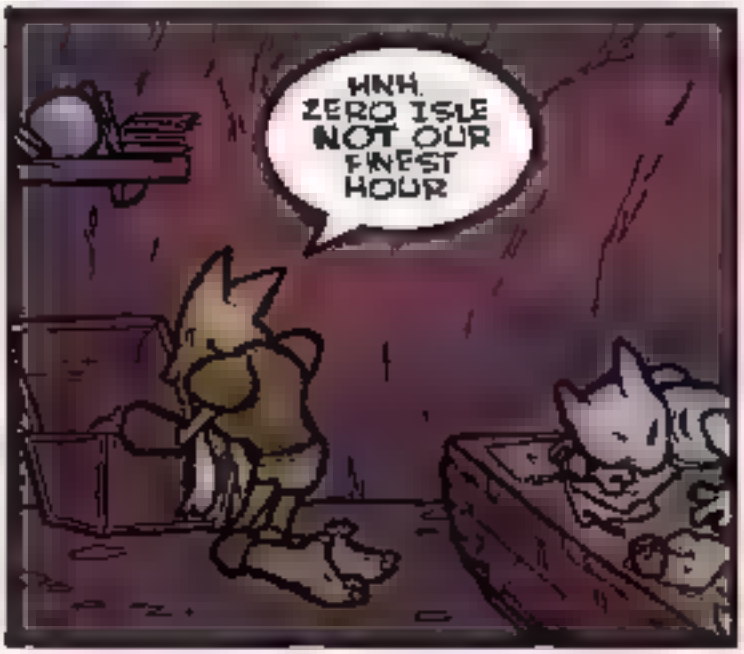
HUF

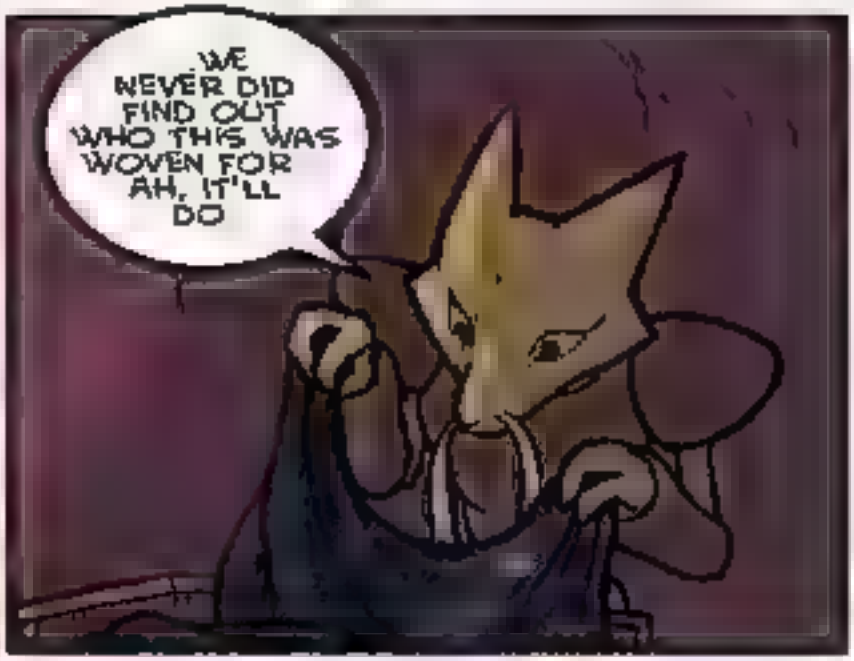

hnnrr...

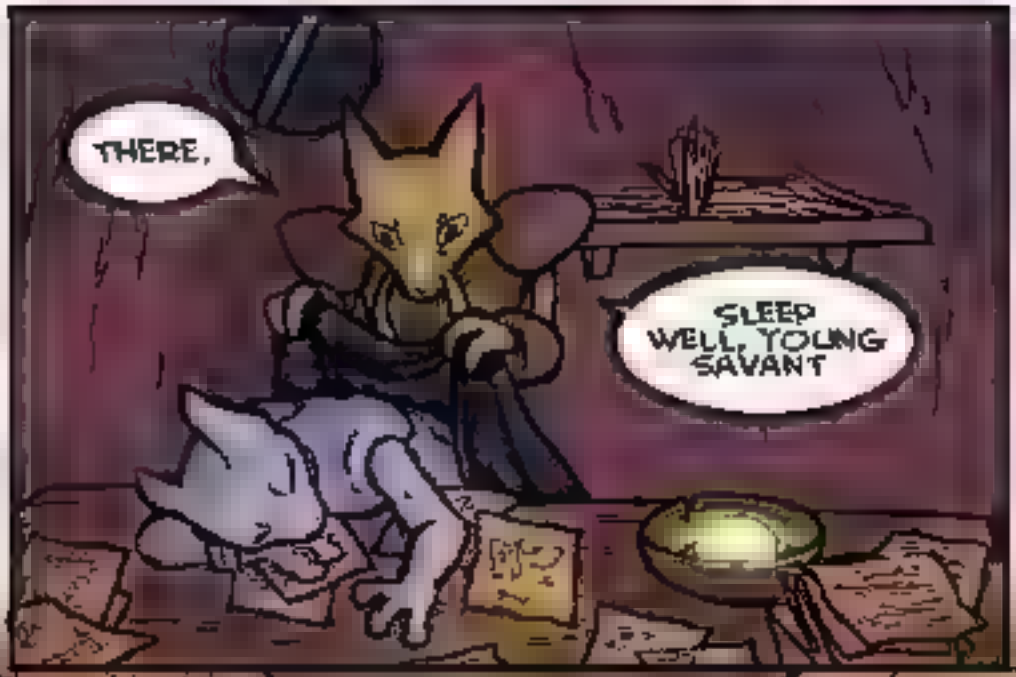
hnnrr...

hnnrr...

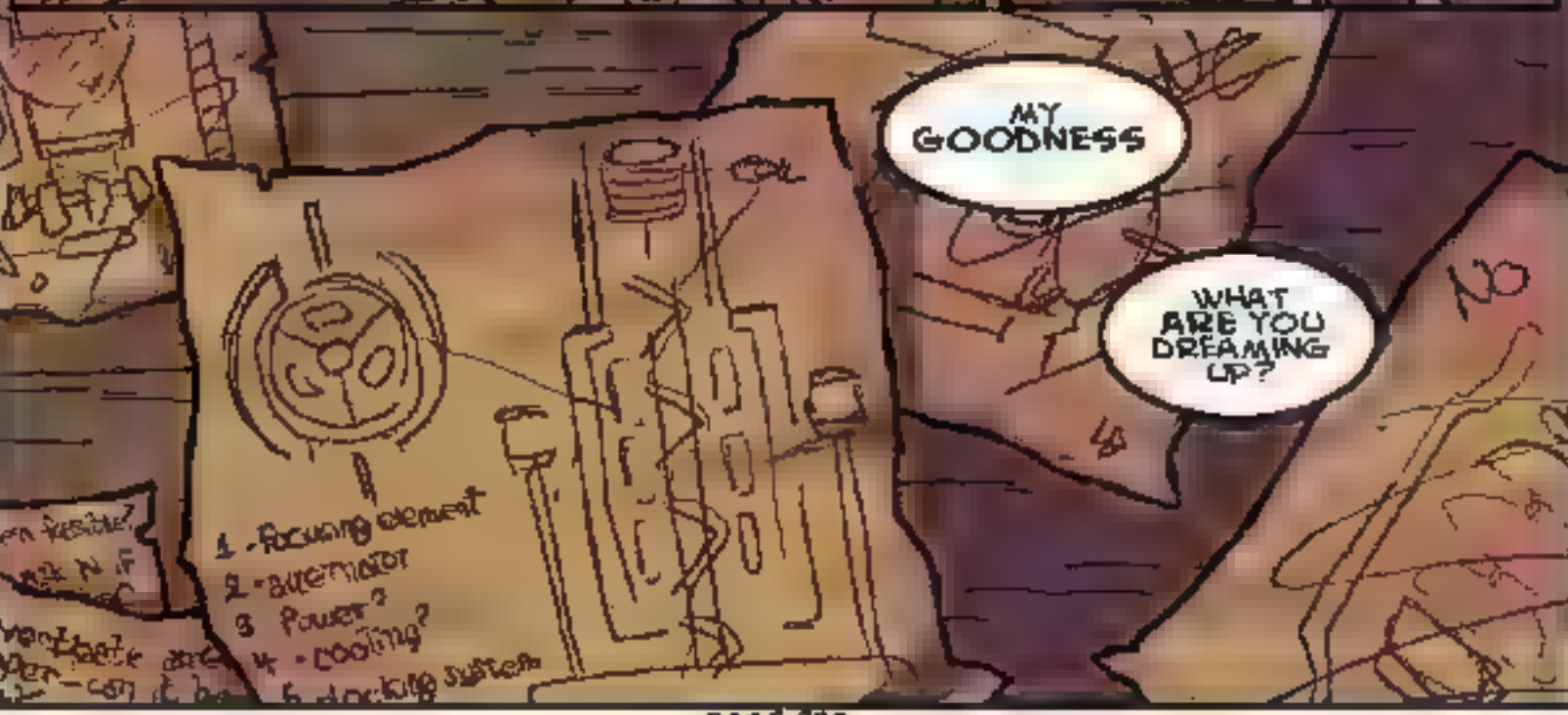
HEHEH. LOOK AT YOU.
TRULY A CRUEL AND VICIOUS CREATURE


HNH. ZERO ISLE NOT OUR FINEST HOUR


WE NEVER DID FIND OUT WHO THIS WAS WOVEN FOR AH, IT'LL DO

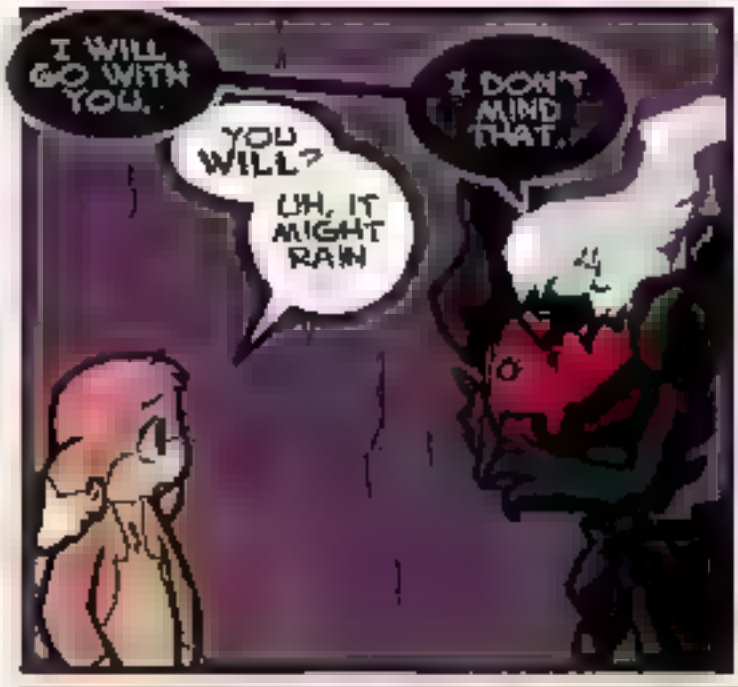

THERE.
SLEEP WELL, YOUNG SAVANT

--OH?


MY GOODNESS
WHAT ARE YOU DREAMING UP?
1 - focusing element
2 - automator
3 Power?
4 - cooling?
5 docking system

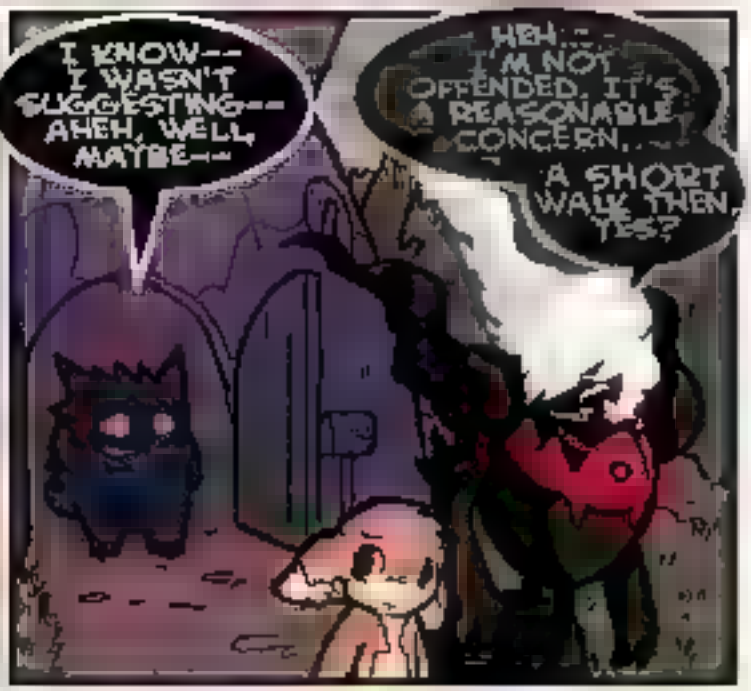
GENGAR DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH TODAY?
WITH THAT SKY? I DO NOT.

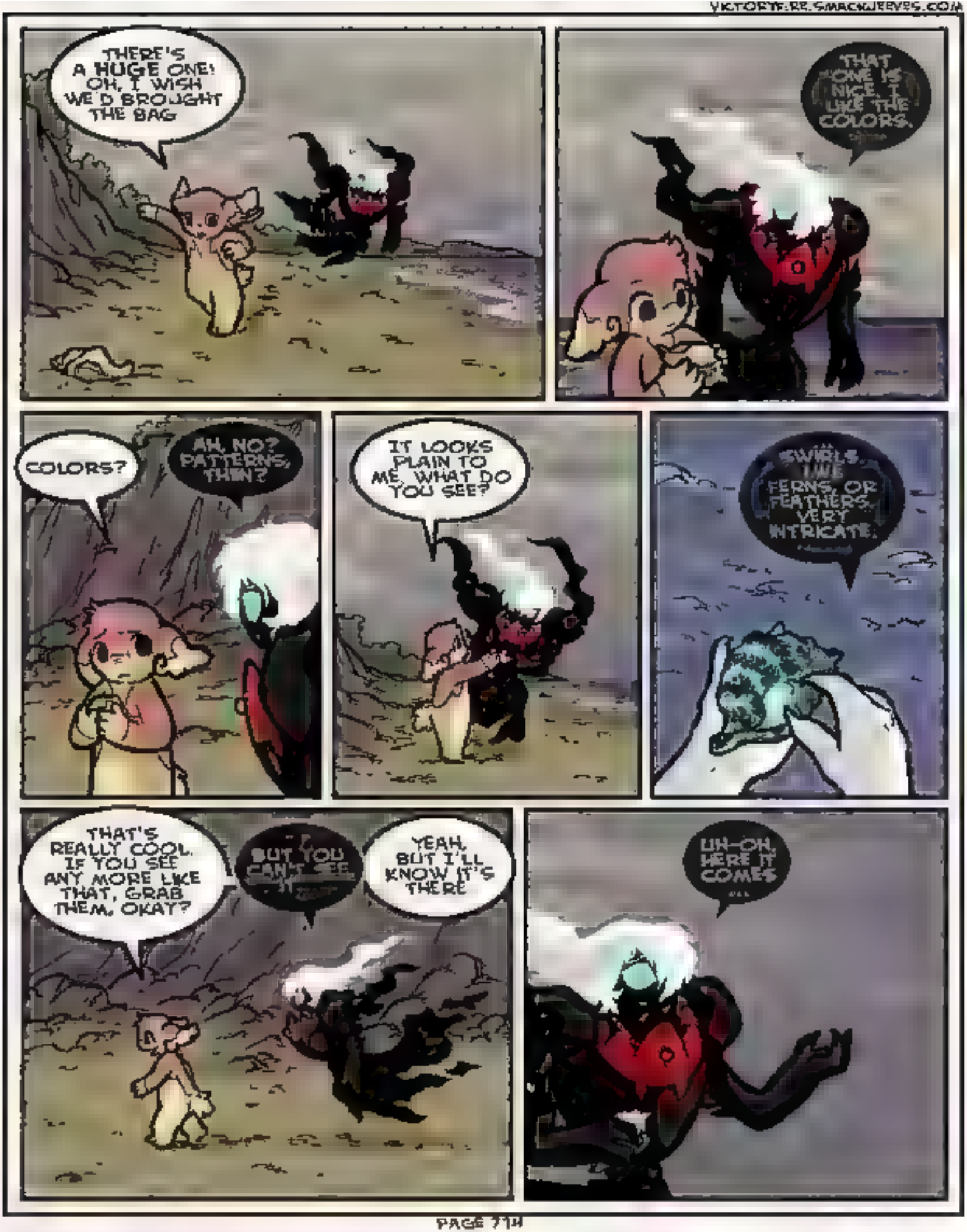
HAAH
STUPID WEATHER

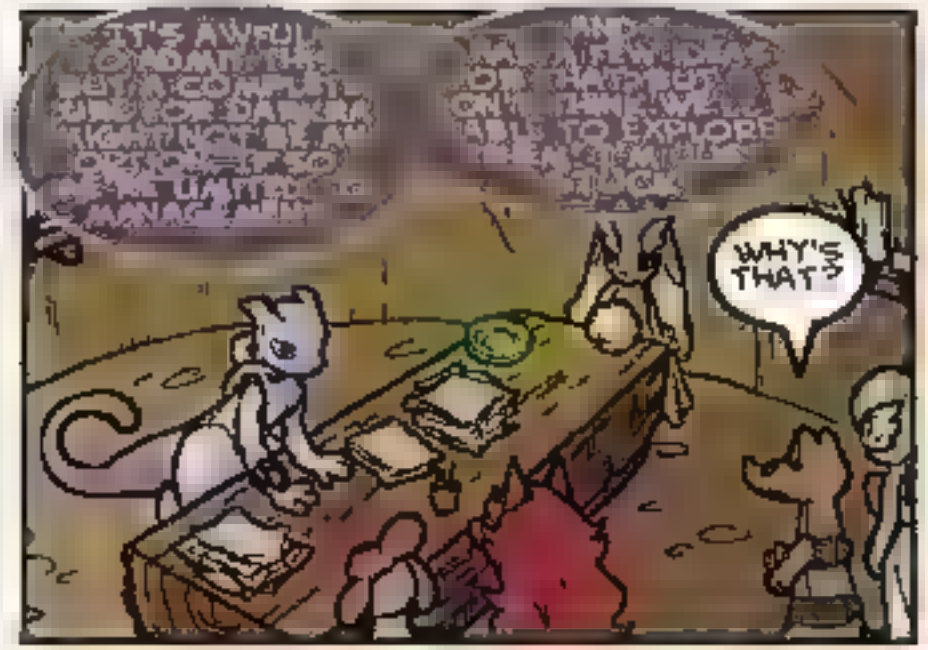

I WILL GO WITH YOU.
YOU WILL?
UH, IT MIGHT RAIN
I DON'T MIND THAT.

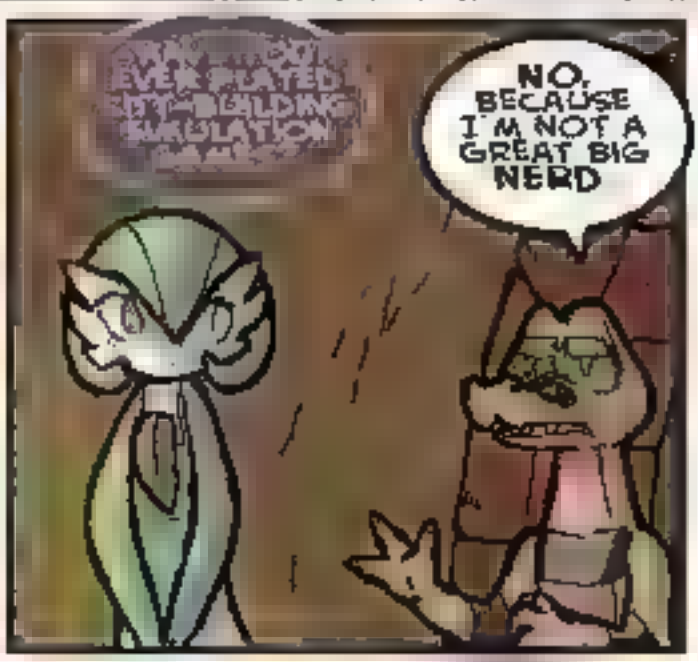
--WAIT, WILL YOU TWO BE OKAY? SHOULD I, UH, TAG ALONG--?

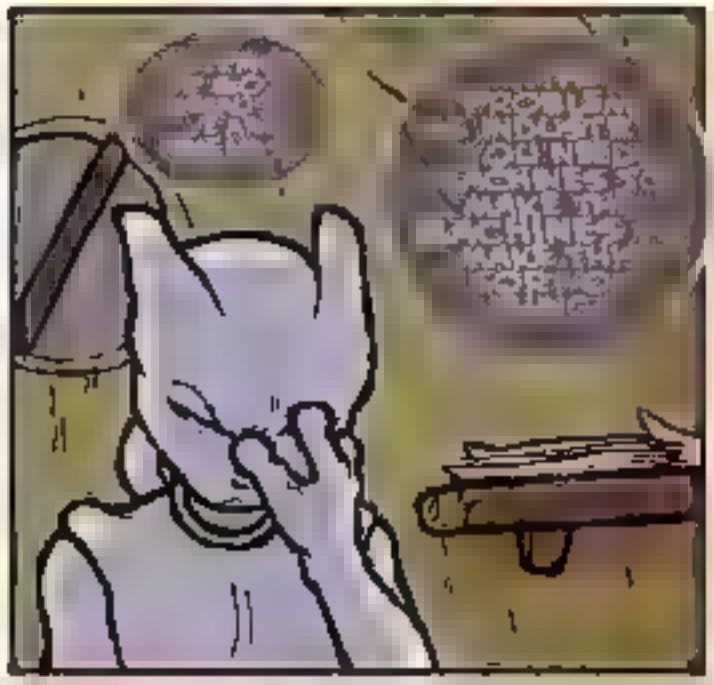
AS LONG AS THERE IS ANYTHING LEFT OF ME, I SWEAR THAT I WILL NEVER HARM MISS JEN.

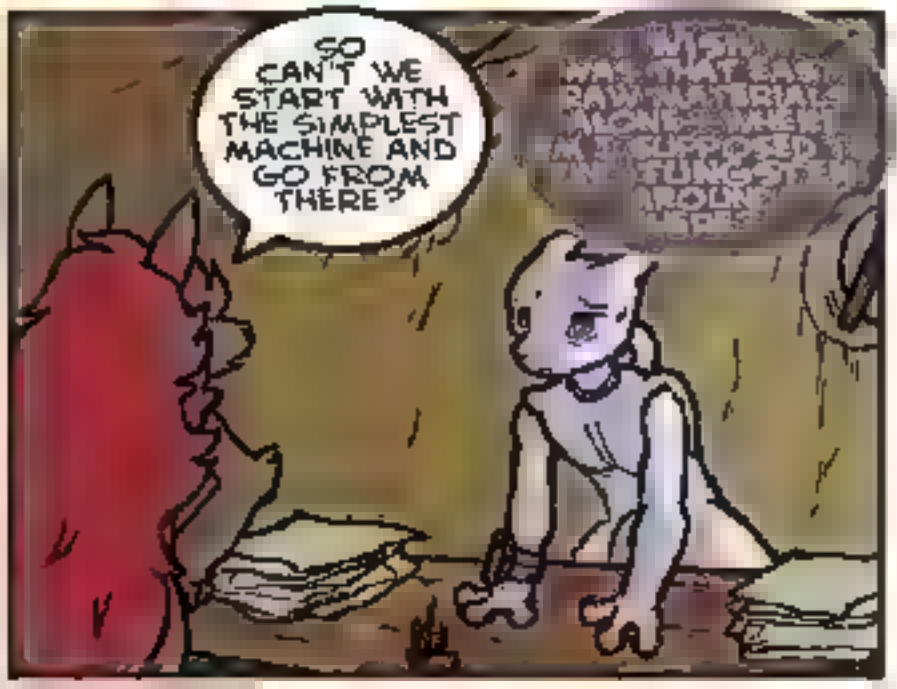

I KNOW-- I WASN'T SUGGESTING-- AHEH, WELL, MAYBE--
HEH-- I'M NOT OFFENDED. IT'S A REASONABLE CONCERN.
A SHORT WALK THEN, YES?

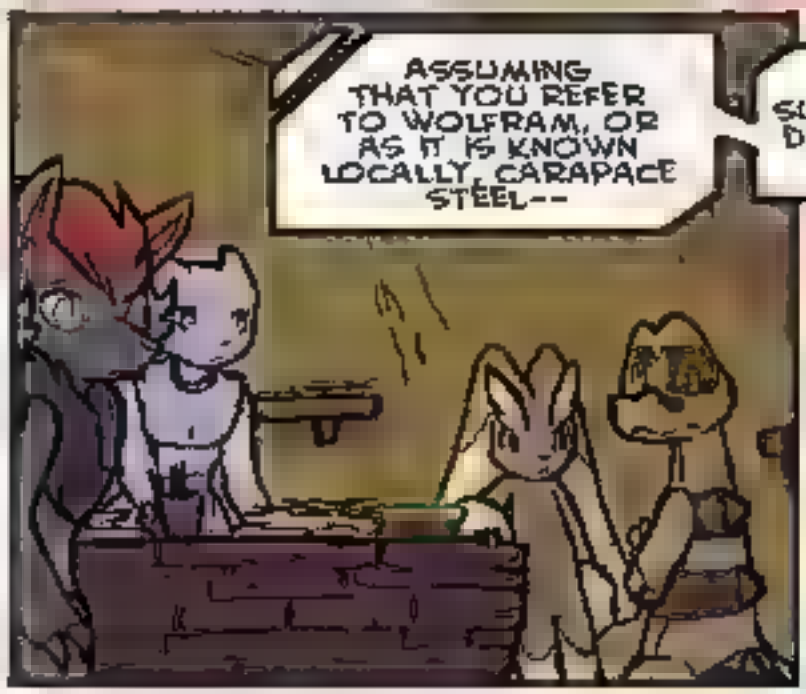

THERE'S A HUGE ONE! OH, I WISH WE'D BROUGHT THE BAG
THAT ONE IS NICE. I LIKE THE COLORS.
COLORS?
AH, NO? PATTERNS, THEN?
IT LOOKS PLAIN TO ME. WHAT DO YOU SEE?
SWIRLS, LIKE FERNS, OR FEATHERS. VERY INTRICATE.
THAT'S REALLY COOL. IF YOU SEE ANY MORE LIKE THAT, GRAB THEM, OKAY?
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT
YEAH, BUT I'LL KNOW IT'S THERE
UH-OH, HERE IT COMES

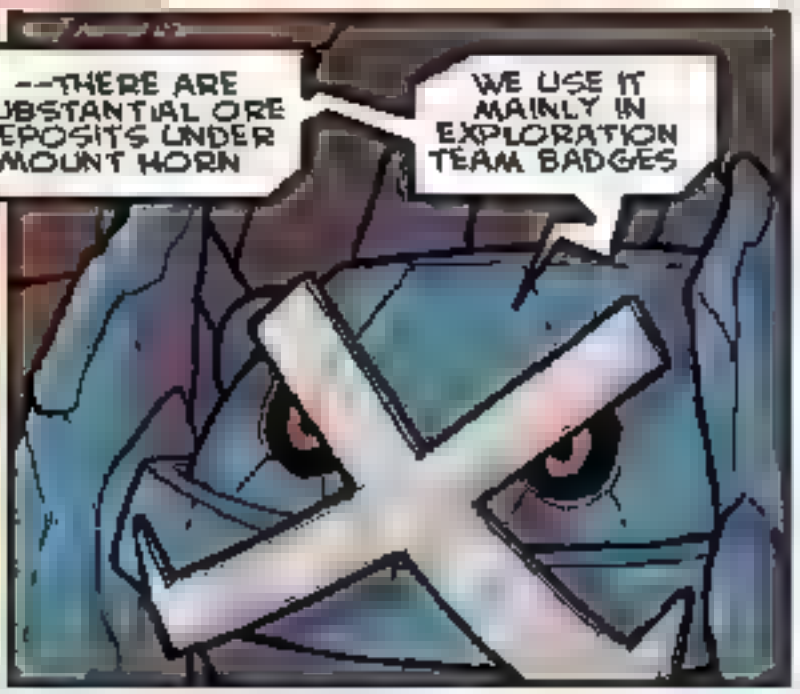

WHY'S THAT?

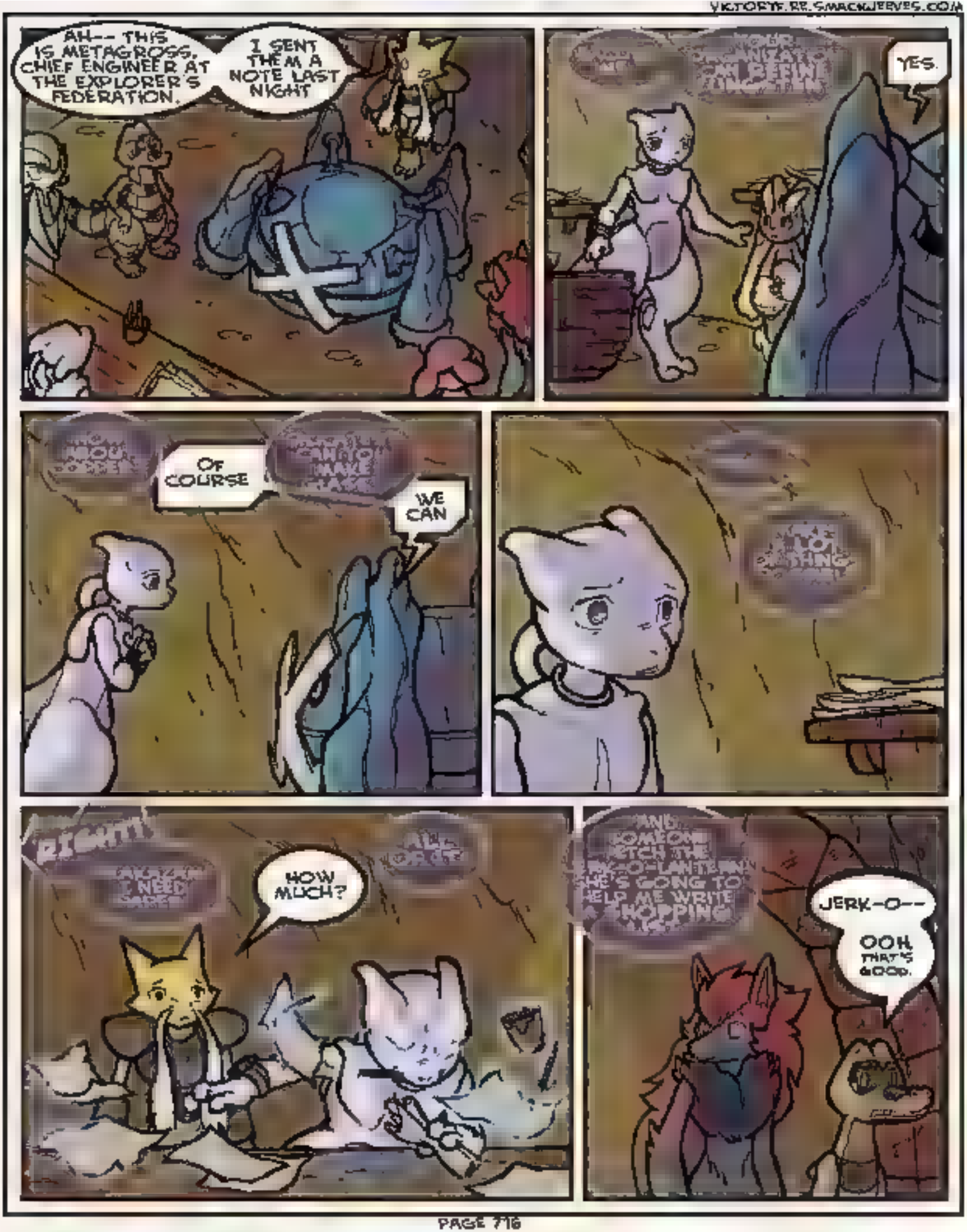

NO, BECAUSE I'M NOT A GREAT BIG NERD

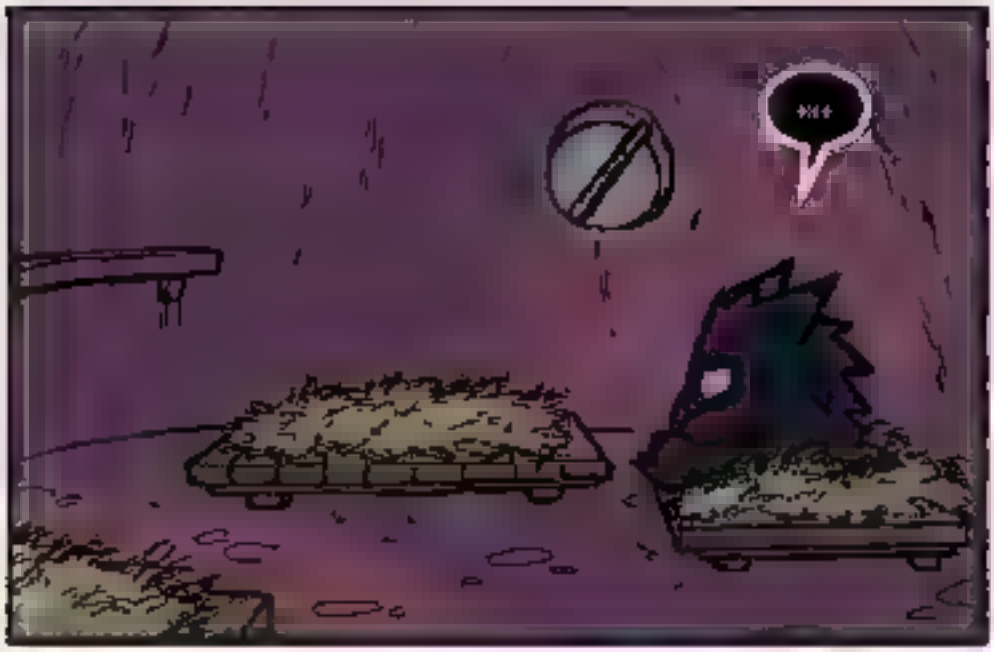



SO CAN'T WE START WITH THE SIMPLEST MACHINE AND GO FROM THERE?


ASSUMING THAT YOU REFER TO WOLFRAM, OR AS IT IS KNOWN LOCALLY, CARAPACE STEEL--


--THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL ORE DEPOSITS UNDER MOUNT HORN
WE USE IT MAINLY IN EXPLORATION TEAM BADGES


AH-- THIS IS METAGROSS, CHIEF ENGINEER AT THE EXPLORER'S FEDERATION.
I SENT THEM A NOTE LAST NIGHT
YES.
OF COURSE
WE CAN
RIGHT!
I NEED
HOW MUCH?
AND SOMEONE BITCH THE JACK-O-LANTERN SHE'S GOING TO HELP ME WRITE HOPPING
JERK-O--
OOH, THAT'S GOOD.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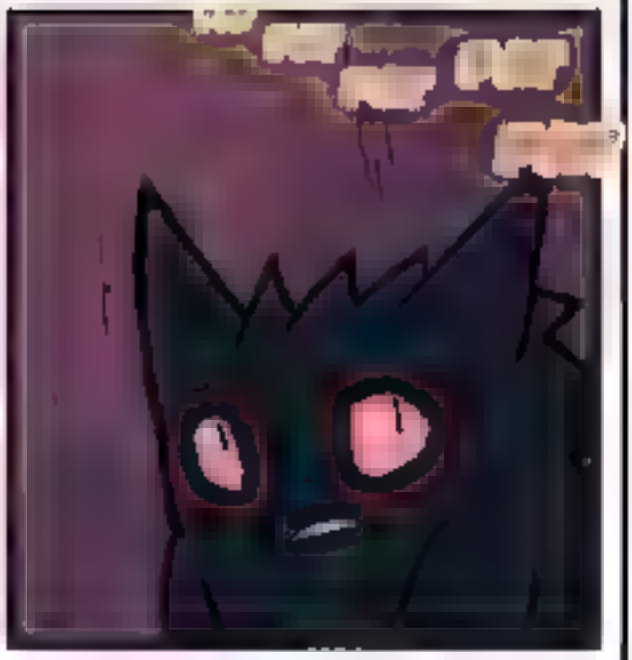

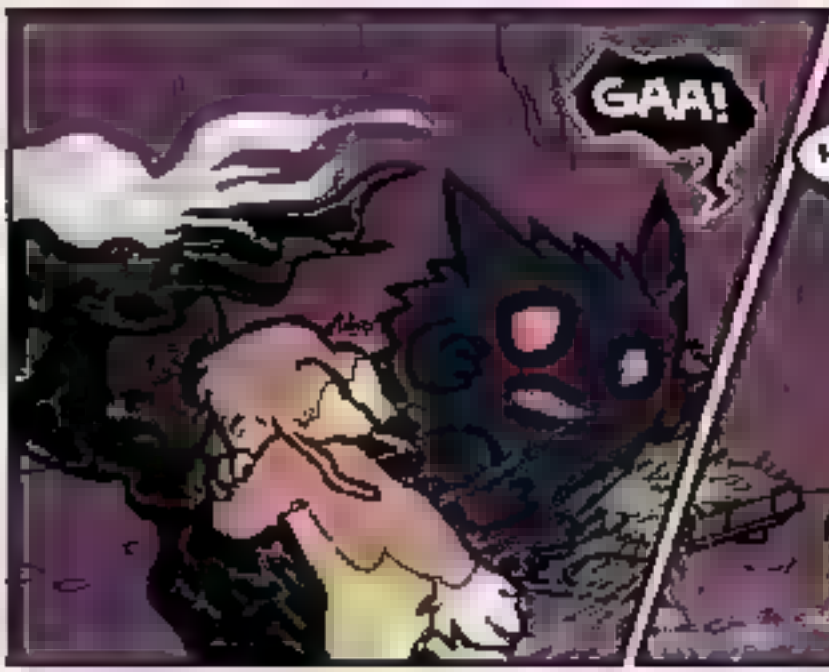
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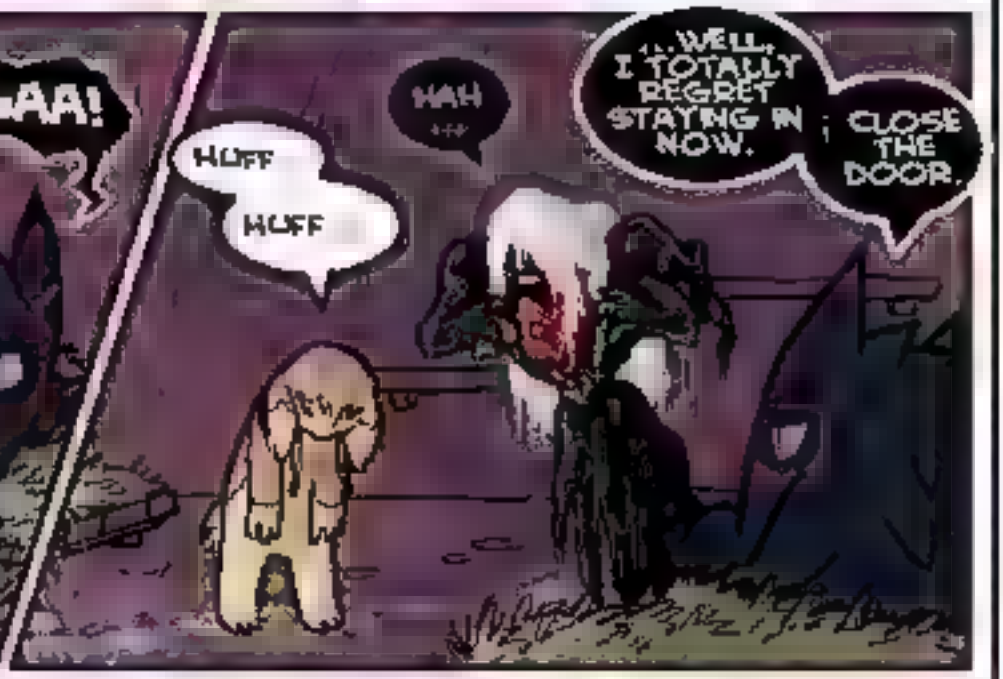
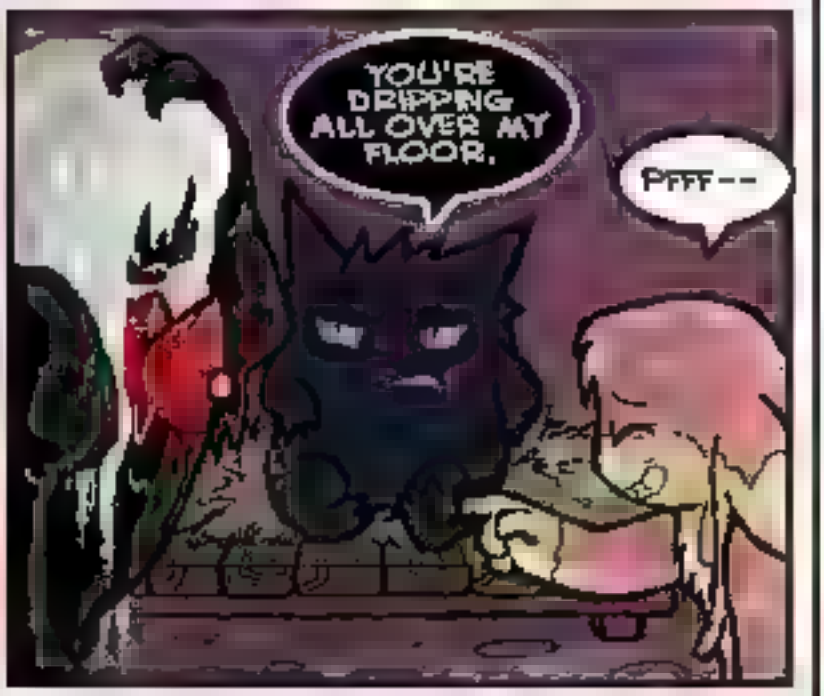
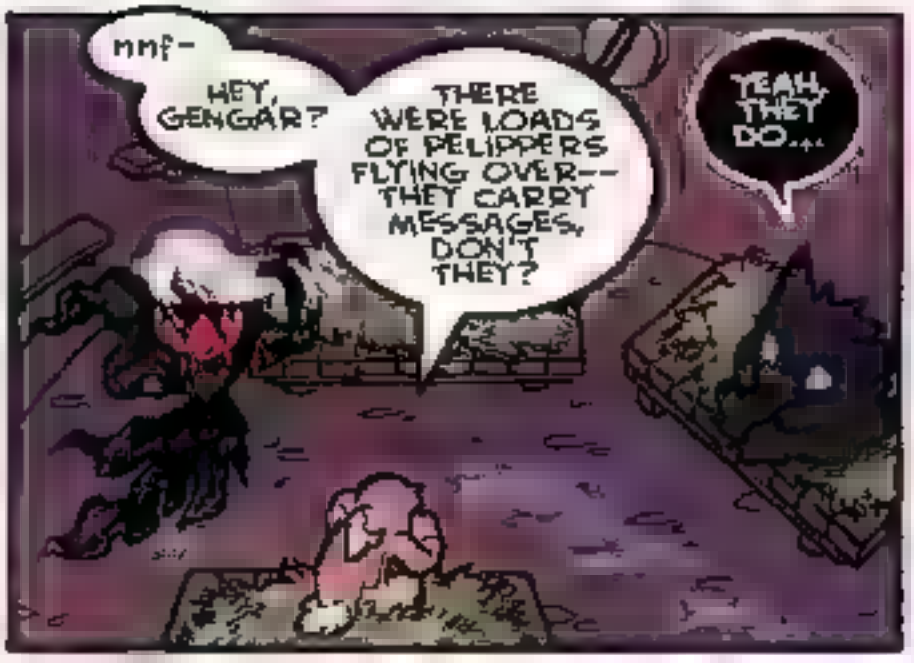

HUFF
HUFF
HAH
...WELL, I TOTALLY REGRET STAYING IN NOW.
CLOSE THE DOOR.

HEHEH.
AW, YOU SHOULD'VE COME! IT WAS FUN!


YOU'RE DRIPPING ALL OVER MY FLOOR.
PFFF--

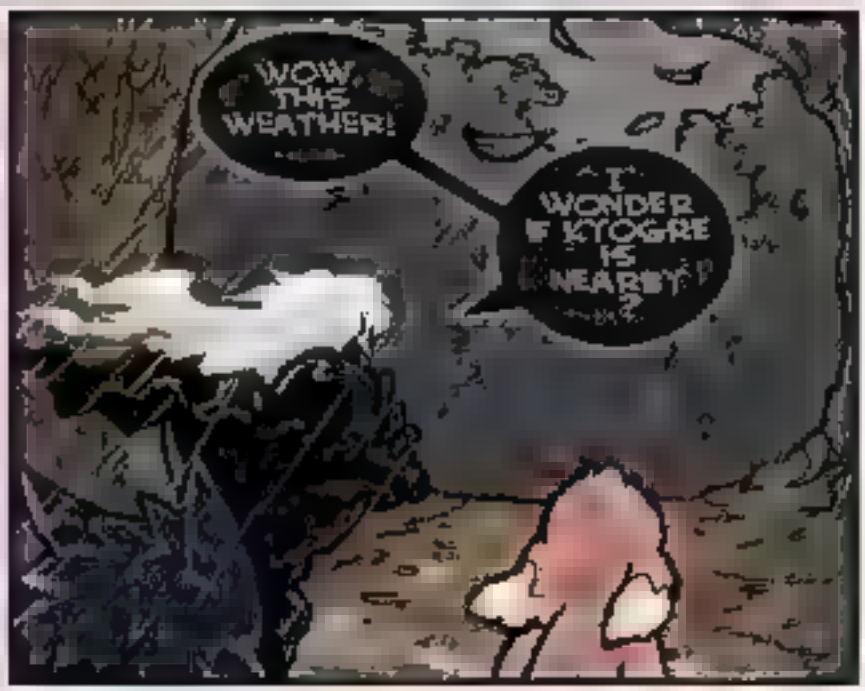

mmf-
HEY, GENGAR?
THERE WERE LOADS OF PELIPPERS FLYING OVER-- THEY CARRY MESSAGES, DON'T THEY?
YEAH, THEY DO...

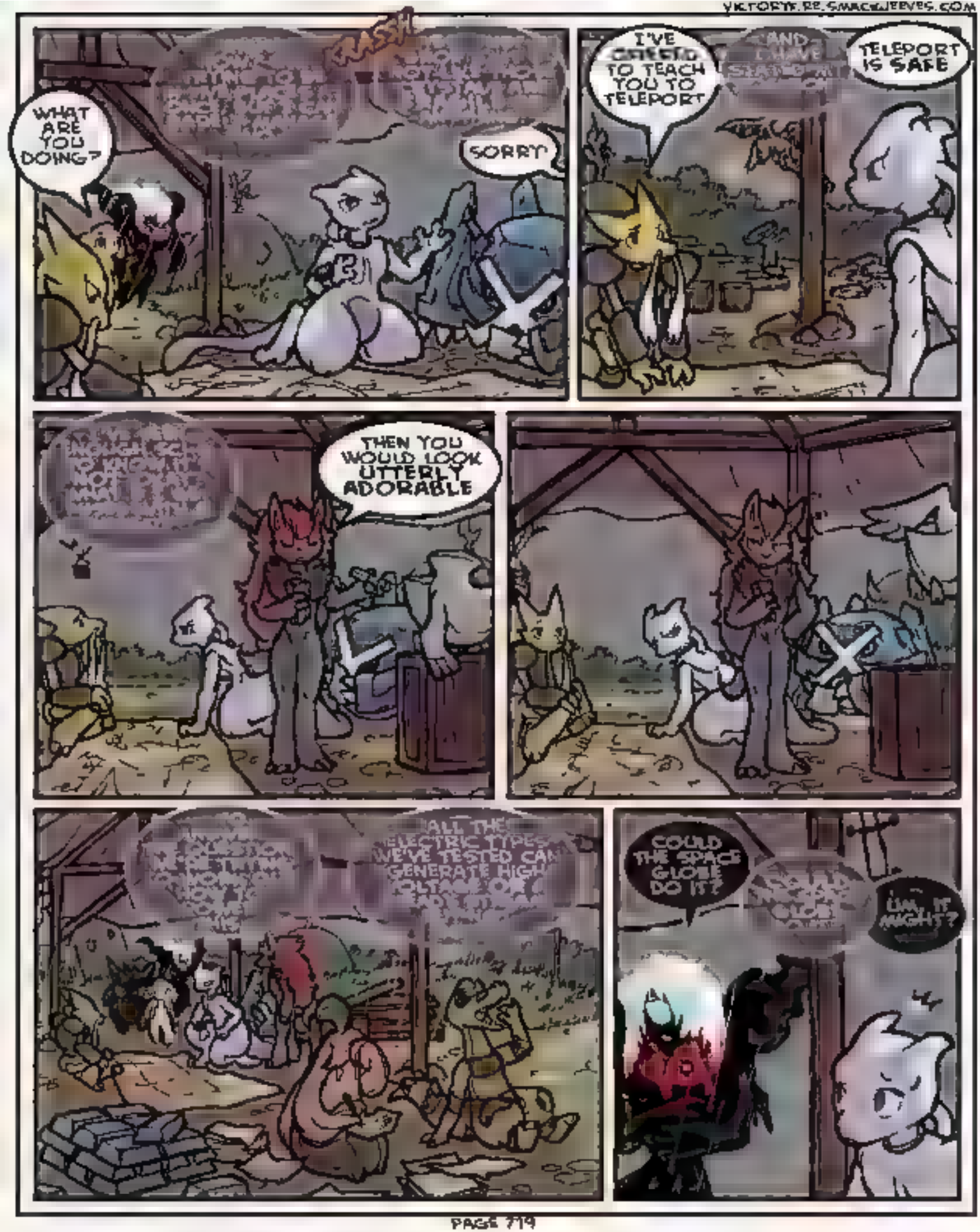
DO YOU THINK IT'S TO DO WITH ME?
I CAN'T SEE WHAT ELSE IT COULD BE

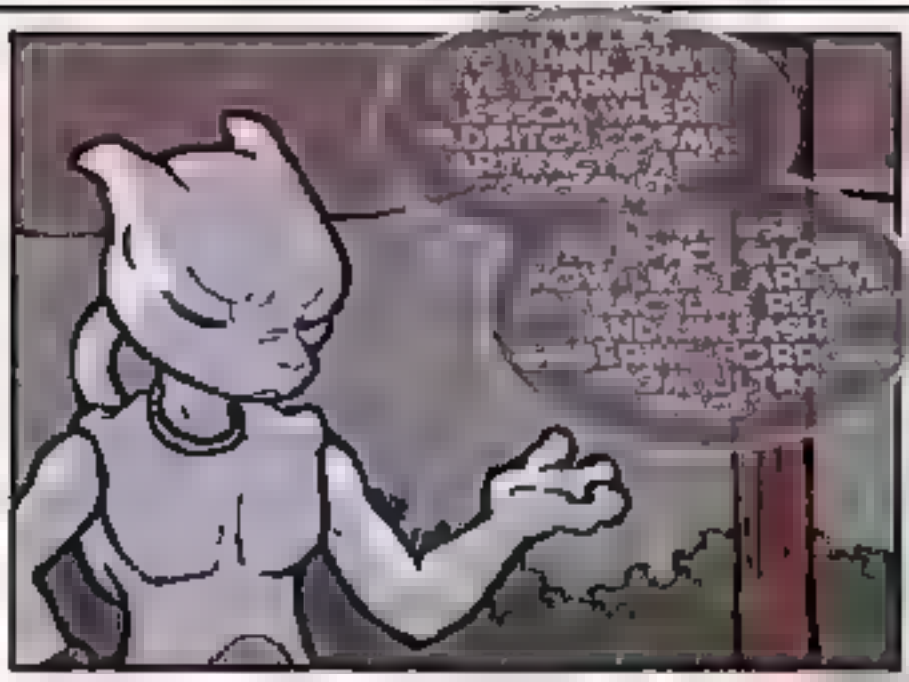
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME GO OUT IN THIS, AREN'T YOU?

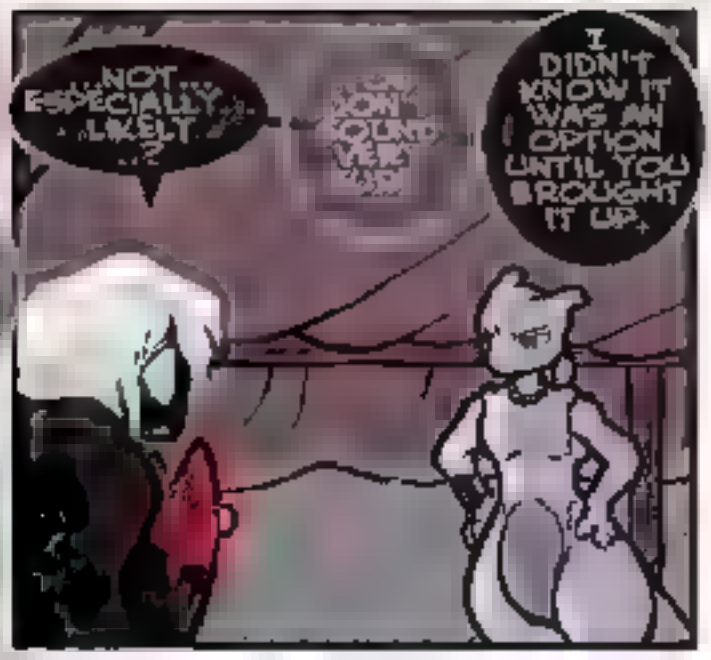
I SHOULD GO TO THE VILLAGE, AT LEAST...
IF IT IS ABOUT ME, I'LL BE WANTED THERE SOONER OR LATER...

OKAY...
LET'S GO...
THANKS, GENGAR

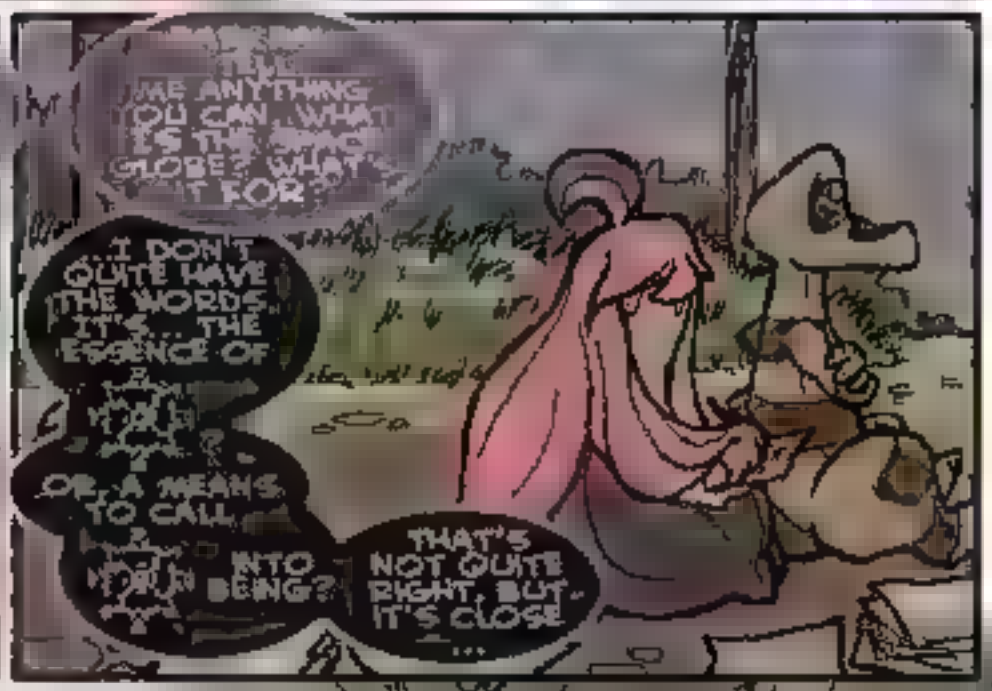

WOW, THIS WEATHER!
I WONDER IF KYOGRE IS NEARBY?

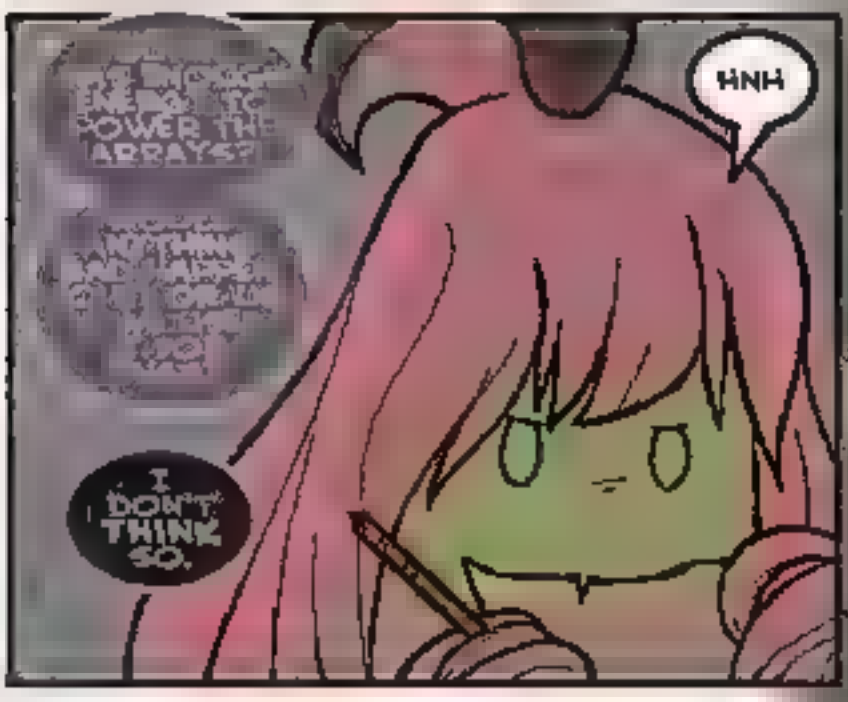

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SORRY
I'VE DECIDED TO TEACH YOU TO TELEPORT
TELEPORT IS SAFE
THEN YOU WOULD LOOK UTTERLY ADORABLE
ALL THE ELECTRIC TYPES WE'VE TESTED CAN GENERATE HIGH VOLTAGE
COULD THE SPACE GLOBE DO IT?
UM, IT MIGHT?



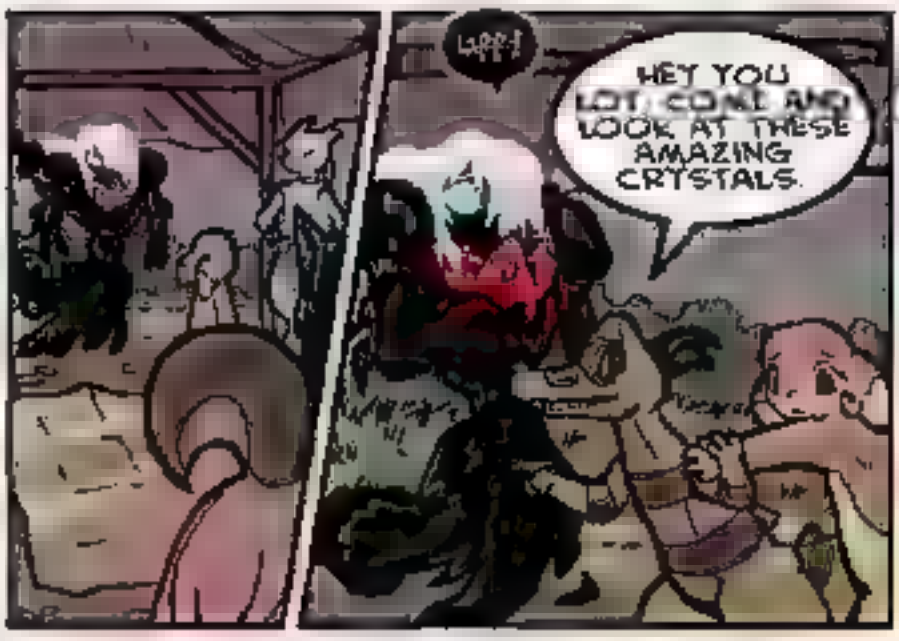

NOT... ESPECIALLY LIKELY...
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS AN OPTION UNTIL YOU BROUGHT IT UP.

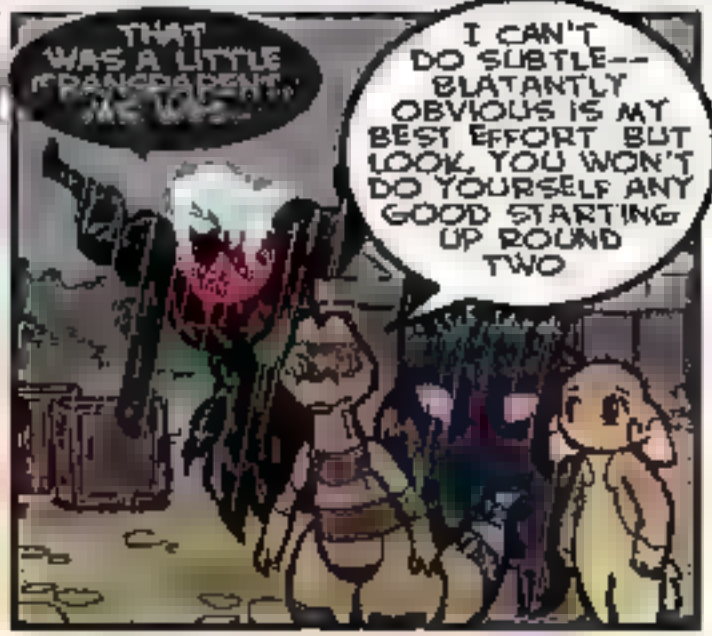
ARE... YOU OKAY?

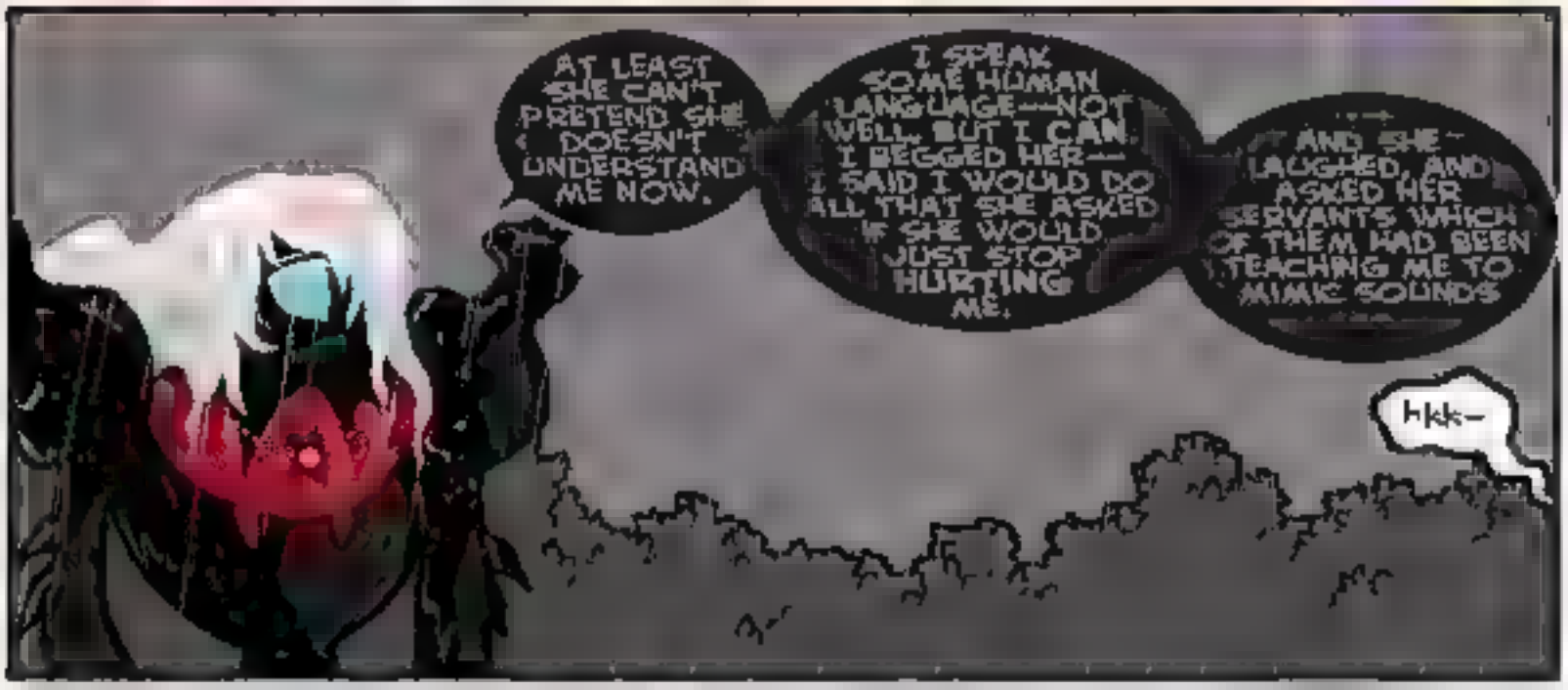

...I DON'T QUITE HAVE THE WORDS. IT'S... THE ESSENCE OF
OR... A MEANS TO CALL INTO BEING?
THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT, BUT IT'S CLOSE...

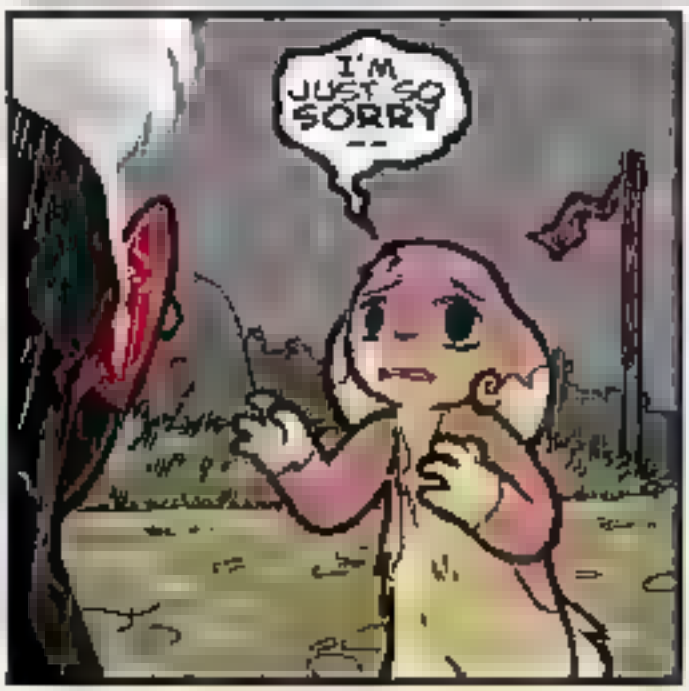

POWER THE ARRAYS?
HNH
I DON'T THINK SO.

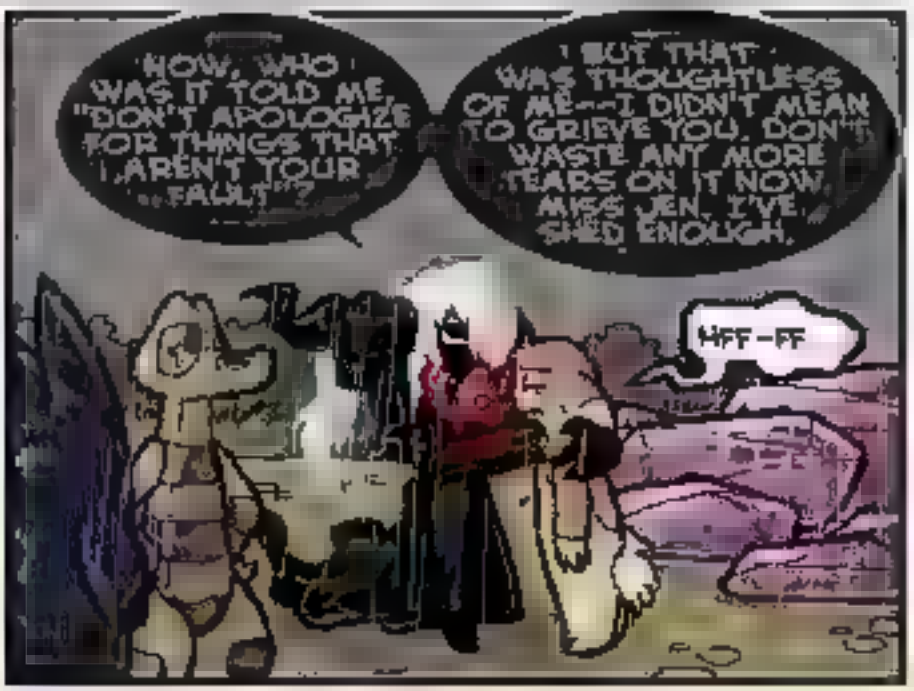
FOR... SOMETHING THIS SMALL, THE POWER DRAIN WOULDN'T EVEN BE DETECTABLE.

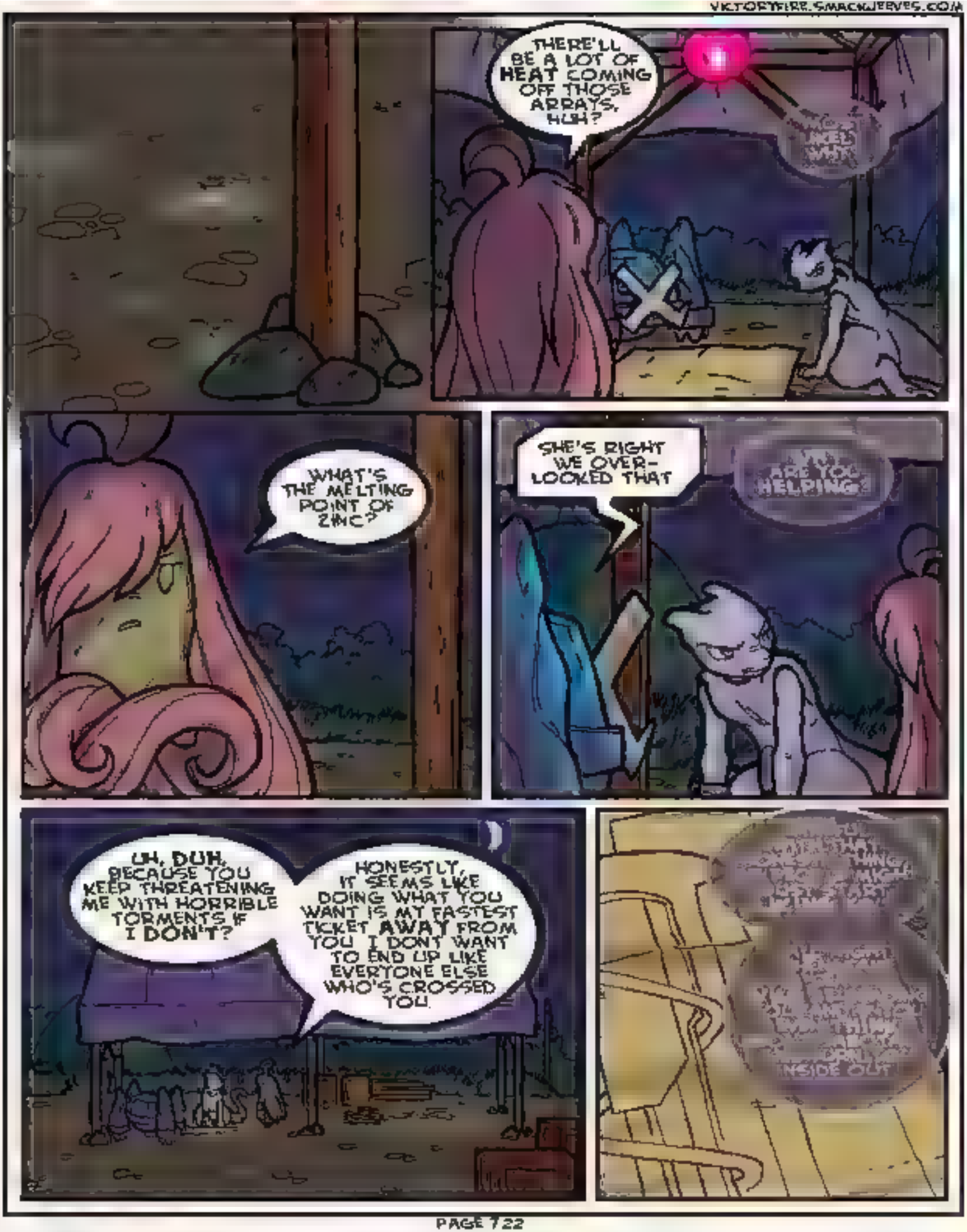

HEY YOU LOT, COME AND LOOK AT THESE AMAZING CRYSTALS.

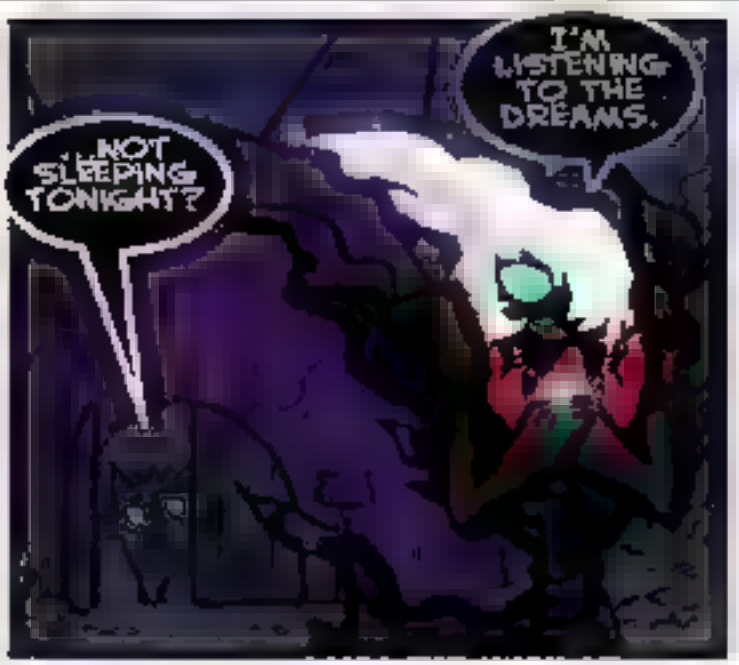

THAT WAS A LITTLE TRANSPARENT, MAYBE.
I CAN'T DO SUBTLE-- BLATANTLY OBVIOUS IS MY BEST EFFORT. BUT LOOK, YOU WON'T DO YOURSELF ANY GOOD STARTING UP ROUND TWO


AT LEAST SHE CAN'T PRETEND SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME NOW.
I SPEAK SOME HUMAN LANGUAGE--NOT WELL, BUT I CAN. I BEGGED HER-- I SAID I WOULD DO ALL THAT SHE ASKED IF SHE WOULD JUST STOP HURTING ME.
AND SHE LAUGHED, AND ASKED HER SERVANTS WHICH OF THEM HAD BEEN TEACHING ME TO MIMIC SOUNDS
hkk-

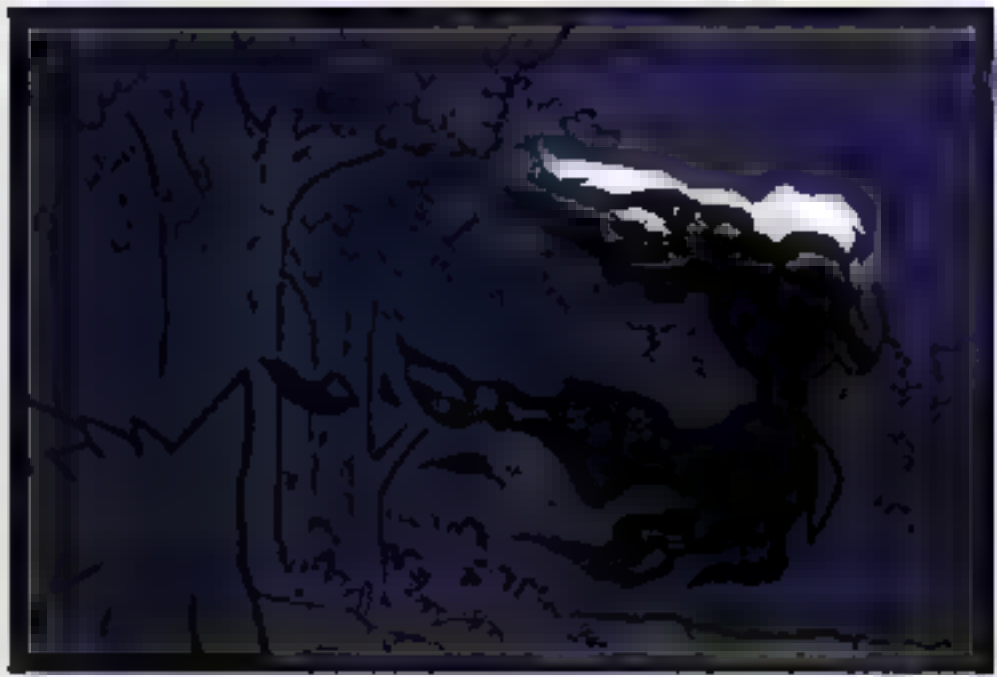

I'M JUST SO SORRY --


WOW, WHO WAS IT TOLD ME, "DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR THINGS THAT AREN'T YOUR FAULT"?
BUT THAT WAS THOUGHTLESS OF ME--I DIDN'T MEAN TO GRIEVE YOU. DON'T WASTE ANY MORE TEARS ON IT NOW, MISS JEN. I'VE SHED ENOUGH.
HFF-FF

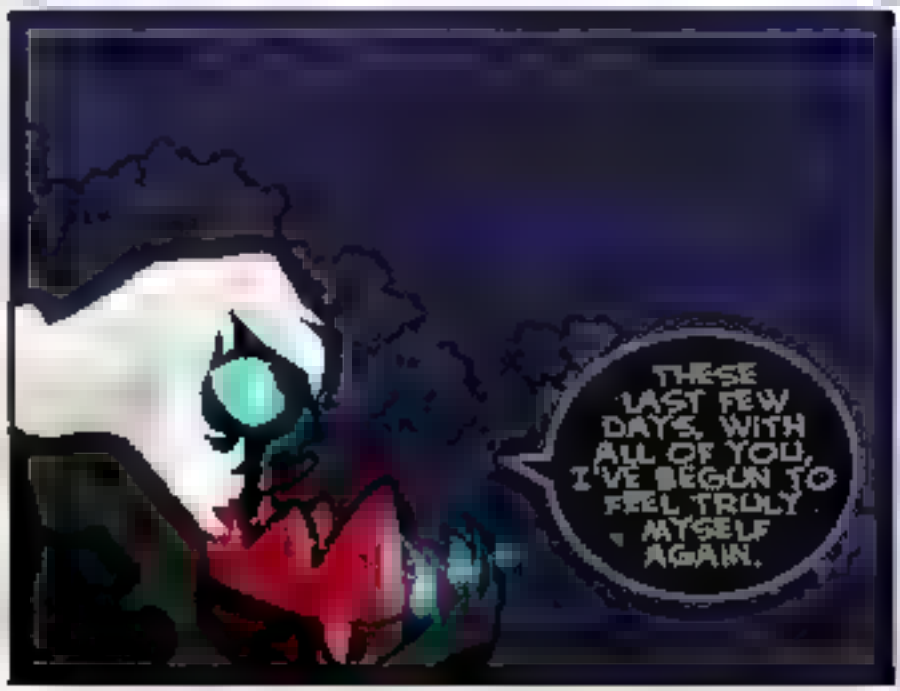

THERE'LL BE A LOT OF HEAT COMING OFF THOSE ARRAYS, HUH?
WHAT'S THE MELTING POINT OF ZINC?
SHE'S RIGHT WE OVER-LOOKED THAT
ARE YOU HELPING?
UH, DUH, BECAUSE YOU KEEP THREATENING ME WITH HORRIBLE TORMENTS IF I DON'T?
HONESTLY, IT SEEMS LIKE DOING WHAT YOU WANT IS MY FASTEST TICKET AWAY FROM YOU I DONT WANT TO END UP LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WHO'S CROSSED YOU.
INSIDE OUT


NOT SLEEPING TONIGHT?
I'M LISTENING TO THE DREAMS.

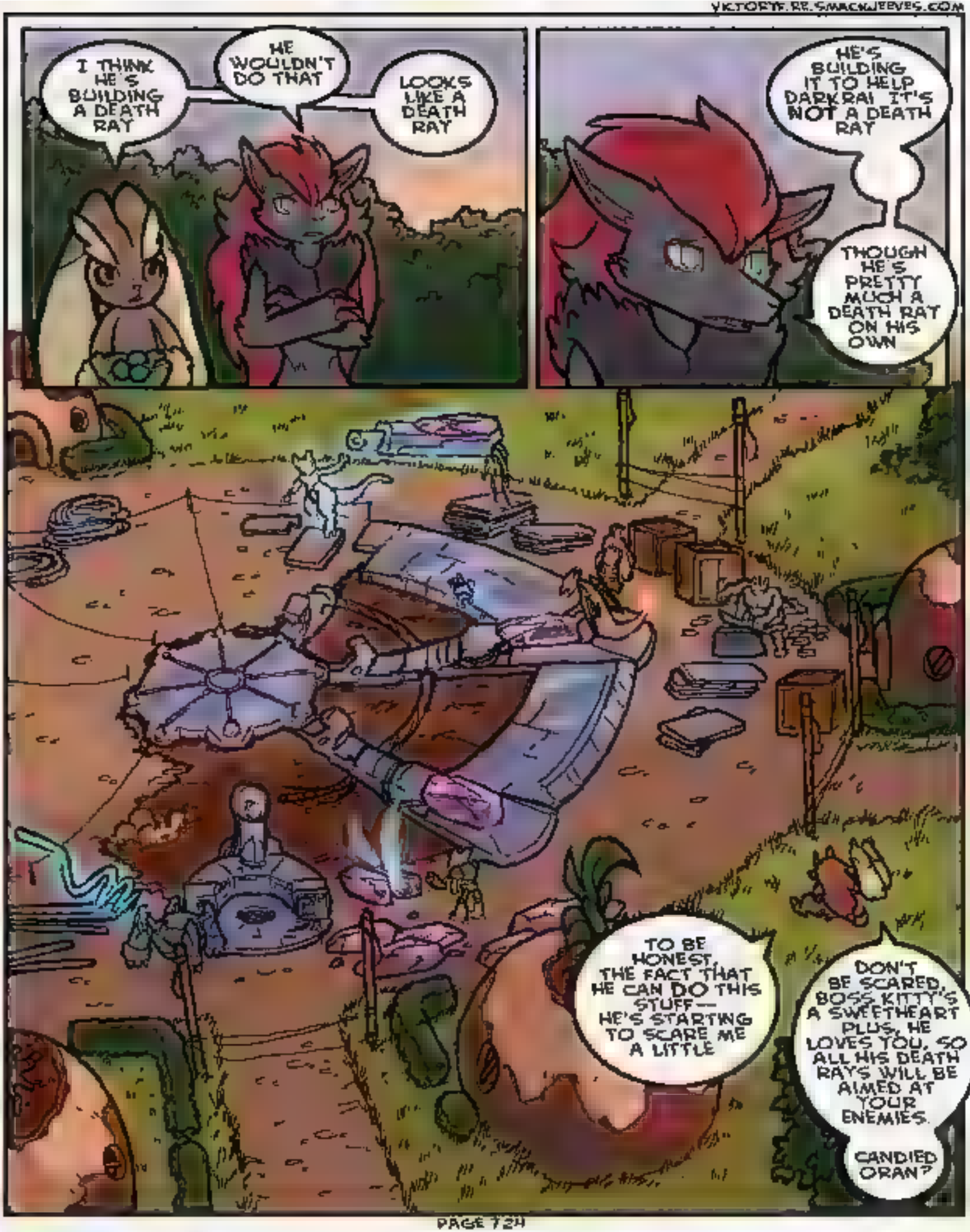
YOU— HUH?
SO MANY PEACEFUL DREAMERS TONIGHT. I NEVER EXPERIENCED A SERENE DREAMSCAPE BEFORE...
MY PRESENCE WOULD HAVE STIRRED IT INTO A STORM.



YOU SEEM NERVOUS, ARE YOU?
...NO.
HEHEH. NOT EVEN A LITTLE?


THESE LAST FEW DAYS, WITH ALL OF YOU, I'VE BEGUN TO FEEL TRULY MYSELF AGAIN.

IF MR WES IS RIGHT ABOUT HOPE BEING THE KEY TO THIS SICKNESS
THEN I THINK I AM READY TO HOPE...


I THINK HE'S BUILDING A DEATH RAY
HE WOULDN'T DO THAT
LOOKS LIKE A DEATH RAY
HE'S BUILDING IT TO HELP DARKRAI IT'S NOT A DEATH RAY
THOUGH HE'S PRETTY MUCH A DEATH RAY ON HIS OWN
TO BE HONEST, THE FACT THAT HE CAN DO THIS STUFF— HE'S STARTING TO SCARE ME A LITTLE
DON'T BE SCARED, BOSS KITTY'S A SWEETHEART PLUS, HE LOVES YOU, SO ALL HIS DEATH RAYS WILL BE AIMED AT YOUR ENEMIES.
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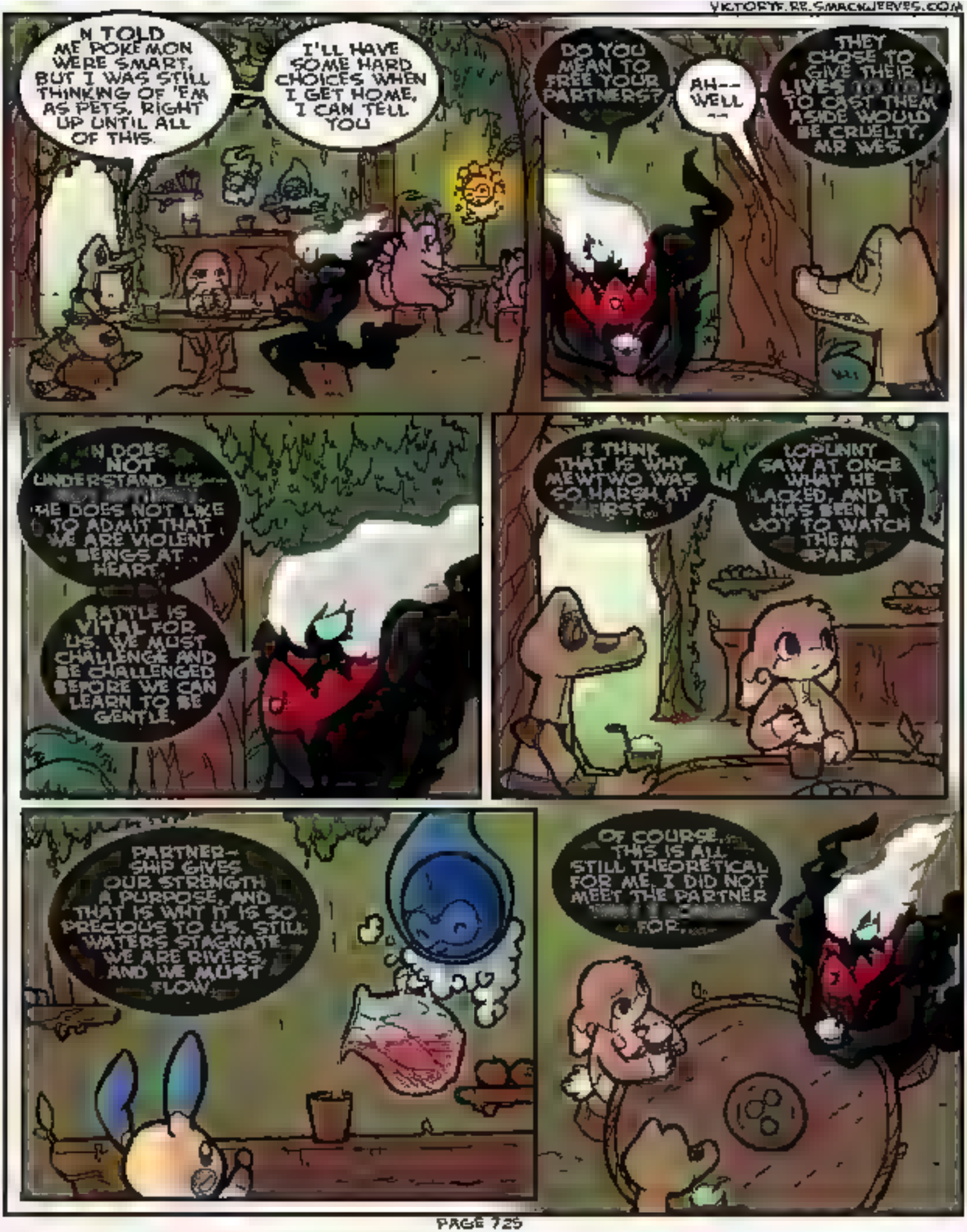
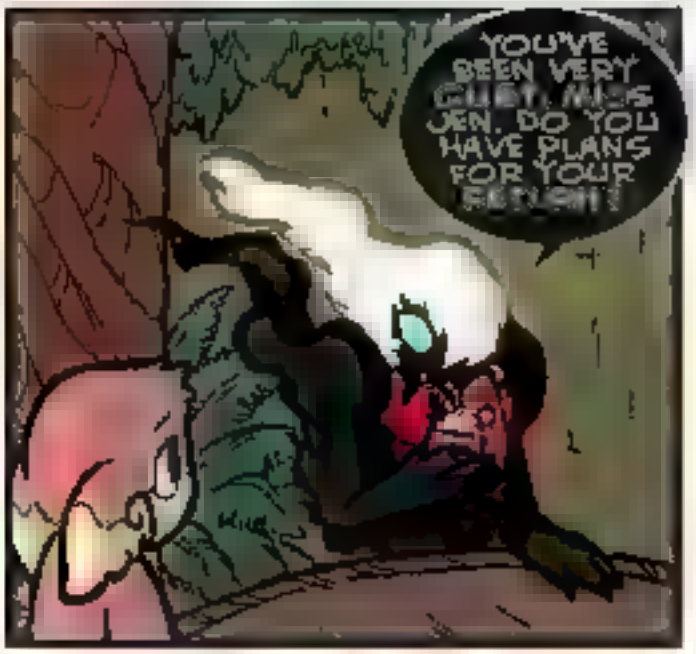
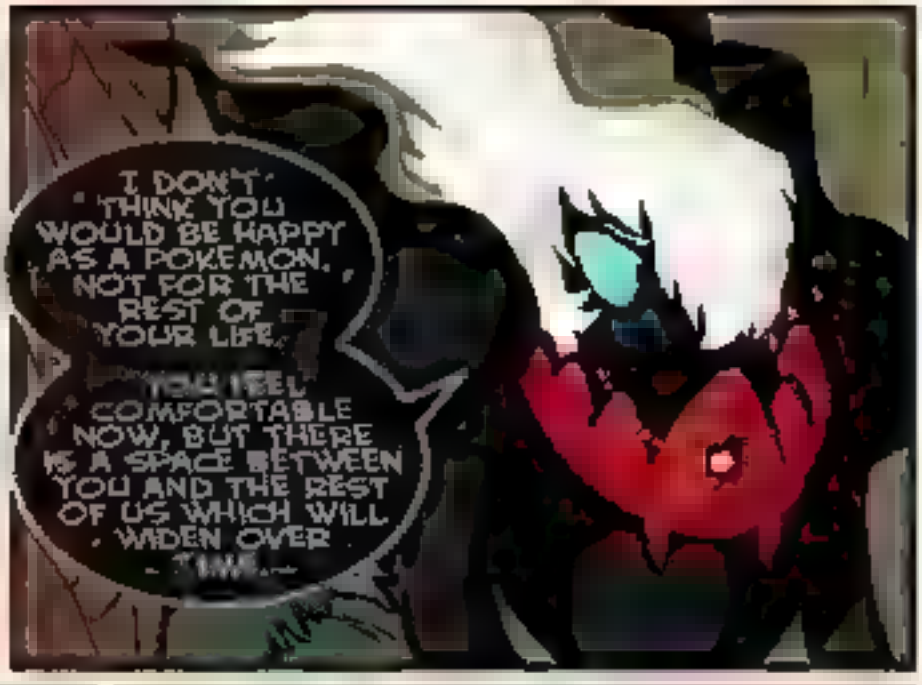
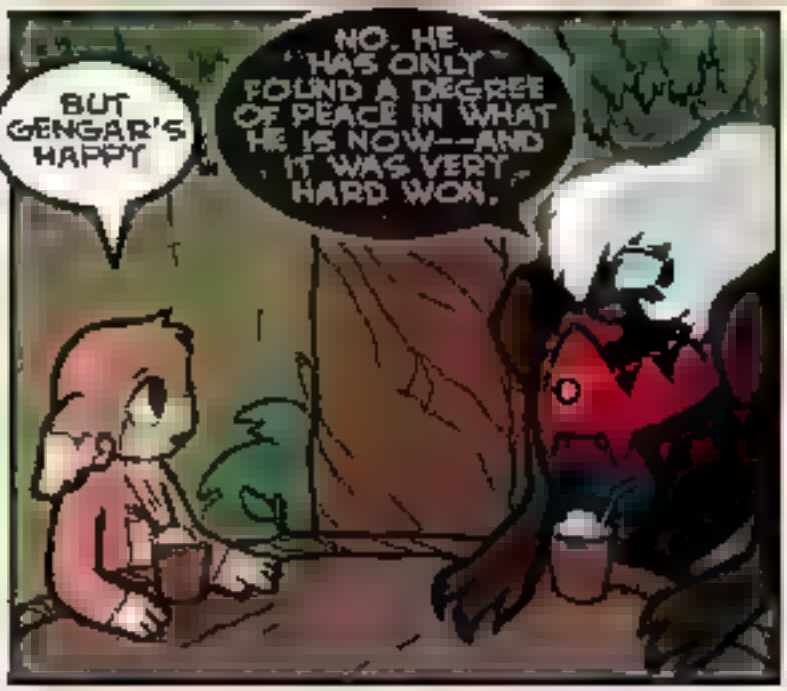

N TOLD ME POKEMON WERE SMART, BUT I WAS STILL THINKING OF 'EM AS PETS, RIGHT UP UNTIL ALL OF THIS.
I'LL HAVE SOME HARD CHOICES WHEN I GET HOME. I CAN TELL YOU
DO YOU MEAN TO FREE YOUR PARTNERS?
AH-- WELL --
THEY CHOSE TO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO YOU. TO CAST THEM ASIDE WOULD BE CRUELTY, MR. WES.
N DOES NOT UNDERSTAND US--
HE DOES NOT LIKE TO ADMIT THAT WE ARE VIOLENT BEINGS AT HEART.
BATTLE IS VITAL FOR US. WE MUST CHALLENGE AND BE CHALLENGED BEFORE WE CAN LEARN TO BE GENTLE.
I THINK THAT IS WHY MEWTWO WAS SO HARSH AT FIRST...
LOPUNNY SAW AT ONCE WHAT HE LACKED, AND IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO WATCH THEM SPAR.
PARTNER-SHIP GIVES OUR STRENGTH A PURPOSE, AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO PRECIOUS TO US. STILL WATERS STAGNATE. WE ARE RIVERS, AND WE MUST FLOW.
OF COURSE... THIS IS ALL STILL THEORETICAL FOR ME. I DID NOT MEET THE PARTNER FOR...

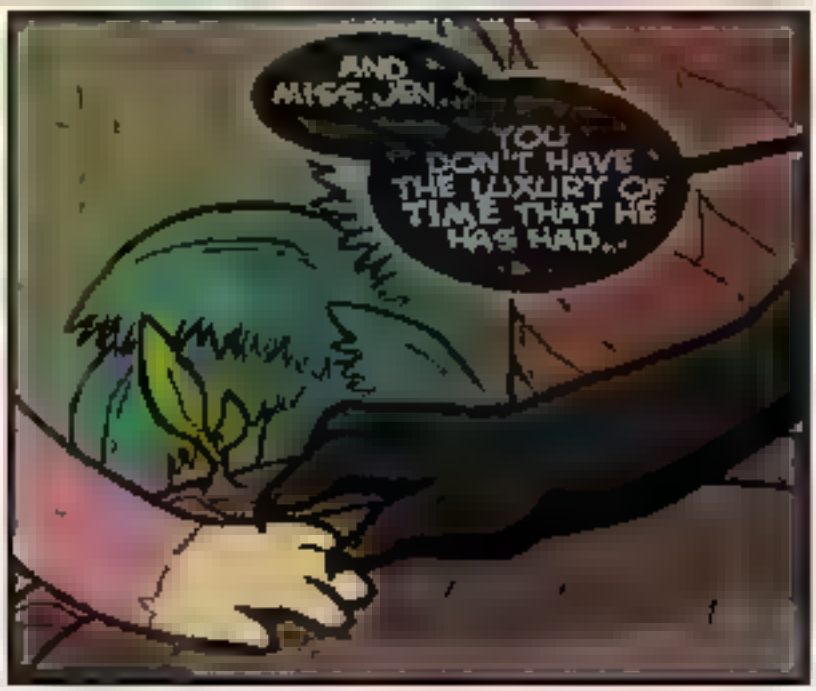
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING YOU HERE -- WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE SO DEEP?
HEH... WELL, I AM A LITTLE OLDER THAN YOU.

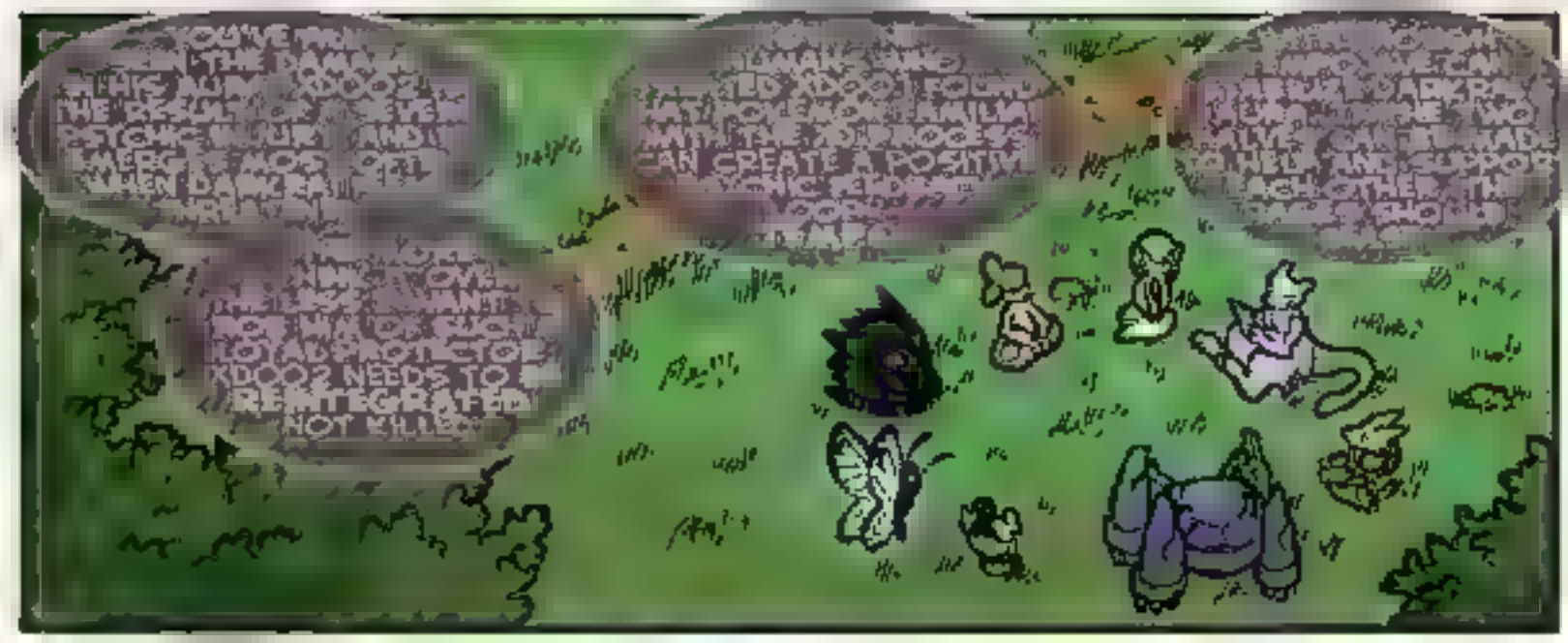

YOU'VE BEEN VERY GUILTY, MISS JEN. DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE?

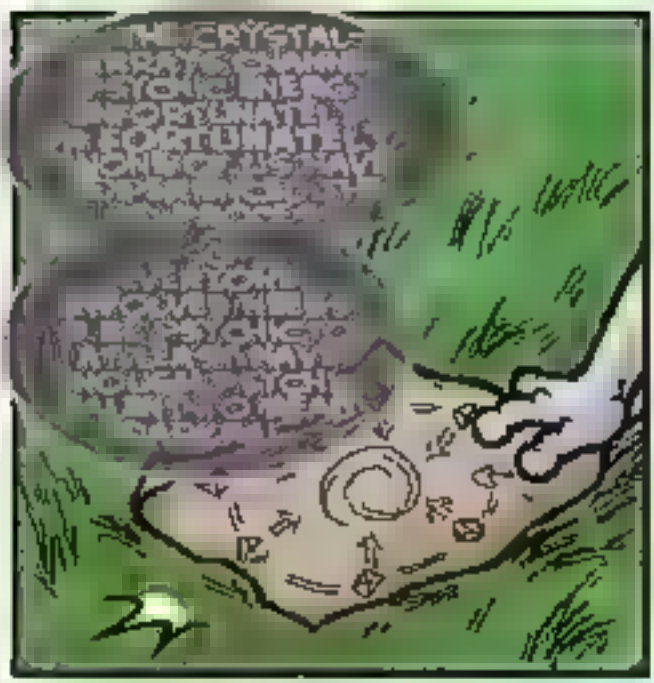
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO BE HUMAN AGAIN.

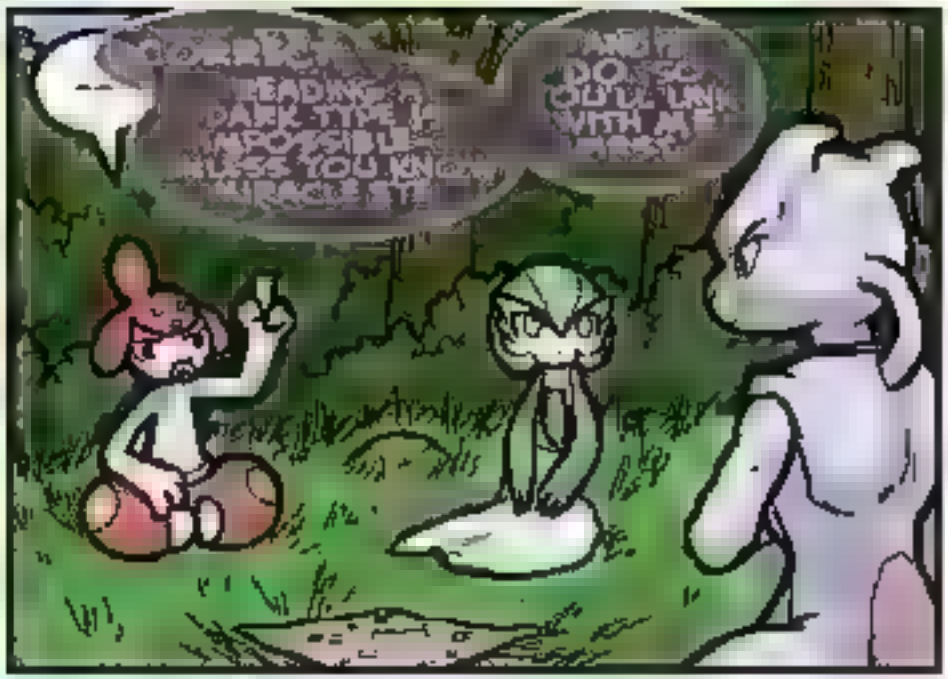

I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD BE HAPPY AS A POKEMON, NOT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE NOW, BUT THERE IS A SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE REST OF US WHICH WILL WIDEN OVER TIME...


BUT GENGAR'S HAPPY
NO. HE HAS ONLY FOUND A DEGREE OF PEACE IN WHAT HE IS NOW--AND IT WAS VERY HARD WON.

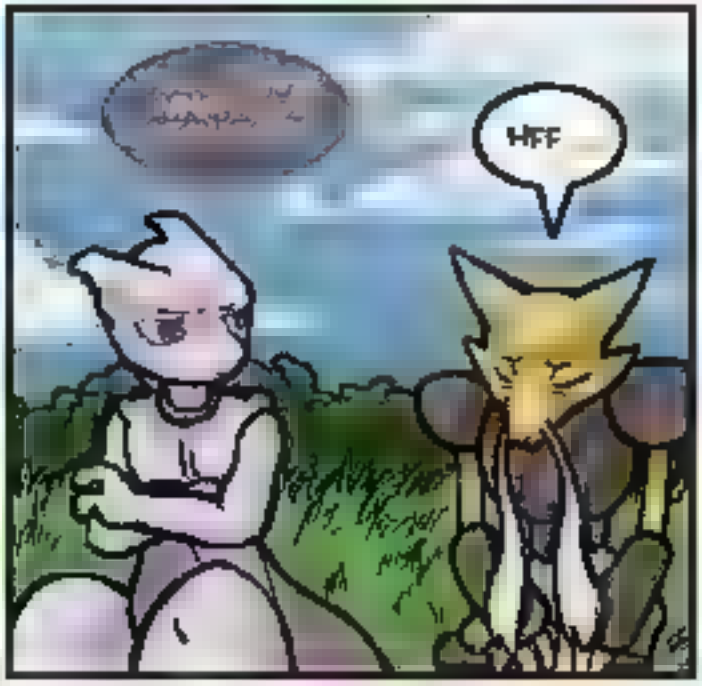

AND MISS JEN...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF TIME THAT HE HAS HAD...


KDOOZ NEEDS TO BE INTEGRATED NOT KILLED




DO SO OUT LINK WITH ME

BUT THIS ISN'T A REGULAR DARK TYPE-- IT'S DARKRAI! AND WE ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE PRONE TO BURNOUT!
YOU'RE GOING TO TRY MIRACLE EYE ON HIM? YOU COULD LOSE YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITIES FOREVER!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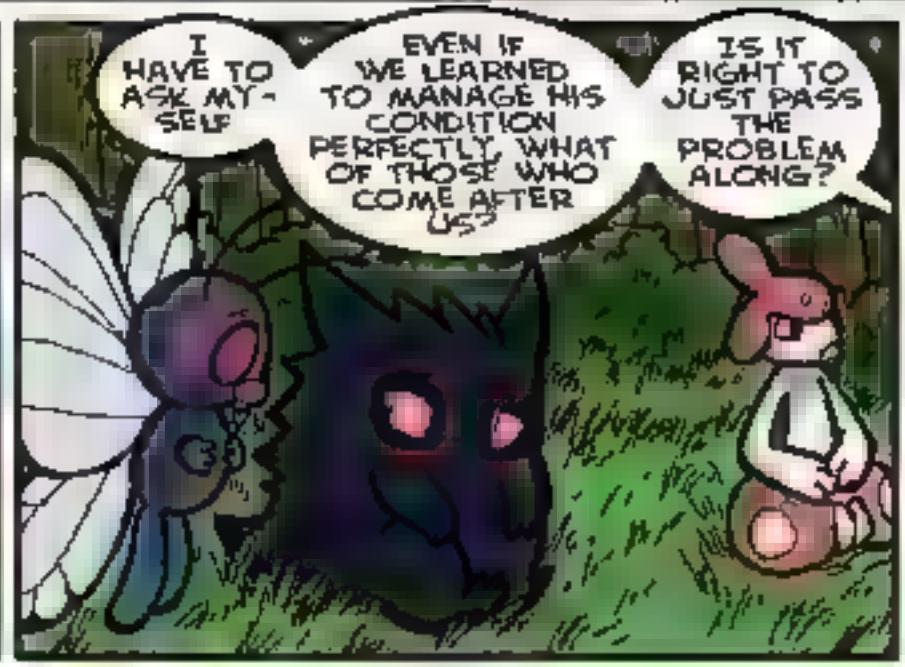
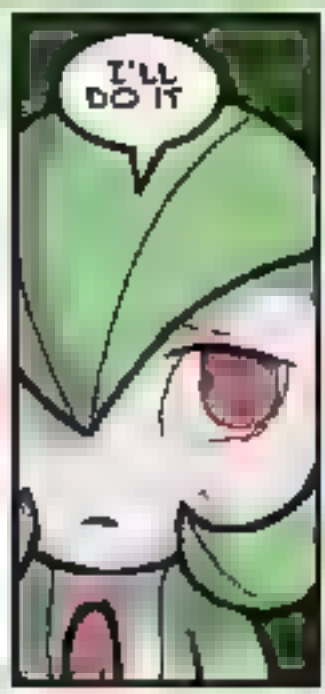
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL.
BUT OUR ONLY OTHER OPTION IS TO SUBDUE DARKRAI EVERY TIME HE LOSES CONTROL.
AND DARKRAI'S FAMILY ARE EXCEEDINGLY LONG-LIVED

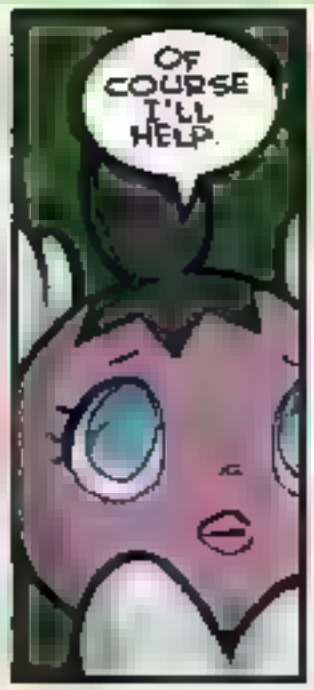

I HAVE TO ASK MY-SELF
EVEN IF WE LEARNED TO MANAGE HIS CONDITION PERFECTLY, WHAT OF THOSE WHO COME AFTER US?
IS IT RIGHT TO JUST PASS THE PROBLEM ALONG?

WON'T ASK ANYONE TO DO THIS IF THEY'RE NOT WILLING

I'M IN.


I'LL DO IT

ME TOO


OF COURSE I'LL HELP.

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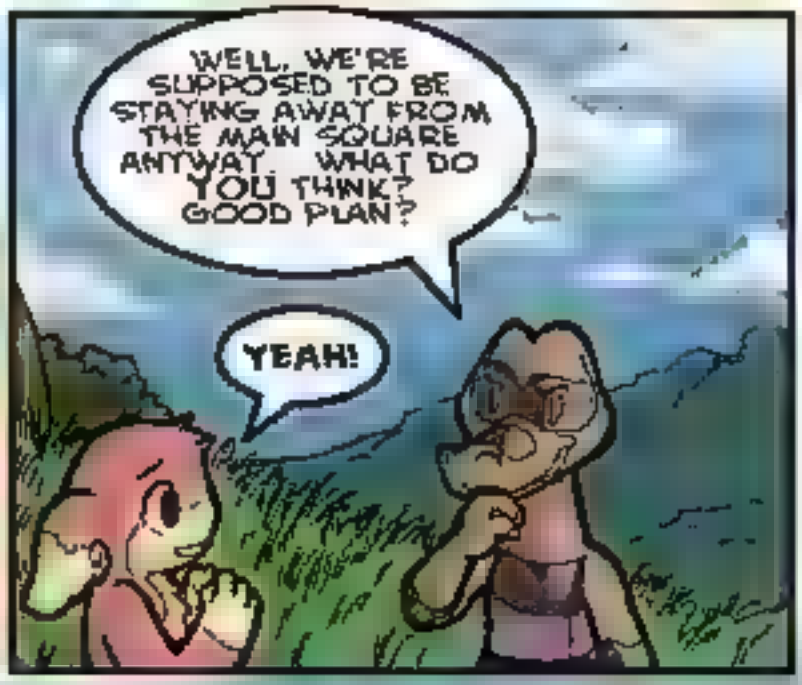
MR WES, MISS JEN? I'M VERY SORRY TO BE SUCH A BURDEN BUT... I'M FEELING A LITTLE... LESS WELL

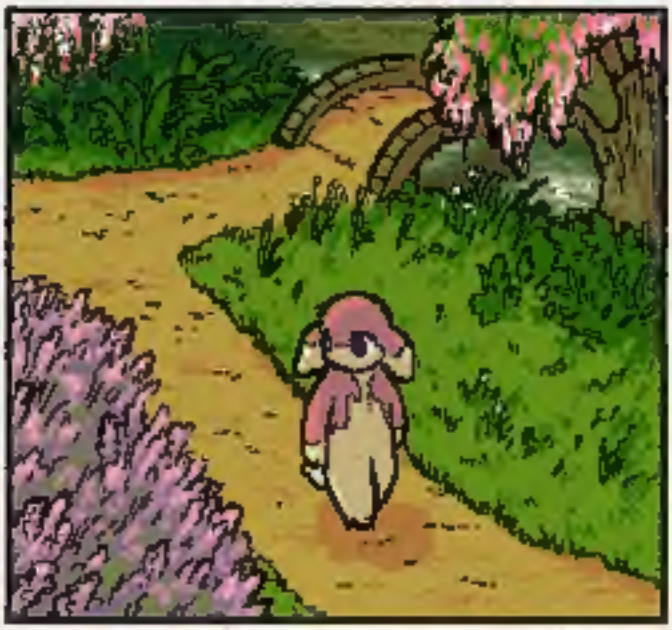
YOU'RE NOT A BURDEN, PUT THAT OUT OF YOUR HEAD HOW CAN WE HELP?

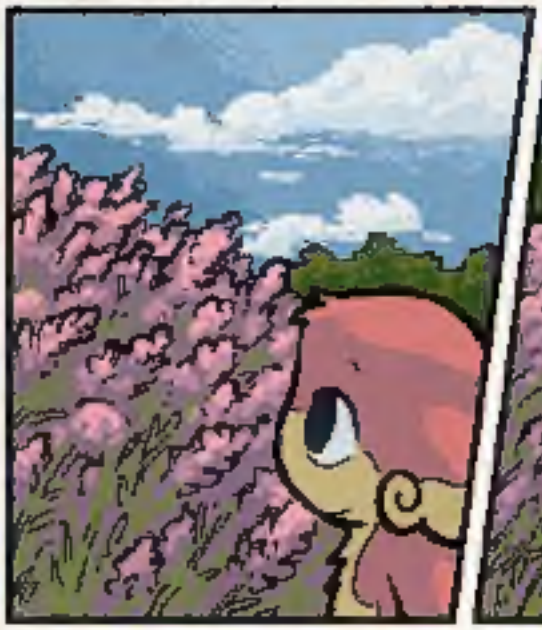
...COULD WE TRY THE SPA AGAIN? IT WAS SURPRISINGLY HELPFUL LAST TIME...


WELL, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE STAYING AWAY FROM THE MAIN SQUARE ANYWAY. WHAT DO YOU THINK? GOOD PLAN?
YEAH!

WHOA, THAT THING'S SHOT UP LIKE A WEED
WHATEVER BOSS KITTY'S PLANNING TO DO TO YOU, I RECKON IT'LL BE READY PRETTY SOON

ALL OF THIS WORK FOR ME
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...





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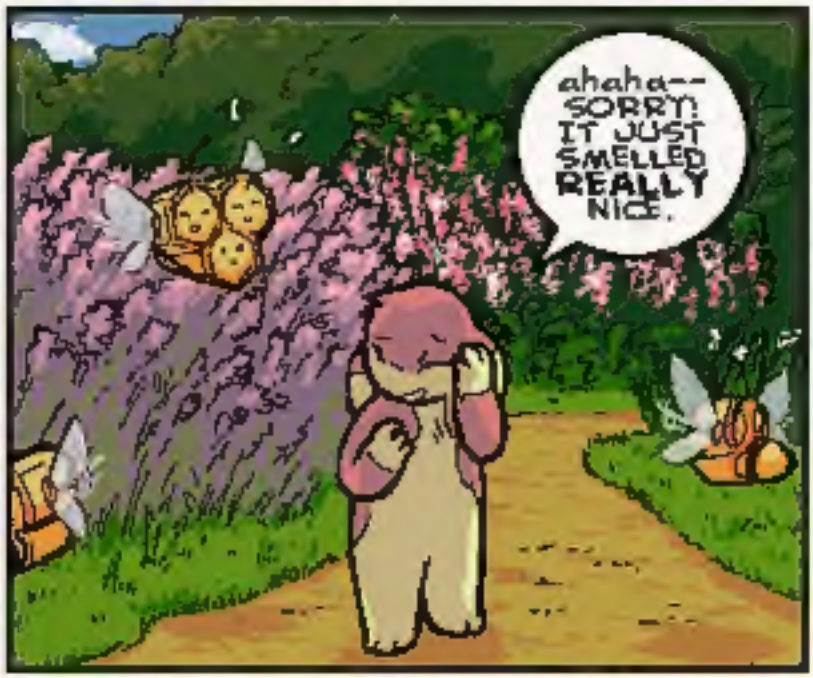
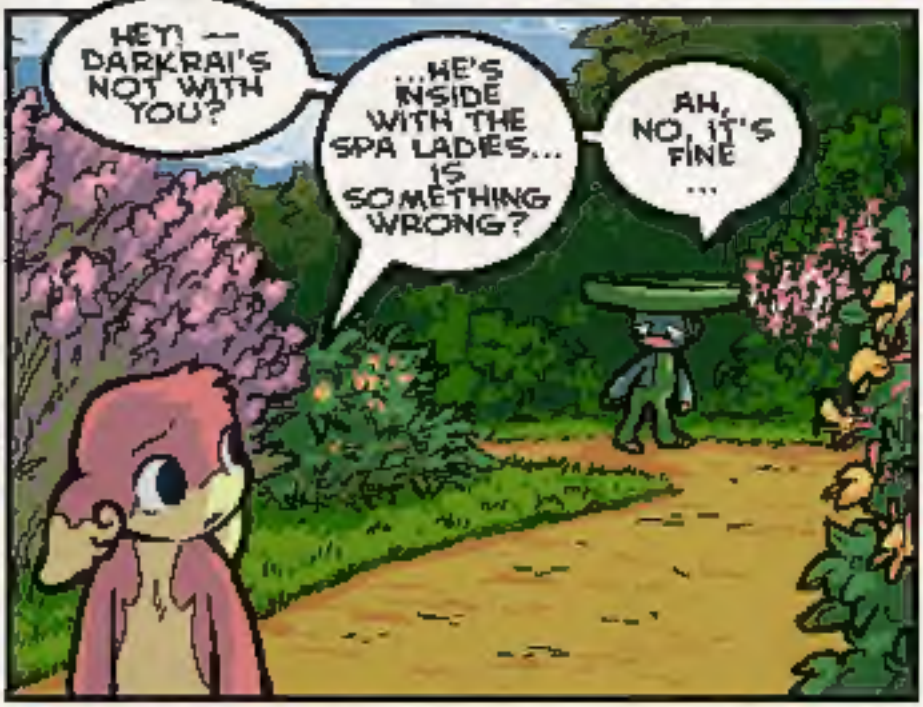
AH!


ahaha-- SORRY! IT JUST SMELLED REALLY NICE.

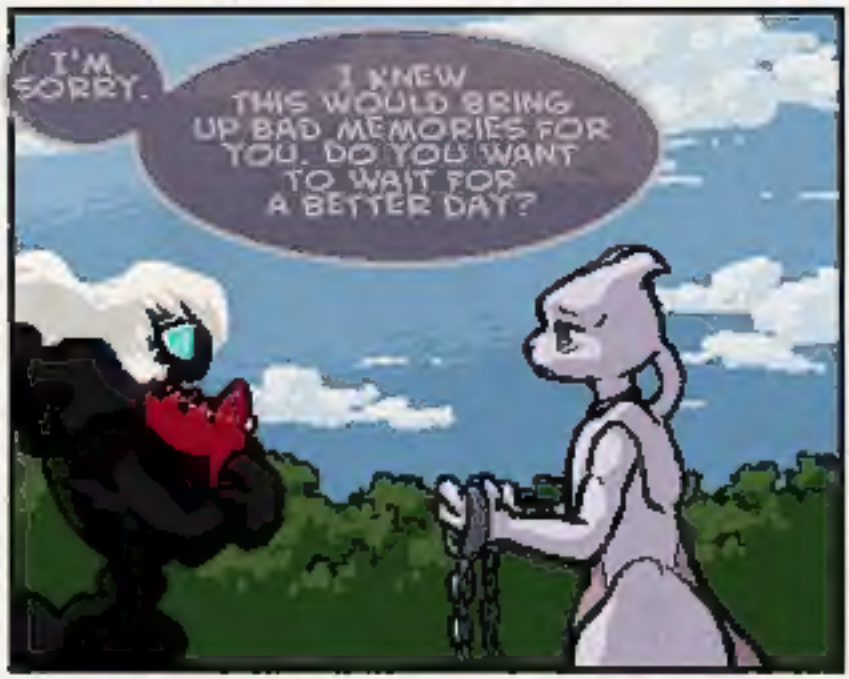

HEY! -- DARKRAI'S NOT WITH YOU?
...HE'S INSIDE WITH THE SPA LADIES... IS SOMETHING WRONG?
AH, NO, IT'S FINE ...

WELL... THEY'RE MOSTLY READY IN THE SQUARE.
THERE'S NO RUSH, BUT WHENEVER YOU GUYS WANT TO HEAD ON DOWN...?

ANY-THING ON TWO YET?
STILL NO.
rrr gh.
THIS IS INFURIATING. GOTHITA, ACTIVATE THE ARRAY ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE.
PSYBEAM WILL DO
NNH!
IT'S FIRING NOW, BUT IT'S JITTERY.
ADJUST THE DAMPERS.
ALREADY ON IT... OKAY, IT'S SMOOTHING OUT.
WE'RE GOOD.
UFF.
DEBATABLE. I'D SAY THIS MESS IS HELD TOGETHER WITH SPIT AND DUCT TAPE, EXCEPT WE DON'T HAVE ANY DUCT TAPE.
WELL... IT'S TIME. NOW BEHAVE YOURSELF. I WON'T TELL YOU TWICE.
YEAH, YEAH...

I'LL TAKE YOUR CHARM FOR SAFEKEEPING.
AND I'M AFRAID THAT WE DO NEED TO RESTRAIN YOU-- YOU'LL FIND IT TOO HARD TO STAY PUT OTHER-WISE.

AHAHA... I THINK I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE

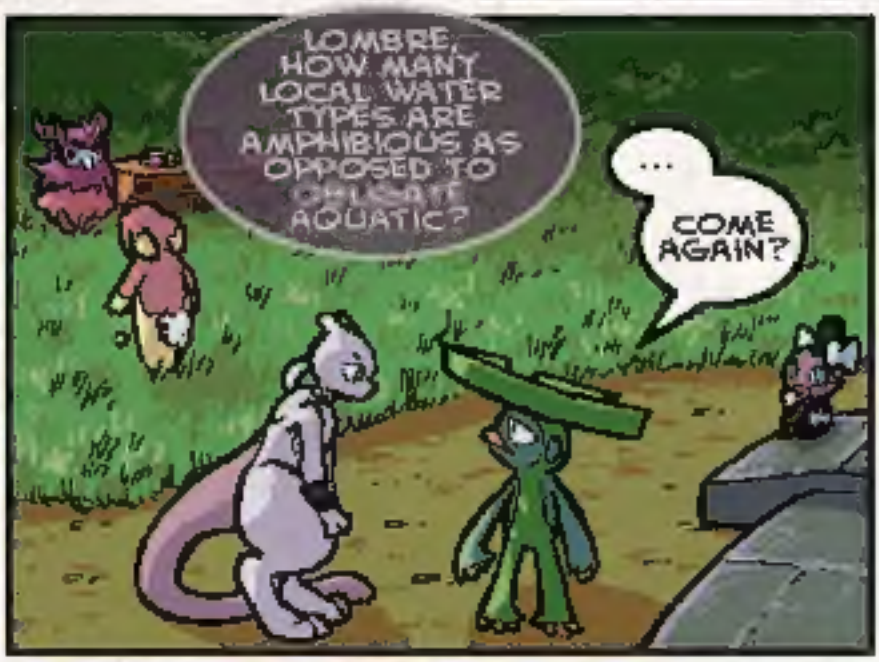

I'M SORRY.
I KNEW THIS WOULD BRING UP BAD MEMORIES FOR YOU. DO YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR A BETTER DAY?

I DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE A BETTER DAY THAN THIS ONE. DO IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
I TRUST YOU.

THIS WILL WORK.

EVERYONE TO YOUR ARRAYS, PLEASE.
EVERYONE ELSE, OUT! IF YOU'RE NOT ON AN ARRAY THE RING IS NOW OFF LIMITS!

WAIT, I WANT YOU WITH AROMATISSE. YOU'RE FIRST AID. AND LOOK AFTER THE CHARM, PLEASE?


LOMBRE, HOW MANY LOCAL WATER TYPES ARE AMPHIBIOUS AS OPPOSED TO CHLORATE AQUATIC?
...
COME AGAIN?

WATER TYPES THAT-- DON'T NEED TO BE IN WATER.
UH, THERE'S MASTER WHISCASH-- NO, WAIT-- OHH, I GET YOU. JUST ME, I GUESS...

RIGHT. STAY THERE. YOU'VE GOT FIRE SUPPRESSION DUTY.
EH?
IT'LL PROBABLY BE FINE ...

RIGHT. WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
NOTHING'S EXPLODED YET.

SHAME IT'S A SUNNY DAY, EH? WE COULD HAVE USED SOME AMBIENT THUNDER.
WELL-- THROW THE SWITCH, IGOR.
UGGH--